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Harry S. Truman, President of the United States, recently visited the United States Senate chamber to honor Alben W. Barkley, Vice President of the United States, for his 38 years of continuous service in the United States Congress. To mark the occasion, President Truman (right) presented Vice President Barkley, who presides over the United States Senate, with a gavel made of wood from one of the beams of the 134-year-old White House, the Presidential residence. The wood was obtained from a beam removed during White House repairs.

Vice President Barkley served in the United States House of Representatives from 1913 to 1927, before he was elected to the United States Senate. He became Vice President in 1949. He is 73 years old.

President Truman served in the United States Senate from 1935 to 1945, before he became President. (51-3715P)



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51-3715P - Alben W. Barkley, Vicepresidente de los Estados Unidos; que lleva 38 años sirviendo en el Senado norteamericano, del que es actualmente Presidente, por su cargo, recibió recientemente del Presidente Truman el regalo de un mazo hecho con madera sacada de una de las vigas de la Casa Blanca, que tiene 134 años de antigüedad.