



**MIKE MOORE
CONGRESSIONAL
INTERNSHIP
PROGRAMME
2023-24**



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University of Canterbury
Congressman Darrell Issa



Congressional Internship 2023-24

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My time in Washington D.C.

A Bit about Darrell Issa

Represents the 48th District of California

Republican

Former Chairman of the Oversight and Accountability Committee

Member of the Judiciary Committee (Chairman of the Subcommittee for Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet)

Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee

Member of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee



117th Congress Official Portrait

Summary of my time

Answering Constituent Calls

Touring and Escorting Guests around Capitol Hill

Working on Press Releases

Working on Foreign Affairs Legislation

Attending Committee Hearings

Running after the Congressman

Exploring

Researching and Writing



Myself and Darrell in his office

Wiley and the interns in the Capitol



Zoë and I on our Dome Tour



Highlights



Meeting Kevin McCarthy

In the Final Santos Press Circle



Helen and I in New York



Neverending coffee run



Darrell's Fridge Restock



Lowlights



Reorganisation of Darrell's Bookshelf

Preparing Letters for Congressman Ken Calvert



Even more reorganising



How I Feel Now



Capitol Building



Speaker's Balcony



White House

HELEN LAM

The University of Auckland
Congressman James E Clyburn



The Mike Moore Congressional Internship 2024



James E. Clyburn

Region: South Carolina's 6th Congressional District.

Political affiliation: Democratic (Netural)

Leadership positions:

- House Majority Whip from 2019 to 2022 and from 2007 to 2010
- Served as Assistant Democratic Leader from 2011 to 2018 and 2023 to 2024.



* I note he is causally known as the 'King Maker' as he had a pivotal role in the election of President Biden in the lead-up to the South Carolina primary during the 2020 presidential election.

Focus

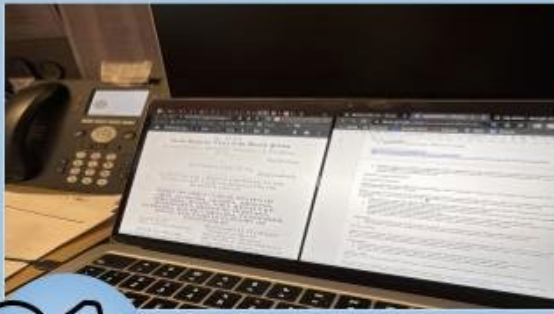
- Affordable Care Act
- Democratic Faith Working Group
- Voter Empowerment Act
- A Better Deal (Jobs & Economic Opportunity)



Caucus Membership

- Congressional Black Caucus
- Democratic Outreach & Engagement Task Force
- Democratic Faith Working Group
- Democratic Steering and Policy Committee

the life of a congressional intern



01

Research & writing memorandums



02

Attending House & Senate hearings



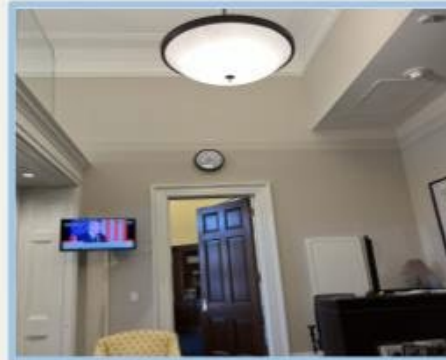
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Tours around the Congress



04

Meetings with the team businesses, unions and constituents



05

Answering constituent phone calls & admin



06

Talk to the office & understanding american culture

Internship HIGHS

01



Meeting THE AOC

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (NY-16)

02



Supreme Court Hearing

(*Muldrow v. St. Louis*)

03



Exclusive access to
Congress

White house, dome tour, the

Internship LOWS



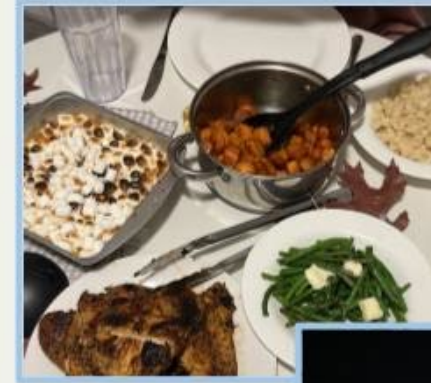
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Phone calls from
constituents



02

Feeling of
hopelessness



03

Missing home &
New Zealand

What I learnt – Key Takeaways

1. Intersection of american legal/political system
2. Importance of politics - being an active in political discussion
 - a. Corruption
 - b. Most things is divided
3. Red tape in Congress
4. Perception of Americans on New Zealand
5. American culture & absence of basic welfare

GRAY RYBURN

Victoria University of Wellington
Congressman Gregorio Sabian





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Thank you!

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- Karishma Patel
- MFAT
- Office of Congressman Sablan





Congressman Gregorio Sablan



District - Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)

- **District** – Commonwealth Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)
- **Political Affiliation** - Independent (2008 – 2022) Democrat (2022 – Present)
- Restricted voting rights within Congress
- **Congressional Committee Membership** - Education & Natural Resources
- **Caucus Memberships** – Democratic Caucus, Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC)

Key focus areas in the District -

- Advocacy for **statehood recognition** allowing access to full participatory rights in the legislature.
- The balance between joining with other territories in the fight for statehood recognition along with recognizing each territories own specific areas of focus
- Immigration policy and visa setting
- Access to equitable social welfare policy
- Homelessness and foster care intersectionality
- Full Medicaid and Medicare access





Day in the Life

- **Key Tasks**

- Researching legislative areas of interest, specifically in the child poverty and homelessness areas
- Taking tours of the Capitol
- Attending briefings hosted by NGOs, Unions, interest groups and constituents
- Answering constituent calls and emails
- Weekly check-ins with the Saipan District office
- Attending House & Senate hearings

Highlights

- Attending Congressional hearings
- Territory office meetings with the five other territories
- Travel - Boston, New York & Philadelphia
- Stakeholder meetings with Child Poverty NGOs
- American Festive Season - White Christmas & Thanksgiving
- New Zealand Embassy
- White House Tour
- Comparing New Zealand's political institutions with those of the United States
- Other Kiwi interns – sharing experience from a wide range of political offices which focused on a range of policy areas.
- Public Transport!



Key Takeaways

- The political institutions and structures we design heavily impact the policy options available
- Balancing the homogenization of local issues to gain awareness while recognizing the unique nature of each issue
- Political systems and institutions designed around a two-party system compared to New Zealand's multi-party system
- Similar yet complex policy issues facing both New Zealand and the United States
- The strength that comes with living close to constituents
- The 'purposeful' design of the gridlock political system
- The intersection between national identity and political framing
- Media partisanship
- Just how small New Zealand is



RĀ NEILSFORD-JONES

University of Canterbury
Congressman Tom Cole



2023 - 2024

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Nā Rā Neilsford-Jones



Congressman Tom Cole

01

Representative of Oklahoma

02

Republican

03

**Vice Ranking Member on the
Committee of Appropriations**

04

Chair of the Rules Committee

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**Co-Chair of the Congressional
Native American Caucus**

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**Longest Serving Native
American Congressman (21
Years)**



NATIVE AMERICAN WORK

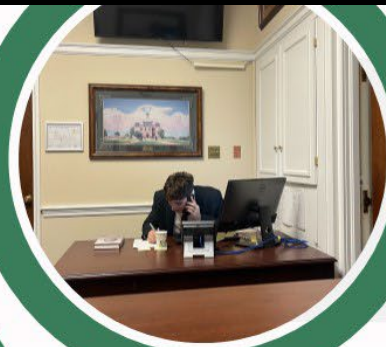
Attending Committee Hearings

**Tracking Native American
Legislation**

**Researching Native
American Budgeting**

**Castro-Heurta and
McGirt Case**





**Answering
Phones**



**Legislative
Correspondence**



Capitol Tours



**Front Desk
Reception**

**General
Office Work**

Highlights

My New Office



Understanding Native American Issues



Understanding the Partisan System



Being a Kiwi in US

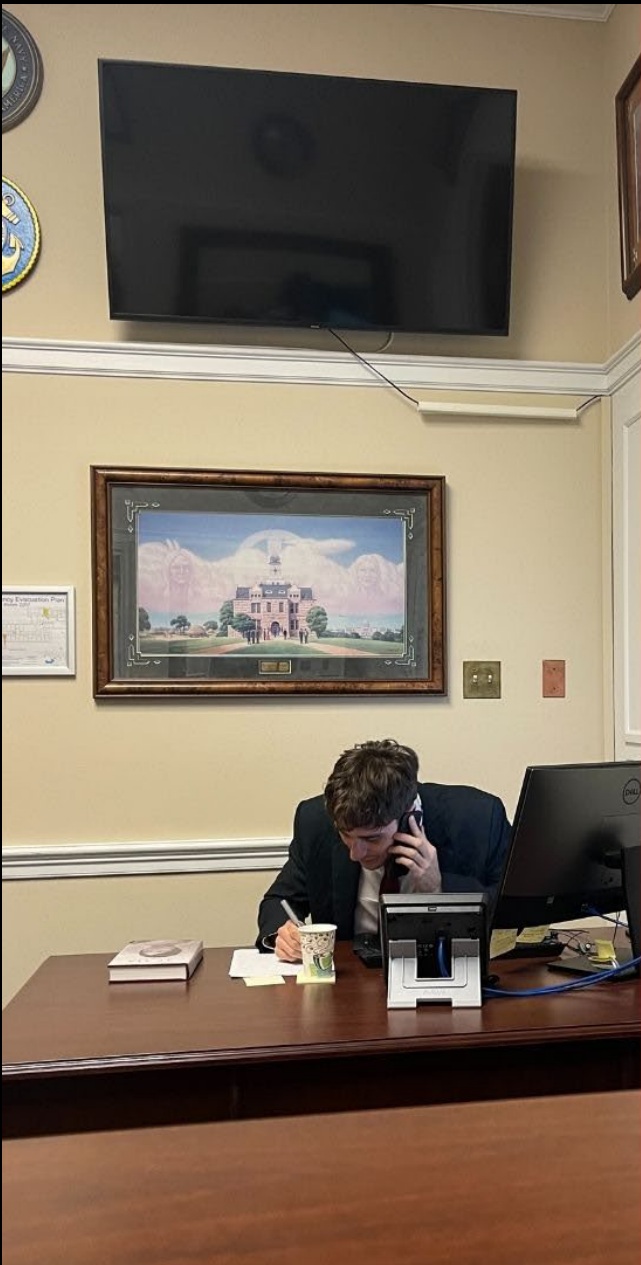




LOWLIGHTS?

- Phone Calls from Constituents
- Adapting to a new work life/city. Being away from home.





Key Takeaways

- **USA has entered into a reflective period in regards to Native American history.**
- **The US political system is fraught but understandable.**
- **US people are fond of New Zealanders but we are generally regarded as unimportant.**
- **You can't understand how a political system works without knowing its people**



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Q&A





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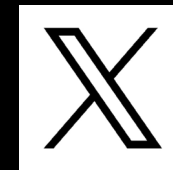
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