Note, p. 204-205– Take note of the busy daily schedule of the congressman.

p. 203, ¶ 3, sentence 1– “Their sheer business in Washington and at home..”

p. 205, ¶ 2, sentence 1– “…Former Congressman Bob Eckhardt (D-Texas)…”

Question: What surprise is there as to whom often initiates Congress bashing?

p. 206, ¶ 2, sentence 2 through end of ¶– “Opinion polls regularly reveal that public officials in general and Congress in…”

IBID., ¶3, line 6 + next sentence– “… I am speaking of a more general tendency to trash the institution. It is often…”

IBID., ¶ 4, sentence 1– “Therefore, although it may be politically profitable…”

p. 207, ¶ 2, sentence 1– “This trend has been reinforced by the new technology…”

IBID., Note the E.J. Dionne quote.

IBID., ¶ 5, sentence 1– Responsibility for our decent into attack politics, increasingly divorced from the major problems faced by the American people, is widely shared…”