

The previous class between the White House & the
 Capitol has been opened by George Washington.
 He thought the "Advise & Consent" meant the
 giving of advice to the President, which was
 done by the Council of State, which was
 appointed by the self-same Government.
 When President Washington, in 1789, to
 counsel with the 26-man Senate, but by 1800 he was
 outraged to find these head-strong men questioning him
 & he left the Capitol declaring he would never return. There
 have been no such consultations since: all is by paper and
 messengers. Wilson established the real function of the President.
 Our only record of the first Senate is the diary of the
 Pennsylvania woman who drew the 2-year term in the first
 Congress of 1789. It may be found in Dickinson's
 "The Diary of a Young Lady". This book is in
 the collection of the Folger Library.

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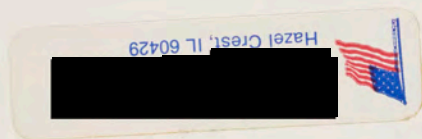
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Dear BRIAN CAMPBELL:

You asked m.c.-Span last night, waiting for the
 President, if he was obliged to appear before Congress for the
 speech. The man from Hill & Knowlton did not know the
 answer, which is:

Woodrow Wilson (1872-1919) a Virginian who was a
 famous teacher of political science [Johns Hopkins] before
 he became President of Princeton University and Governor of
 New Jersey, established the practice of Presidential
 appearances before joint sessions, then regarded as a great
 innovation. As the example of General Ford shows, it
 has been a matter of choice, though TV may have changed that.
 [To see above]

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