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This summer, I worked in Washington D.C. for Senator Bob Corker of Tennessee of the United States Senate. My internship lasted for six weeks from May 14th to June 22nd. Every day, we would be assigned to one of four jobs, which are phones, tours, mail, and not assigned. The phones consisted of constituents from Tennessee calling in from all over the state to message in their feelings, views, and arguments on certain legislation or current political issues. Our job was to pass on the message that the constituent wanted to convey to the Senator. When we were assigned to tours, our job was to lead two tours of the United States Capitol Building to constituents per day at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Our job on mail consisted of two interns working on electronically storing mail from constituents across Tennessee. Not assigned was the last job for the interns. This job gave us the freedom to attend committee meetings or any other congressional hearing on either the House or Senate side of Congress. Also, if any staff member in Senator Corker’s office needed help with anything, interns on Not Assigned that day would be there for their assistance. The most interesting part of our internship was the day each intern shadowed the Senator for the whole day. Our day ranged from getting to see him interview with CNN in the morning to partaking in the Jamie Dimon hearing in the Senate Banking Committee.

Also with the four jobs that we had each week, we would be asked to attend meetings with the staff members with their clients. We would be asked to take notes and give our assessments to the staff members after the meetings. Tennessee Tuesday was a breakfast gathering every Tuesday morning that we would have to help maintain. This gathering was intended for Tennessee constituents to meet Senator Corker and Senator Alexander as they visited Washington.