

## Fellow Program Under Way on Capitol Hill

The fourth year of the Congressional Science and Engineering Fellow Program is well under way, and ten scientists are at work in Capitol Hill offices. Three more will be joining them this month.

The ten Fellows, with more than 3 months' experience already behind them, began their assignments after an intensive 9-day orientation period early in September. The orientation, prepared by the AAAS Special Programs Office, included numerous briefings by House and Senate staff; meetings with members of Congress, individually and in groups; seminars on various aspects of the legislative

process; an introduction to the new congressional budget process; and briefings by persons from the General Accounting Office, the Office of Technology Assessment, and the Congressional Research Service, as well as by some private organizations and various Federal Executive agencies such as the Office of Management and Budget and the National Science Foundation.

Following the orientation, the Fellows interviewed extensively in the House and Senate using information and guidance from AAAS before selecting the position of their choice.



The four AAAS-sponsored Fellows (pictured above, clockwise from top left) chose the following assignments: Robert Darryl Banks, a biophysicist most recently from Oxford University, is spending his Fellowship year with the Senate Subcommittee on Health, of which Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) is chairman. Among other matters, Banks is focusing on biomedical research and development issues and certain controversial aspects of such research. E. William Colglazier, Jr., physicist from the Princeton Center for Environmental Studies and the University of Montana, is working with Rep. George E. Brown, Jr. (D-Calif.), on all aspects of energy and related matters. Colglazier also is following the Congressman's assignments on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, the Science and Technology Committee, and the Office of Technology Assessment Board. George L. Jacobson, University of Minnesota biologist, is working on environment, energy, health, and a range of other science issues with Senator Dale Bumpers (D-Ark.) and is following the Senator's Interior Committee interests. Forest ecologist Gary Ritchie of the Weyerhaeuser Co. is advising Senator Pete Domenici (R-N.M.) on energy development and land use questions and is assisting Domenici by following the work of several Senate committees, including Agriculture and Forestry, Public Works, and Interior.

The remaining Fellows, sponsored by societies other than AAAS (see "AAAS News," *Science*, 1 October 1976, page 50), chose the following assignments: Ronald Bruno, physicist from Southern Illinois University—House Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment, Rep. Morris Udall (D-Ariz.), chairman; Lloyd Faulkner, animal physiologist from Colorado State University—Senator Charles Mathias (R-Md.); Kirby C. Holte, electrical engineer with the Southern California Edison Co.—Senator Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.); Sara C. Schurr, developmental psychologist, Harvard University—Rep. David R. Obey (D-Wis.); Granville J. Smith, physicist, Grinnell College—Senate Commerce Committee; and Frank Hurley, aeronautical engineer from the McDonnell Douglas Research Laboratories—Rep. Jack Kemp (R-N.Y.). Fellows Michael D. Crisp (sponsored by the Optical Society of America) and Richard T. Roca and John A. Mayer, Jr. (both sponsored by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers), will begin their congressional assignments this month.

In addition to their congressional staff responsibilities, the Fellows, with the help of AAAS, arrange seminars for themselves throughout the year at the rate of about three a month. The focus of these meetings ranges from controversial science issues to briefings by and discussion with government officials and others.