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Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

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Patrick Leahy holding a camera

Sen. Leahy's passion for photography has become a part of his personality on the Hill.

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Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., takes photos on the inaugural stand during Barack Obama's Presidential Inauguration Ceremony at the Capitol

Sen. Leahy take photos on the inaugural stand during Barack Obama's presidential inauguration at the Capitol on Jan. 21, 2013.

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Sen. Pat Leahy, D-Vt., during an exhibit in the Russell rotunda in July 2008 showcasing his photos from over three decades of senatorial service.

Sen. Leahy at an exhibition in the Russell rotunda in July 2008 showcasing his photos from over three decades.

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Patrick Leahy

President Ronald Reagan's inauguration, a bill signing ceremony by President Bill Clinton and on board Air Force One with President Barack Obama.

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Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., walks to the Senate Chamber on Jan. 6, 2021.

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Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, including from left, Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kans. and Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., Sen. Joe Biden D-Del.., confer prior to voting to recommend the nomination of Supreme Court Nominee Sandra Day O'Connor, to the full Senate for confirmation, on Sept. 15, 1981.

Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, including, from left, Alan Simpson, R-Wyo.; Bob Dole, R-Kan.; Leahy; and Joe Biden D-Del.., confer before a vote to recommend the nomination of Supreme Court nominee Sandra Day O'Connor to the full Senate for confirmation on Sept. 15, 1981.

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Supreme Court nominee Judge Sonia Sotomayor is sworn in by committee chairman Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., during her confirmation hearing on July 13, 2009 in Washington.

Leahy, the chairman, swears in Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor at during her confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington in 2009.

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Sens. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., and Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., in the Senate subway.

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