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Had lunch with Myrna - one of Dan Quayle's LA's. She was with him for a couple of years in the House. She did energy in the House and has lost it here. Is involved, now, in Clean Air.

Difference between H & S. "There are huge differences. But I can't decide whether they are the result of our going from the minority to the majority or from the House to the Senate. It's harder to get information here in the Senate. People keep more of it to themselves. I think that comes from being in the in the majority. When you are in the minority, you have to organize and share information to get anything done. You have a harder time predicting what's going to happen over here. I think that's because the Senate is different from the House. In the House, you know what bill would come up--even though the leadership might pull them off the floor. And you knew which amendments were coming up and when. You knew when debate was going to be cut off. Staff got very few surprises in the House. You couldn't plan each day, but you could plan each week. Here, you can be surprised with something every day."

That's a matter of loose procedure.

Then the size matter intruded when she said "In the House the staff had a team spirit, we're all in it together. Everybody did some mail, on their issue. People would come back from a hearing and tell stories about it. Here, everyone does his little thing... It's a matter of size and personalities."

I said the bigger the staff, the more likely diversity of personalities, and she agreed.