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## **Committee staffs are all collecting suits**

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With less than a week to go before the Capitol PurSuit drive, committees and lobby shops around town are doing their own collections of used suits to contribute to the overall haul.

The annual event collects suits, which are then donated through local charities to less fortunate individuals who are entering the work force.

Dave Wenhold of Miller Wenhold Capitol Strategies, who confesses to coming up with the idea of the drive in the shower three years ago, said committee staffs around the Hill are ramping up the competition for suits as they vie for the title of “most suitable.”

Lobby shops are getting into the act as well.

Golin Harris’s Mike Fulton said they’ve blanketed the Arlington County offices near their office as well as area businesses with fliers promoting the drive. They’ve also contacted former employees and engaged the firm’s interns. He’s gotten nine area restaurants to donate gift certificates, which will be raffled off among donors.

He said they’re shooting for 100 suits to bring to the Rayburn foyer Wednesday for the collection, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.