

INTRODUCTION OF SENATOR WALTER "DEE" HUDDLESTON
ROBERT MORGAN, UNITED STATES SENATOR
DEMOCRATIC DOWNEASTER
ATLANTIC BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
APRIL 10, 1976

All you have to do, to guess what Senator "Dee"
Huddleston's future is going to be like, is to take a look
at his past. Judging from his record, he ought to be an
effective politician of national importance and effectiveness,
and I believe his is a name to watch for. We are going to
be hearing from him.

Two things can be said about his record, both as a
public servant at the state level, and in the U.S. Senate.
He has been exceptionally popular with the voters, and he
has been effective and well-received in his relationships
with colleagues.

I think probably a lot of this has to do with the fact that he grew up in a family with eleven children. His father was a preacher in the hills of Kentucky, and he, like so many of my own generation, grew up in the Great Depression.

With all those brothers and sisters, you just naturally have to develop the skills that make a politician effective. And the Depression had a way of demonstrating, to those of us who experienced it, why political effectiveness is so important.

After a career in broadcasting in Kentucky, Dee Huddleston ran for the state Senate, and won, in 1965 -- his first try at public office. He was reelected without opposition in 1969,

and before he left state politics he was Majority Floor Leader of the Senate and Democratic Caucus Chairman.

In 1972, Huddleston ran for his first state-wide office, and even in a bad year for Democrats, he became the first Democratic Senator from Kentucky in sixteen years.

As a young Senator in Washington, he has once again shown the stuff which made him so effective in the Kentucky Senate. He was appointed to two committees -- Agriculture and Government Operations -- which are vital to Kentucky's interests as a farm state, and vital to the question of good government for the nation.

In the 94th Congress, he has won appointment to the

Appropriations Committee, in many ways the most powerful in the Senate. He served with me on the Select Committee on Intelligence Gathering Activities. And he is the Senate's delegate to the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Committee.

Anyone who knows anything about politics will understand the significance of the accomplishments I have mentioned. Clearly, this is a Democratic Senator at the beginning of an outstanding career at the national level. Clearly, he wins friends everywhere he goes.