Fred comes by the gallery and we talk about Pell.

"He comes to the floor to vote and goes back to his office. If he stops in the cloakroom, it's to make a phone call. Some of the old boys will sit in the cloakroom watching the ballgame or talking, but not the Senator. He doesn't work the floor. I'm disappointed in him, but he just doesn't know how. He says 'you know the old saying you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear? Well I'm a silk purse and I wish I could be a sow's ear. But I don't know how.'"

We agreed that that was his strength—he is what he is. What you see is what you get. Fred talked about the debate in 1972 with Chafee. Pell answered calmly. "He never gets mad in public." Chafee got upset with Pell's answers. He started shouting. Pell just said 'There, there.' He never got mad. Chafee probably kicked Pell all over in articulating the issues. But confidence and trust in Chafee went down. The polls showed it the very next day."

"When he's under pressure, he gets very tough."