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## On Friday

The film "Born Yesterday" inspired Sen. **David Pryor's** political career, the Arkansas Democrat told **Alan Arkin**, **Cicely Tyson**, and director **Robert Ellis Miller** at the American Film Institute dinner the other evening.

David recalled seeing the flick, made in Washington, when he was a high school student in Camden, Ark. Afterward, he wrote to his congressman asking to be a page. After David arrived, he hid a dime in a crevice deep in the Capitol. "When I get to be congressman, I'm going to come back and find the dime," he said. Sixteen years later, he was back. "Sure enough, the dime was there amidst the cobwebs. They don't clean that place up very much."

While I was reporting for Roll Call newspaper in 1969, David, then a congressman, revealed his hiding place to me. "I'm going to come back and claim that dime one day when I'm a senator," he confided.

Who says the Senate isn't a fraternity? **Warren Rudman**, the New Hampshire Republican, has been trying not to be more visible than **Danny Inouye**, chairman of the Select Committee investigating the Iran-Contra episode. When invited to lunch by a major news organization the other day, Warren asked if he could bring along a friend. "Sure," replied the newsies, "Who's your guest?" It turned out to be none other than Dan Inouye.

Mr. Rudman has been a sought-after, Sunday talk-show guest since the Iran hullabaloo.

**Sen. Malcolm Wallop** surprised the group gathered at the Mayflower Hotel for High Frontier's fourth anniversary SDI dinner when he attacked the Reagan administration

on "star wars." The Wyoming Republican said he was reminded of a little girl who looked at her dresses and cried, 'Mommy, Mommy, I have nothing to wear.' "I would not be surprised if once in awhile even Imelda Marcos called to her husband from her cavernous closets, 'I have no shoes to wear,' " said the senator. Mr. Wallop said **President Reagan** and **Cap Weinberger** don't have empty closets. "They just don't want to make use of what they have. The trouble," he added, "lies in them — not in what's on or what's not on their shelves." He was referring to the potential for using off-the-shelf technology for anti-missile defense. He believes there's a way to develop strategic defense using existing technology.

Recovering alcoholics in the area were surprised when joined at their AA meetings by actor **William Hurt**, who's filming here. He's just back from the Betty Ford clinic in Palm Springs, Calif.

Patrons of Maison Blanche are still buzzing about former Sen.

**John Tower's** luncheon companion the other day. He sat at a center table with a pretty young blonde who they all swore looked just like **Fawn Hall**.

Capitol Hill insiders recommend that **Elizabeth Karnes**, the newest and youngest Senate wife, take a crash course on Washington ways. Not long after her husband's swearing-in ceremony, she asked one of his male aides to get her a cup of coffee. "I'm too busy right now," he told the Nebraskan.

**C**her suffered a minor injury in a fall while filming "Suspect" the other morning about 3. The crew tracked down a plastic surgeon who in the wee hours stitched her injured eyelid.

**Roberta Flack**, who popped into town for a concert the other evening sans makeup, sent the staff at the Grand Hotel scurrying to a beauty-supply outlet to pick up ingredients for a last-minute makeover.