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Meet the Speaker Series

Lecture:

"How Congress used to work"

By Robert M. Guttman, Attorney at Law

Mr. Guttman, formerly with the Division of Legislation, Solicitor's Office, US Department of Labor 1961-70, worked in the Congressional Research Service 1970-81 and filled various positions for Senator Quayle 1981-89.



In his lecture, Mr. Guttman will cover:

Congress before my time (1789-1960)

What the framers intended for the House and the Senate, the interplay between regional and party politics and the critical role of seniority.

Congress during my time (1960-1990)

How the civil rights revolution changed the Congress and the politicalization of professional staff.

Congress since my time (1990 -

The increasing ideological differences between parties, the decline of seniority and the growth of intra-party democracy.

Old men forget

But the golden past had its dross and not all trends are bad, ideological differences between parties have become clear. Does that give the people a more meaningful vote?

Place: Arlington Central Library

1015 N Quincy Street

Arlington, VA

Date: Monday, October 24, 2005

Time: 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registration: Free - all are welcome. No need to RSVP.

Parking/Transportation: Free parking at the library, or take Metro (Ballston or Virginia Square stops on the Orange line)

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