

Don't worry, freshmen. Rep. John Campbell (R-Calif.) says you don't get hazed. At least, he didn't get hazed — although he says Congress can be like high school.

“Yeah, I was likening the first day we came back to coming back to high school,” he told Shenanigans. “Some of the girls had changed their hair. Some of the guys” — like Campbell — “had changed their facial hair.”

“You have the new kids and everyone running around trying to meet the new kids, and some kids were expelled while others graduated. And you wander around asking what you did over break.”

He didn't meet any celebs last week, and he doesn't care. **“I grew up in L.A., so I've been around celebrities. I was having lunch and in walks one of the Olsen twins, so they're not that big a deal.”**

But, we mention, his new facial hair makes him look kind of like “Desperate Housewives” star Jamie Denton. Hopefully, he asks:

“Does that mean I get to hang out with Teri Hatcher?”

So, we ask, do you think D.C. is going to get cool — or be an East Coast California, with all these celebrities visiting?

“I was just saying, you can go to the Polo Lounge in Beverly Hills, but there won't be anyone cool there because they'll all be here,” he said. “We'll see if D.C. gets cool. It hasn't been, from the California perspective, but ...”

Other things: He describes Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank in one word: “Smart.” On getting home: It's a 10-hour trip door to door, if all goes well. **“With a three-hour time change. So I go home two out of every three weeks. To go every weekend would be just too much brain damage.”**

Perhaps he should have been on the Transportation Committee, instead of Budget and Financial Services. **“Nah. I'm a numbers guy.”**

As for TARP: **“Maybe we should have come up with a better acronym.”**

MORE: As for the already forever ago Inaug, it was his first: **“It was freezing. I'm a fourth generation Californian who doesn't ski, so I don't do cold. I never go anyplace where it's cold on purpose and I don't think I was ever that cold. I couldn't feel my feet – I kept asking people from Wisconsin and places like that – where it's unconscionable to me where people would actually live – I would say things like 'I can't feel my feet. Does that mean they're frostbitten? Will they have to be cut off?’”**

Well, he wouldn't belong in Congress if he wasn't dramatic.

"What was interesting," he offered, "was sitting inside – all the members were in a little amphitheater kind of facing each other and as Rahm came down all the Democrat members were yelling 'Rahmbo!' and as Hilda Solis came down and Ray LaHood, they'd walk by and it was like 'will you remember us, the little people?' It was kind of like a fraternity."