

different disciplines for David. I might add that it's not one suited to his temperament. He hates confrontation of any sort. "We'll soon find out who our friends are."

This change comes at the same time that he is shifting into a campaign mode. So the combination of the two puts a strain on the office. Skip comes up tomorrow. He and Don will go with the other Dems who are up for reelection in 1984 to the Eastern Shore this weekend to meet with some of the people up in ⁸² to talk about the election. They have got to hire a new agricultural staffer because Dennis Robertson went with the Farm Bureau. They are taking on three new policy areas on Finance--trade, tax, social security. "It's not like starting up when you are a freshman, but we're going to have to shift gears."

Re agriculture guy "I could coordinate his work a lot better if he were in Washington. But for the next two years, I'm afraid we need him more in Arkansas. The farmers are in really bad shape, and a lot of what the Ag. *Assistant* has to do is hand holding. He can't do that from Washington."

He said he couldn't say what arguments David used. "One argument might have been that it was his due. He had tried twice and failed. The first time, he was a freshman. He tried two years later and lost out again, through an odd set of circumstances. (Bumpers thought he would be bumped off Approp. and announced he would try for Finance. That stymied David; and when App. decided not to reduce its size, it was too late for DP to make a run). I know that the argument was not one of specific issues, or a southern seat, or special organizational support.

"If you are going to be around here a long time, you have to get on Appropriations or Finance."