

FRED HASHWAY

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Lunch with Fred Hashway.

He talked about the Senate patronage system. There are a certain number of patronage positions. Some are under the Sargent at Arms and some directly under the control of the Senator. Of the latter type, Fred guesses there may be 20-25. So that somewhere around that number are available by seniority, to Senators. Both lists are affected by the change of parties, but the positions under the Sargent at Arms changed most drastically when parties changed. Among all the patronage people, a seniority system exists after the two lists have been affected separately by party change. The Democrats lost a lot of positions controlled by the Sargent at Arms. The Democrats lost fewer positions of those controlled by the Democrats. Fred was appointed directly by Pell. He did not lose his position. But, since a lot of other Democrats (under the Sargent at Arms) did lose their positions and they were senior to him, he advanced up the seniority ladder among the remaining Democratic patronage people. The result is that he will move more to the floor in a month or so.

He talked about AWACS. "We are taking the lead on AWACS. It's an example of a national issue that is also a parochial issue. We have a Jewish constituency in (our state), a very important constituency. If you look at our contribution lists you'll see how many contributors are Jewish. Of course, he's always been a staunch supporter of Israel. But if he took any other position now, he'd be in big trouble. I think we're going to say 'We got all those other liberals. How come this one is still in there? Claudine Scheider will run against us. And she's as well known already in the 1st district as she is in the second. She's very popular. Everybody

calls her 'Claudine'. And she's young. She's young and she's a woman-- that's two strokes against us already."

I'm struck by amount of sheer political-reelection talk gets traded in by political guys like Fred. Of course, it's their bread and butter. They are the most gossipy of all. We talked social security as a Democratic issue, Republican campaign techniques, Reagan's troubles, Pell's reelection problems, etc.