

institution has been affected by D. B. Hardeman.

When we first went to Washington in the early 1960s, D. B. Hardeman provided a warm and wise buffer against the strangeness of the institution, and of the town. In a place where most people find academics a bother, DB took us seriously. Wherever scholars gathered, DB was there sharing his experience with us, giving us a feel for the institution—its history, its inner workings, its personalities. Wherever he was, there we were, testing out theories against his wisdom and his anecdotes—a kind of movable seminar. “What do you make of that? We’ll have to ask DB.”

I can recall sitting in his livingroom at 2500 Q Street—literally sitting at his feet (we always gave DB the chair!) talking about Congress, Congress, Congress, far into the night. And DB has been known to talk! There, we imbibed his contagious enthusiasm for the subject, our subject. His books—now your books—were everywhere, a kind of a visible link between us—us with our book learning, DB with his love of books. He was a great friend and a great teacher.

He was every bit as extraordinary a man as his mentor, Sam Rayburn. In DB’s “Board of Education” he brought together the scholarship of politics and the practice of politics. He nurtured a generation of us—like Randall Ripley, Steven Horn, Douglas Price, Nelson Polsby, Robert Peabody, John Manley, Eugene Eidenberg, Charles Jones, Lewis Froman, and Richard Fenno.

A lot of books and articles on Congress from that group; a lot of D. B. Hardeman there! If *Home Style* shows any kind of feel for Congress, then undeniably there

is something of D. B. Hardeman in it. In that spirit—as one who has learned from D. B. Hardeman and has been lucky enough to live to tell the tale—I accept his prize.

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Frank W. Prescott

Dr. Frank W. Prescott, Professor Emeritus at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, died on November 12, 1981. Known to his colleagues and friends as “Joe,” he graduated from the University of New Hampshire and received his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin.

Although he retired 15 years ago, he continued his research and political activities until shortly before his death. Professor Prescott is best known for his widely cited study of the use of the veto by state governors. He also is the co-author of *The Politics of the Veto of Legislation in New York State*, a two-volume study published in 1980. This study was described in the *History Review of New Books* as “one properly regarded as ‘the last word’ on the exercise of the veto function in a major American state.”

Joe Prescott will be missed by his colleagues and many friends throughout the United States and particularly by this writer who had the privilege of working with him as a collaborator on a major research project.

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