

## **Linda Steele**

**Deputy Chief of Staff, Representative Bob Michel of Illinois**

### **Special Exhibit: A Century of Women in Congress**

#### **Coming to D.C.**

Linda Steele describes starting a freshman office on the Hill in 1961.

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Our initial office started with just three people, for the longest time we just had three people: myself, one other girl, and a male administrative assistant. And the two of them were from Augusta, Maine. So, that we had this meeting—I drove to Augusta, and we had this meeting because the—the four of us, Mr. Tupper and three staff people. We were it. I mean, we were green as the grass. And here we were, headed to Washington, you know. I, frankly, I think if anybody—any one of us had known what we didn't know, we never would have gone.