

15 in the historic Caucus Room of the Russell Senate Office Building, site of the Teapot-Dome, Watergate, Iran-Contra, and Clarence Thomas nomination hearings.

In addition to approximately 200 current and former Fellows and friends of the program, Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN), Representative Steve Horn (R-CA), and Thomas Foley, former speaker of the House of Representatives, all of whom are members of the CFP Advisory Committee, and Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services were in attendance.

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Dan Palazzolo: A Day in the Life of an APSA Congressional Fellow

In the Cannon House Office Building, Daniel J. Palazzolo leans back in his chair, props both feet on his desk, and surveys his schedule.

"I'm juggling a half-dozen issues, but this should be a pretty uneventful day," says Mr. Palazzolo, an associate professor of political science at the University of Richmond. He is on a year's leave, working with Representative Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., a Maryland Republican, on a fellowship sponsored by the American Political Science Association.

But as he tucks his schedule back into his shirt pocket, his "catch-up" day is blown apart. Earlier that morning, on a radio talk show, he is told, Mr. Ehrlich's predecessor, Helen D. Bentley, criticized a bill to reform U.S. patent law, which the Congressman supports. The bill would, among other things, put the federal Patent and Trademark Office in private hands, hurting independent inventors and small businesses and giving foreign inventors an edge over Americans, Ms. Bentley said.

Within 15 minutes of her comments, constituents concerned about the bill's ramifications have jammed the phones and facsimile machines in Mr. Ehrlich's offices on the Hill and back in his district.

Steven Kreseki, the Congressman's legislative director, huddles with Mr.

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