

"It's better the second time around--much better. (I asked 'better or easier'). Both. Pete worried about everything. Nothing was ever right for him. Pete was never satisfied. Kasten believes there's another life besides Congress. Pete can't stop worrying. He has aged 10 years in the last two years. He was a hard man to work for. Kasten. is an easy man to work for. He insists that everyone call him Bob. And he says he's never going to become 'The Senator.' I'm much happier here. I've lost 20 pounds. I feel better about myself. I'm even stopping to smell the roses. He's asked me to stay on. And I like it so much I'm going to stay." Point is that the atmosphere of the two offices is very different. One is tense and the other relaxed.

"Pete wouldn't let me do political work for other candidates. Kasten. doesn't care. He's perfectly happy if I do that on the weekends. Pete wouldn't let me take a leave to campaign for Jerry Ford and help make him President of the United States. The real challenge, after all, is winning--it's not governing. The problem is to win.."

I asked if he though it took same skills to campaign as govern.

He answered by saying that, "In the campaign, you have a date when it ends. In the Senate, there never is any end--unless I guess when you are defeated or retire. You have goals, but a succession of goals. They keep changing. "Implicit is the idea that it takes a different temperament to do one than other."

I summed up by asking him if it wasn't true that the Kasten. office had no "second staff," no turnover. He said that was correct and I said it probably had a lot to do with his experience. He agreed. "The big mistake Pete and I made was that we didn't hire anyone who knew the Senate."

He went on to say "I sometimes think I ought to campaign in every even numbered year and then set up a Senate office in every odd numbered year." He laughed. And it was then he said he would stay on with Kasten. because he asked him to.

"Paula Hawkins has been through two staffs already. We've had very little turnover."

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