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There have been some real fixtures around the Capitol during my time here, and for more than three decades, Steve Gerstel has been one of them. In fact, when the statue was recently removed from atop the Capitol dome, many folks thought it was Steve himself. That's the kind of presence he's had around this place since 1959. In fact, Steve's first interview in the Senate was with Senator Strom Thurmond, who along with Senator Robert Byrd, are the only members with seniority in the Senate over Steve.

As UPI's Capitol Hill correspondent, he's seen it all -- national conventions, great Senate debates, presidential campaigns, history-making stories from the Vietnam War and Watergate, to Desert Storm and Travelgate. For a third of a century, Steve Gerstel has chronicled history in the Senate, and millions of Americans have seen that history through Steve's eyes, including readers of the Russell Daily News in my hometown of Russell, Kansas.

It takes a lot of dedication, and a lot of talent to stay on the job as long as Steve has. He had plenty of both. We'll miss Steve and we wish him well.

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