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Not Designed for Women

Rochelle Dornatt explains the obstacles waiting for women working in the Capitol.
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Women had no place to go to the bathroom. So the men—the male Members had a restroom right off the floor. The women did not. They had to go down two stories to the public restroom—or a story to the public restroom on the first floor where everybody else went. Now they have one, but yeah, it was, it was crazy. If you had to excuse yourself, you had to, you had to run halfway around the Capitol to just go to the bathroom. And, you know, and, and the guys didn't get it. I mean, they were like, "What's the big deal?" And, I mean, the big deal is it shouldn't be this way.