

On the sixth day of our trip, (Wednesday), we got up early to eat breakfast with our Nebraska elected officials at Dirksen Cafeteria. Everyone enjoyed listening to their points of view on issues facing Nebraska citizens. We were also entertained by listening to them joke with each other.

We had a representative from each county introduce our entire group, Katelin Bergmeier, Shelby Veprovsky and Dani Kenning.

After breakfast, we were guided through the Capitol Building by Representative Lee Terry. We were fortunate to see a few rooms that other tour groups don't usually get to see, such as the Old Senate Chamber and Sen. Chuck Hagel's office. While at the Capitol, we took a group picture with Rep. Adrian Smith and Sen. Chuck Hagel.

We ate lunch at Union Station nearby; there were so many restaurants to choose from and even more people.

We went to the Supreme Court and learned about how the judges rule on cases. We also learned about the structure of the building itself. We headed back to the hotel to relax and eat supper.

We had planned to attend the U.S. Army Band Twilight Tattoo NW Quadrant, but because of the weather, it was canceled. So we headed to the White House and snapped a few pictures. On our walk around D.C. it began to rain, but that didn't stop us. We drove to see "The Awakening" statue. It was a little strange, but I think we all enjoyed it until the downpour.

That was the end of the night for most of us, other than a surprise birthday party for one of our members, Brianna Hajek. That was fun.

We're all getting a little sleep-deprived, but we're having fun.

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