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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives and Records Administration
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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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### **Conditions Governing Access note**

The records are governed by Rule VII(3)b of the House Rules:

(b) (1) A record shall immediately be made available if it was previously made available for public use by the House or a committee or a subcommittee. (2) An investigative record that contains personal data relating to a specific living person (the disclosure of which would be an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy), an administrative record relating to personnel, or a record relating to a hearing that was closed under clause 2(g)(2) of rule XI shall be made available if it has been in existence for 50 years. (3) A record for which a time, schedule, or condition for availability is specified by order of the House shall be made available in accordance with that order. Except as otherwise provided by order of the House, a record of a committee for which a time, schedule, or condition for availability is specified by order of the committee (entered during the Congress in which the record is made or acquired by the committee) shall be made available in accordance with the order of the committee. (4) A record (other than a record referred to in subparagraph (1), (2), or (3)) shall be made available if it has been in existence for 30 years.

## Collection Inventory

### Records of Legislative Proceedings 1953-1954

#### Minute Books and Journals 1953-1954 7.0 Cubic feet (26 volumes)

##### Scope and Contents note

The minute books and journals series includes a minute book, first session (83A-A1); legislative journal, first session (83A-A2); minute book, second session (83A-A3); and legislative journal, second session (83A-A4).

#### Bills and Resolutions Originating in the House 1953-1954 34.0 Cubic feet

##### Scope and Contents note

The bills and resolutions originating in the House include eighty-one volumes of original House bills (83A-B1); four volumes of original House joint resolutions (83A-B2); three volumes of original House concurrent resolutions (83A-B3); four volumes of House simple resolutions (83A-B4); desk copies of House bills passed (83A-B5); desk copies of House joint resolutions passed (83A-B6); desk copies of House concurrent resolutions passed (83A-B7); desk copies of House simple resolutions agreed to (83A-B8); engrossed House bills (83A-B9); engrossed House joint resolutions (83A-B10); engrossed House concurrent resolutions (83A-B11); desk copies of House bills tabled (83A-B12); desk copies of House joint resolutions tabled (83A-B13); desk copies of House concurrent resolutions tabled (83A-B14); desk copies of House simple resolutions tabled (83A-B15); desk copies of House simple resolutions which failed to pass (83A-B16); bills and resolutions on the Union and House calendars not acted upon (83A-B17); and defeated amendments on pending bills and resolutions (83A-B18).

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The records are arranged numerically within each group.

**Bills and Resolutions Originating in the Senate and Considered in the House 1953-1954 2.0 Cubic feet****Scope and Contents note**

The bills and resolutions originating in the Senate and considered in the House include Senate bills passed (83A-C1); Senate joint resolutions passed (83A-C2); Senate concurrent resolutions passed (83A-C3); engrossed Senate bills (83A-C4); engrossed Senate joint resolutions (83A-C5); engrossed Senate concurrent resolutions (83A-C6); engrossed Senate simple resolutions communicated to the House (83A-C7); Senate amendments to House bills and resolutions (83A-C8); notification of Senate agreement to House amendments or to conference committee reports on Senate bills and resolutions (83A-C9); notification of Senate insistence upon its amendments to House bills (83A-C10); and Senate orders communicated to the House (83A-C11).

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The records are arranged numerically within each group.

**Papers Accompanying Specific Bills and Resolutions 1953-1954 186.0 Cubic feet****Scope and Contents note**

The papers accompanying specific bills and resolutions include the following committees: Committee on Agriculture (83A-D1); Committee on Armed Services (83A-D2); Committee on Banking and Currency (83A-D3); Committee on the District of Columbia (83A-D4); Committee on Education and Labor (83A-D5); Committee on Foreign Affairs (83A-D6); Committee on Government Operations (83A-D7); Committee on House Administration (83A-D8); Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs (83A-D9); Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce (83A-D10); Committee on the Judiciary (83A-D11); Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries (83A-D12); Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

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(83A-D13); Committee on Public Works (83A-D14); Committee on Rules (83A-D15); and Committee on Veterans' Affairs (83A-D16).

### **Arrangement note**

The records are arranged numerically by bill or resolution within each committee except 83A-D11 in which claims are arranged alphabetically by person or subject.

## **Committee Reports 1953-1954 21.0 Cubic feet (95 volumes)**

### **Scope and Contents note**

Original committee reports are from the first session (83A-E1); and second session (83A-E2).

### **Arrangement note**

The records are arranged numerically within each group.

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Committee on Agriculture 1953-1954

### **Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on Agriculture was created on May 3, 1820, to provide a forum for the interests of the large agricultural population of the country. The committee's jurisdiction includes adulteration of seeds, insect pests, and protection of birds and animals in forest reserves; agriculture generally; agricultural and industrial chemistry; agricultural colleges and experiment stations; agricultural economics and research; agricultural education extension services; agricultural production and marketing and stabilization of prices of agricultural products, and commodities (not including distribution outside of the United States); animal industry and diseases of animals; commodity exchanges; crop insurance and soil conservation; dairy industry; entomology and plant quarantine; extension of farm credit and farm security; inspection of livestock, poultry, meat products, and

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seafood and seafood products; and forestry in general and forest reserves other than those created from the public domain. The committee has oversight over the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Committee Papers 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Committee on Agriculture include committee prints of special reports (83A-F1.1); executive communications (83A-F1.2), arranged numerically; hearings (83A-F1.3), arranged numerically by serial number; legislative calendar (83A-F1.4); and messages from the President (83A-F1.5).

**Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture document the agricultural conservation program (83A-H1.1); price supports (83A-H1.2); sugar quotas (83A-H1.3); surplus farm commodities (83A-H1.4); weed control on federally owned lands (83A-H1.5); wheat to Pakistan (83A-H1.6); and various subjects (83A-H1.7).

**Arrangement note**

The petitions are arranged numerically by journal number and the memorials are arranged chronologically by the date referred.

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### Committee on Armed Services 1953-1954

#### **Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on Armed Services was established under the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, which merged the jurisdictions of the former committees on Naval Affairs, and on Military Affairs to form a single committee, the Committee on the Armed Services. The jurisdiction of the new committee included the following subjects: a) Common defense generally. b) The Department of Defense generally, including the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force generally. c) Ammunition depots; forts; arsenals; Army, Navy and Air Force reservations and establishments. d) Conservation, development, and use of naval petroleum and oil shale reserves. e) Pay, promotion, retirement, and other benefits and privileges of members of the armed forces. f) Scientific research and development in support of the armed services. g) Selective service. h) Size and composition of the Army, Navy, and Air Force. i) Soldiers' and sailors' homes. j) Strategic and critical materials necessary for the common defense. The committee has functioned through numerous subcommittees, the names and number of which vary from Congress to Congress. Through most of its history there have been four or five standing legislative subcommittees, several special subcommittees appointed to conduct specific studies, and an oversight or investigating subcommittee. The records that have been preserved reflect the complex and often technical nature of the subjects dealt with by the committee, and its reliance on subcommittees to perform most of the work.

### Committee Papers 1953-1954

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Committee on Armed Services include correspondence relating to civil defense (83A-F2.1), and executive communications (83A-F2.2), arranged numerically.

Records of the Subcommittee on Defense Activities: a general file consisting of correspondence, memoranda, reports and related papers concerning investigations and studies undertaken; and transcript and stenotype copies of hearings held under H. Res. 125. The records pertain to allegations of attempted peddling and "leakage" of information relating to procurement

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of Government contracts, alleged favoritism to professional athletes in the Armed Services, building of destroyers at Quincy, Massachusetts, the case of the "Robins Letter" (Chicago Ordnance), charges against the Navy Department concerning the Steamship "Cornhusker Mariner," charges against the Army Ordnance Corps, complaints of irregularities at military installations, construction of Ordnance facilities at Corozal, Canal Zone, deployment of military personnel in the attache and mission systems, disappearance of Major William V. Holohan, European inspection trip, improper treatment of military personnel, merits of airstrip paving materials, problems of cataloging and packaging, procurement practices in the New York Ordnance District, operations of post exchanges, standardization of pre-fabricated houses and detecting devices and various other subjects. Included are vouchers submitted for payment; and two printed volumes of "Investigations and Reports under H. Res. 125, House Committee on Armed Services," containing subcommittee reports and hearings (83A-F2.3). The records are arranged as follows: general file, alphabetically by subject; hearings, alphabetically by subject; and vouchers, unarranged.

### **Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1953-1954

### **Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services include the establishment of an Air Force Academy (83A-H2.1); civil defense (83A-H2.2); curtailment of employment and work at the Boston Navy Yard (83A-H2.3); establishment of a Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts (83A-H2.4); and various subjects (83A-H2.5).

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The petitions are arranged numerically by journal number and the memorials are arranged chronologically by the date referred.

**Committee on Banking and Currency 1953-1954****Biographical/Historical note**

The Banking and Currency Committee was created in 1865 to relieve the Ways and Means Committee of part of its workload. Its jurisdiction included the chartering and oversight of national banks; the issue of national bank loans; the issue, taxation, and redemption of national bank notes; and the authorization of bond issues. It was responsible for legislation involving the deposit of public moneys, strengthening the public credit, monetary parity, and the issuance of silver certificates as currency. The investigation of the failure of state banks and the affairs of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company were also part of its jurisdiction. The committee's jurisdiction included the legislation that created the Federal Reserve System in 1913 and the establishment and operation of Federal Reserve banks since that date. Since 1921 it has included legislation regarding the War Finance Corporation, the provision of credits for essential industries, rural credits, and farm loans. Since 1932 it has been responsible for home-loan bills. In 1921 part of the jurisdiction of the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures was transferred to the Banking and Currency Committee, and in 1946 the remainder of the former committee's jurisdiction relating to coinage was similarly transferred as part of the reorganization of Congress. The new formal jurisdiction of the committee was defined to include the following subjects and remained the same until 1971: (a) Banking and currency generally. (b) Control of price of commodities, rents, or services. (c) Deposit insurance. (d) Federal Reserve System. (e) Financial aid to commerce and industry, other than matters relating to such aid which are specifically assigned to other committees under this rule. (f) Gold and silver, including the coinage thereof. (g) Issuance of notes and redemption thereof. (h) Public and private housing. (i) Valuation and revaluation of the dollar.

**Committee Papers 1953-1954****Scope and Contents note**

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The committee papers of the Committee on Banking and Currency include bills and resolutions (83A-F3.1), arranged numerically by bill or resolution; executive communications (83A-F3.2), arranged numerically; legislative calendar (83A-F3.3); and messages from the President (83A-F3.4).

**Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency include housing (83A-H3.1); International Wheat Agreement (83A-H3.2); and various subjects (83A-H3.3).

**Arrangement note**

The petitions are arranged numerically by journal number and the memorials are arranged chronologically by the date referred.

Committee on the District of Columbia 1953-1954

**Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on the District of Columbia was established on January 27, 1808. The committee's duty was to consider all petitions and memorials relating to the affairs of the District of Columbia referred to them by the House. Jurisdiction consisted of various municipal concerns of the District of Columbia including those involving streets, schools and teachers, railroads, police and fire departments, claims against the District Government, insurance, taxes, health and safety, liquor sales, incorporation of organizations and societies, and other matters that were the normal concerns

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of city and State governments. Since its creation the committee has shared jurisdiction on District concerns with other committees, and in particular with the Committees on Education and Labor, Interior, Banking and Currency, Judiciary, and Public Works. The committee was known as the Committee on the District of Columbia from 1801-1995. The committee was split and absorbed by subcommittees of the Committee on Appropriations and by the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

### Committee Papers 1953-1954

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Committee on the District of Columbia include executive communications (83A-F4.1), arranged numerically; legislative calendar (83A-F4.2); and various subjects (83A-F4.3).

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The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

### Committee on Education and Labor 1953-1954

#### **Biographical/Historical note**

Under the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, the Committees on Education and on Labor were combined to form this committee. On January 4, 1995, the Committee was renamed the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities. On January 7, 1997, the Committee was renamed the Committee on Education and the Workforce; on January 5, 2007, it became the Committee on Education and Labor; on January 5, 2011, the Committee became the Committee on Education and the Workforce. Its jurisdiction included: (a) Measures relating to education and labor generally, (b) Child labor, (c) Columbia Institute for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind; Howard University; Freedmen's Hospital; and Saint Elizabeths Hospital, (d) Convict labor and the entry of goods made by convicts into interstate commerce, (e) Labor standards, (f) Labor statistics, (g) Mediation and arbitration of labor disputes, (h) Regulation or prevention of importation of foreign laborers under contract, (i)

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School-lunch program, (j) United States Employees' Compensation Commission, (k) Vocational rehabilitation, (l) Wages and hours of labor, and (m) Welfare of miners.

**Committee Papers 1953-1954****Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Committee on Education and Labor include bills and resolutions (83A-F5.1), arranged numerically by bill or resolution; committee prints of special reports (83A-F5.2), arranged alphabetically by subject; executive communications (83A-F5.3), arranged numerically; hearings (83A-F5.4), arranged alphabetically by subject; legislative calendar (83A-F5.5); messages from the President (83A-F5.6); and minutes (83A-F5.7).

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The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

**Committee on Foreign Affairs 1953-1954****Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on Foreign Affairs gained status as a standing committee of the House of Representatives in 1822, however, its antecedents date as far back as 1775 when the Continental Congress established a committee to correspond with friends abroad. The jurisdiction of the committee includes relations of the United States with foreign nations generally; acquisition of land and buildings for embassies and legations in foreign countries; establishment of boundary lines between the United States and foreign nations; export controls, including nonproliferation of nuclear technology and nuclear hardware; foreign loans; international commodity agreements (other than those involving sugar), including all agreements for cooperation in the export of nuclear technology and nuclear hardware; international conferences and congresses; international education; intervention abroad and declarations of war; diplomatic service; measures to foster commercial intercourse with foreign nations and to safeguard American business interests abroad; international economic policy; neutrality; protection of American citizens abroad and expatriation; the American

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National Red Cross; trading with the enemy; and United Nations organizations. The committee has oversight over the U.S. Department of State.

**Committee Papers 1953-1954****Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Committee on Foreign Affairs include executive communications (83A-F6.1), arranged numerically; general correspondence (83A-F6.2), arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent; miscellaneous correspondence (83A-F6.3), arranged alphabetically by subject; mutual security (83A-F6.4); schedules of meetings (83A-F6.5); and various subjects (83A-F6.6).

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The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

**Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1953-1954****Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs include aid to Israel (83A-H4.1); extension of diplomatic relations with Ukraine and Byelorussia (83A-H4.2); Guatemala (83A-H4.3); incorporation of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia into the Soviet Union (83A-H4.4); persecution behind the Iron Curtain (83A-H4.5); recognition and admission of Red China into the United Nations (83A-H4.6); release of Japanese war criminals (83A-H4.7); self-determination for the people of Cyprus (83A-H4.8); and various subjects (83A-H4.9).

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The petitions are arranged numerically by journal number and the memorials are arranged chronologically by the date referred.

### Committee on Government Operations 1953-1954

#### **Biographical/Historical note**

On July 3, 1952, the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments was changed to the Committee on Government Operations. The jurisdiction of the Committee on Government Operations pursuant to the rules of the 90th Congress included: budget and accounting measures, other than appropriations; reorganizations in the executive branch of the Government; receiving and examining reports of the Comptroller General of the United States and of submitting such recommendations to the House as it deems necessary or desirable in connection with the subject matter of such reports; studying the operation of Government activities at all levels with a view to determining its economy and efficiency; evaluating the effects of laws enacted to reorganize the legislative and executive branches of the Government; studying intergovernmental relationships between the United States and States and municipalities, and between the United States and international organizations of which the United States is a member.

### Committee Papers 1953-1954

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Committee on Government Operations include correspondence with the General Accounting Office and the General Services Administration; executive communications, arranged numerically; hearings, arranged alphabetically by subject; investigations of Army truck contracts and servicemen air crashes; legislative calendar; messages from the President; minutes; and reorganization plans of 1953 and 1954 (83A-F7.1).

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## Special Subcommittee on Alaska 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Special Subcommittee on Alaska, Committee on Government Operations, include hearings (83A-F7.2).

## Special Subcommittee on Amending the Corrupt Practices Act 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Special Subcommittee on Amending the Corrupt Practices Act, Committee on Government Operations, include correspondence and related papers (83A-F7.3).

## Special Subcommittee on Compliance 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Special Subcommittee on Compliance, Committee on Government Operations, include correspondence and related papers (83A-F7.4).

## Special Subcommittee on Disposal of Certain Industrial Properties 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Special Subcommittee on Disposal of Certain Industrial Properties, Committee on Government Operations, include correspondence and related papers (83A-F7.5).

## Special Subcommittee on Fontana School of Aeronautics 1953-1954

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**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Special Subcommittee on Fontana School of Aeronautics, Committee on Government Operations, include correspondence and related papers (83A-F7.6).

Special Subcommittee on German Consulate - American House Program 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Special Subcommittee on German Consulate - American House Program, Committee on Government Operations, include correspondence and related papers; hearings; and a report (83A-F7.7).

Special Subcommittee on Government Contracts for Small Business 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Special Subcommittee on Government Contracts for Small Business, Committee on Government Operations, include correspondence and related papers; and hearings (83A-F7.8).

Special Subcommittee on Housing Activities of the Government 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Special Subcommittee on Housing Activities of the Government, Committee on Government Operations, include correspondence and related papers (83A-F7.9).

Special Subcommittee on Public Housing 1953-1954

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The committee papers of the Special Subcommittee on Public Housing, Committee on Government Operations, include hearings (83A-F7.10).

Special Subcommittee on Reorganization Plan No. 9 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Special Subcommittee on Reorganization Plan No. 9, Committee on Government Operations, include hearings, a message from the President, and a report concerning Reorganization Plan No. 9 of 1953 providing certain reorganizations in the Council of Economic Advisers (83A-F7.11).

Special Subcommittee on Reorganization Plan No. 10 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Special Subcommittee on Reorganization Plan No. 10, Committee on Government Operations, include hearings, a message from the President, and a report concerning Reorganization Plan No. 10 of 1953 providing payments to air carriers (83A-F7.12).

Special Subcommittees of the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Education and Labor 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Special Subcommittees of the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Education and Labor include joint hearings on racketeering in the Detroit and Kansas City, Missouri areas, welfare funds and racketeering, and Federal-State cooperation in the enforcement of anti-racketeering laws; and a report on racketeering in the Detroit area (83A-F7.13).

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## Subcommittee on Anti-Racketeering 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Subcommittee on Anti-Racketeering, Committee on Government Operations, include hearings and minutes (83A-F7.14).

## Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, Committee on Government Reform, include accompanying papers files on H.R. 992, H.R. 4406, and H.R. 6290 referred to this subcommittee; correspondence and related papers concerning commercial and industrial-type activities in the Federal government; hearings on bills to establish a Commission on Governmental and Fiscal Resources (H.R. 4406) and a Commission on Organization of the Executive Government (H.R. 992), donable surplus property program, and the Federal Government in business; minutes of hearings and executive sessions; reports of the subcommittee adopted as the reports of the full committee; and various other subjects (83A-F7.15).

## Subcommittee on International Operations 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Subcommittee on International Operations, Committee on Government Operations, include a general file (consisting of subject folders containing correspondence, memoranda, and work sheets), hearings, and intermediate committee reports concerning examination of all the operations of the State Department and the overseas activities of the other departments (except military), executive agencies, and Government corporations with a view to determining economy and efficiency. The records pertain to the use of non-appropriated funds in the Bonn-Bad Godesberg Housing project, a study of the security and

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personnel practices of the State Department as well as its Foreign Service, revision of the German Consulate - American House program, the educational and training program of the Technical Cooperation Administration, the establishment of the new Foreign Operations Administration (Reorganization Plan No. 7), the new United States Information Service (Reorganization No. 8), relief and rehabilitation in Korea, operations of the U.S. Embassy in Japan, the Korean Exchange-of-Persons program, manipulations of GSA Thailand tungsten contracts, the end-use control on non-military foreign aid, and expenditure for pharmaceuticals intended for Indo-China. Included are job applications; budget estimates and financial standing of the subcommittee; correspondence mainly of staff members; minutes of meetings; monthly reports, pursuant to a requirement by the Subcommittee on Accounts of the Committee on House Administration; a reading file, March 7, 1953 - January 3, 1955; copies of vouchers; and various other papers (83A-F7.16). The records are arranged as follows: general file, alphabetically by subject folder; hearings, alphabetically by subject; intermediate reports, numerically; other records, in the order described.

### Subcommittee on Military Operations 1953-1954

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Subcommittee on Military Operations include correspondence, hearings, reports, and related papers pertaining to the Air Force development and procurement of AN/ARC-21 Airborne Radio Transceivers, the Army's Financial Property Accounting System, Military procurement of blood shipping containers, a study of the Federal Catalog Program, the Navy procurement of forklift trucks, the organization of the Military Supply Management Program, the disposition of military surplus property, Army procurement of new type all-purpose Army overcosts, Navy procurement of wiping cloths, and Air Force procurement of wire fence. Included are papers of the Subcommittee's European inspection trip in 1954; miscellaneous files consisting of correspondence and related papers relating to other matters undertaken by the subcommittee; and minutes of meetings (83A-F7.17). The records are arranged by subject.

### Subcommittee on Public Accounts 1953-1954

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### **Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Subcommittee on Public Accounts, Committee on Government Operations, include hearings (83A-F7.18).

Subcommittee on Reorganization of the House and Senate Committees on Government Operations 1953-1954

### **Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Subcommittee on Reorganization of the House and Senate Committees on Government Operations include joint hearings, a message from the President, and a committee report relating to Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1953 creating the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (83A-F7.19).

Committee on House Administration 1953-1954

### **Biographical/Historical note**

The House Administration Committee was created on January 2, 1947, under the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946. The new committee merged the functions and jurisdictions of the Committees on Accounts; Enrolled Bills; Memorials; Election of the President, Vice President, and Representatives in Congress; the Library; Printing; Disposition of Executive Papers; and the three committees on elections. The committee focuses on the internal procedures of the House, such as: appropriations, as well as auditing and settling all accounts with the contingent fund; employment of persons by the House, including clerks for Members and committees, and reporters of debates; matters relating to printing and correction of the "Congressional Record"; House accounts generally; assignment of office space for Members and committees; disposition of useless executive papers; measures relating to the election of the President, Vice President, or Members of Congress, corrupt practices, contested elections, credentials and qualifications, and Federal elections generally; services to the House, including the House Restaurant and administration of the House Office Buildings and of the House wing of the Capitol; travel of Members of the House; arranging a suitable program for each day observed by the House of Representatives as a

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memorial day in memory of Members of the Senate or House of Representatives who have died during the preceding period; examining all bills, amendments, and joint resolutions to see that they are correctly enrolled; reporting to the Sergeant at Arms of the House the travel of Members of the House; the House Library, statuary and pictures, acceptance or purchase of works of art for the Capitol. The Committee also has oversight for the Library of Congress, the Botanic Gardens, and the Smithsonian Institution and the incorporation of similar institutions. Subcommittees were added subsequently: Accounts; Elections; Printing; Enrolled Bills, Library, Disposition of Executive Papers, and Memorials. Joint committees were also added eventually: Disposition of Executive Papers, Library, and Printing.

### Committee Papers 1953-1954

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Committee on House Administration include bills and resolutions, arranged numerically by bill or resolution; executive communications, arranged numerically; general correspondence, arranged alphabetically by subject; legislative calendar; and minutes (83A-F8.1).

#### **Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

### Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1953-1954

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on House Administration include various subjects (83A-H5.1).

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The petitions are arranged numerically by journal number and the memorials are arranged chronologically by the date referred.

**Subcommittee on Accounts 1953-1954****Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Subcommittee on Accounts, Committee on House Administration, include correspondence and related papers pertaining to budget estimates, authorized expenditures, monthly reports of activities of standing, select and special committees, arranged alphabetically by standing, select or special committee; a folder on the problem of parking on the House side of Capitol Hill; minutes of meetings; and a volume of voucher register (83A-F6.2).

**Subcommittee on Disposition of Executive Papers 1953-1954****Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Subcommittee on Disposition of Executive Papers, Committee on House Administration, include general correspondence; and disposal reports from the National Archives, accompanied by matching House committee reports, arranged numerically (83A-F8.3).

**Subcommittee on Elections 1953-1954****Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Subcommittee on Elections, Committee on House Administration, include bills and resolutions, arranged numerically by bill or resolution; certificates of ascertainment of Presidential electors, arranged alphabetically by state; and voting in the Armed Forces (83A-F8.4).

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## Subcommittee on Enrolled Bills 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Subcommittee on Enrolled Bills, Committee on House Administration, include a docket volume, and various subjects (83A-F8.5).

## Subcommittee on the Library 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Subcommittee on the Library, Committee on House Administration, include annual reports of the Library of Congress; final report of the National Capital Sesquicentennial Commission; and bills and resolutions accompanied by correspondence and related papers pertaining to the Adelaide Johnson Memorial, the Feleky Collection, Government depositories, the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, the Marine Memorial, placing of statues of famed Puerto Rican citizens in the Statuary Hall of the Capitol, prayer room for Members of Congress, preserving ship records, the rotunda frieze ceremony, the Sarah Rittenhouse Memorial, and the Simon Bolivar Memorial, arranged alphabetically by subject (83A-F8.6).

## Subcommittee on Printing 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Subcommittee on Printing, Committee on House Administration, include bills and resolutions, arranged numerically by bill or resolution; and minutes (83A-F8.7).

## Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs 1953-1954

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**Biographical/Historical note**

On December 8, 1899, the House established the Committee on Insular Affairs to consider "all matters (excepting those affecting the revenue and appropriations) pertaining to the islands which came to the United States through the treaty of 1899 with Spain, and to Cuba." The Committee on Insular Affairs reported legislation concerning civil governments for each of the insular possessions. The committee also reported legislation concerning the clarification of citizenship status of inhabitants of the islands, ratification and confirmation of actions of the Philippine and Puerto Rican legislatures, matters relating to public works, harbor improvements, wharves, roads, railways, telephone and telegraph cables, electricity, trade and tariff laws, prohibition, education, taxes, bond issues, and relief from hurricanes and the depression. The committee also issued reports on the social, economic, and political conditions in the insular possessions. The committee was merged with other committees in 1946 under the Legislative Reorganization Act.

Committee Papers 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs include committee prints of bills, resolutions, and reports for the use of the committee, arranged numerically; executive communications, arranged numerically; printed hearings relating to specific bills and resolutions, arranged numerically in 23 serial numbers; printed joint House and Senate hearings on termination of Federal supervision over certain tribes of Indians, arranged numerically in 12 parts; unprinted hearings not pertaining to specific bills or resolutions; legislative calendar; minutes of a meeting of the Special Subcommittee on Indian Affairs held at Colville Indian Agency, Nespelem, Washington, October 17, 1953, and papers relating thereto; and minutes of the full committee (83A-F9.1).

**Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

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### Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1953-1954

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs document the construction of certain Colorado River storage and irrigation projects in the states of Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico (83A-H6.1); issuance of public improvement bonds of Hawaii (83A-H6.2); revision of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands (83A-H6.3); statehood for Hawaii (83A-H6.4); and various subjects (83A-H6.5).

#### **Arrangement note**

The petitions are arranged numerically by journal number and the memorials are arranged chronologically by the date referred.

### Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce 1953-1954

#### **Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce came into existence in 1892 when the name of the Committee on Commerce was changed. During most of the 19th century, there had been some inconsistency in the referral of certain customs-related matters. After 1895, however, the jurisdiction over customs districts, ports of entry and delivery, the transportation of dutiable goods, and officers and employees in the customs service passed to the Committee on Ways and Means. Similarly, for many years after the establishment of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee in December 1887, the division of jurisdiction over various matters relating to water transportation between the new committee and the Committee on Commerce (later, the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee) was inconsistently applied, but progressively more of these issues were referred to the Merchant Marine Committee. After passage of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, the House rules defined the jurisdiction of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee as follows: Interstate and foreign commerce generally; regulation of interstate and foreign transportation, except

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transportation by water not subject to the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission; regulation of interstate and foreign communications; civil aeronautics; weather bureau; interstate oil compacts; petroleum and natural gas, except on the public lands; securities and exchanges; regulation of interstate transmission of power, except the installation of connections between Government water power projects; railroad labor and railroad retirement and unemployment, except revenue measures relating thereto; public health and quarantine; inland waterways; the Bureau of Standards and the standardization of weights and measures and the metric system.

### Committee Papers 1953-1954

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce include executive communications, arranged numerically; House resolutions authorizing the committee to conduct various investigations and studies, arranged numerically; messages from the President; a volume of minutes; and a docket volume (83A-F10.1).

### Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1953-1954

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce document the amending of the Railroad Retirement Act (83A-H7.1); giving the Interstate Commerce Commission jurisdiction over the discontinuance of interstate railroad services (83A-H7.2); prohibiting the advertisements of alcoholic beverages (83A-H7.3); and various subjects (83A-H7.4).

#### **Arrangement note**

The petitions are arranged numerically by journal number and the memorials are arranged chronologically by the date referred.

## Committee on the Judiciary 1953-1954

**Biographical/Historical note**

The standing Committee on the Judiciary was established on June 3, 1813, to take into consideration matters touching judicial proceedings. In 1880 the rule defining its jurisdiction was revised to read "judicial proceedings, civil and criminal law," and this remained the formal definition of the jurisdiction of the committee until the reorganization of Congress in 1946. Under the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 the specialized claims committees that were in existence at that time were abolished and the claims that had been referred to them were to be referred to the Judiciary Committee or were dealt with by the executive agencies or the courts. Under the 1946 reorganization the already broad jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee was expanded to include the subjects that had formerly been referred to the Committees on Patents, Immigration and Naturalization, Revision of Laws, Claims, and War Claims. In order to accommodate the broadened area of responsibility, the committee established standing subcommittees with specialized jurisdictions to deal with the new subject areas. The committee's jurisdiction includes judiciary and judicial proceedings, civil and criminal; administrative practice and procedure; apportionment of Representatives; bankruptcy, mutiny, espionage, and counterfeiting; civil liberties; constitutional amendments; criminal law enforcement; Federal courts and judges, and local courts in the Territories and possessions; immigration policy and nonborder enforcement; interstate compacts generally; claims against the United States; meetings of Congress; attendance of Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner; and their acceptance of incompatible offices; National penitentiaries; patents, the Patent and Trademark Office, copyrights, and trademarks; Presidential succession; protection of trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies; revision and codification of the Statutes of the United States; state and territorial boundary lines; and subversive activities affecting the internal security of the United States. The committee has oversight over the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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The committee papers of the Committee on the Judiciary include general correspondence, arranged alphabetically by subject; executive communications, arranged numerically; a set of printed hearings, arranged numerically in 23 serial numbers; a printed joint House and Senate hearing on the Federal Construction Contract Act; legislative calendar; messages from the President; minutes of subcommittees Nos. 1 to 5 including vouchers of expenses; a volume of minutes of the full committee; and requisitions for binding and printing (83A-F11.1).

**Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary document amending the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Naturalization Act (83A-H8.1); amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to taxes on incomes, inheritance, and gifts (83A-H8.2); Bricker Amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to the legal effect of certain treaties and executive agreements (83A-H8.3); complaints and redress of grievances (83A-H8.4); continuing Federal supervision of tideland oil deposits (83A-H8.5); incorporating the words "Under God" in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States (83A-H8.6); requests to impeach certain public officials (83A-H8.7); and various subjects (83A-H8.8).

**Arrangement note**

The petitions are arranged numerically by journal number and the memorials are arranged chronologically by the date referred.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, Committee on the Judiciary, include general correspondence, arranged alphabetically by correspondent; other correspondence and related papers pertaining to the Subcommittee's European study trip of 1953-1954, Joint Committee on Immigration and Nationality Policy, President's Commission on Immigration and Naturalization, private bills, immigration laws in the Virgin Islands, and "wetbacks" - Mexicans who illegally cross the border from Mexico, arranged alphabetically by subject; a list of aliens whose cases, under Section 19(c) of the Immigration Act of 1917, as amended, were rejected by Congress, arranged alphabetically by alien; lists of displaced persons applying for the adjustment of their immigration status under Section 4 of the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, arranged chronologically thereunder alphabetically by applicant; lists of aliens applying for suspension of deportation under Section 19(c) of the Immigration Act of 1917, as amended, and Section 244(a)(1) and Section 244(a)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, including those cases of Section 19(c) withdrawn by the Attorney General, arranged chronologically thereunder alphabetically by applicant; a reading file; and minutes of Subcommittee No. 1 (83A-F11.2).

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries 1953-1954

**Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries was established on December 21, 1887, to replace the Select Committee on American Shipbuilding and Shipowning Interests. The House Rules defined its jurisdiction as those matters concerning the merchant marine. This included all matters relating to transportation by water, the Coast Guard, life-saving service, lighthouses, lightships, ocean derelicts, the Coast and Geodetic Survey, the Panama Canal, and fisheries. Legislation referred to the committee also included matters involving seamen (their assignments, wages, treatment, and health) and officers (their titles, conduct, and licensing); the naming, measuring, licensing, and registering of vessels; navigation and related laws; pleasure yachts; collisions at sea, as well as international arrangements to prevent them; coasting districts; maritime schools; and, taxes, fines, and penalties on vessels. The committee has also regulated shipping in the Philippines and Hawaii. As did most committees of the House, the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee created subcommittees to handle portions of its jurisdiction. In 1919 the committee was given

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jurisdiction over wireless telegraphy (radio), and in 1932 its name was changed to the Committee on Merchant Marine, Radio, and Fisheries. After a dispute with the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, the jurisdiction over radio services was transferred to that committee in 1935 and the term "radio" was dropped from the name of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. Under the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 the jurisdiction of the committee was enlarged and more fully defined.

### Committee Papers 1953-1954

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries include committee prints for the use of the committee - a communications from the President relating to long-range shipping, a report on the Steamship "Cornhusker Mariner," an interim report on the Panama Canal, a survey of American merchant marine policies and problems, and proposed amendments to the 1936 Merchant Marine Act, arranged alphabetically by subject; executive communications, arranged numerically; hearings; legislative calendar; messages from the President; and minutes (83A-F12.1).

#### **Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

### Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1953-1954

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries include various subjects (83A-H9.1).

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The petitions are arranged numerically by journal number and the memorials are arranged chronologically by the date referred.

### Special Subcommittee on the West Coast 1953-1954

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Special Subcommittee on the West Coast, Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, include hearings held to investigate shipbuilding and repair facilities in the Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Seattle harbor areas (83A-F12.2).

### Subcommittee on Panama Canal 1953-1954

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Subcommittee on Panama Canal, Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, include various subjects (83A-F12.3).

### Committee on Post Office and Civil Service 1953-1954

#### **Biographical/Historical note**

The Post Office and Civil Service Committee was established on January 2, 1947 as part of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946. It combined the jurisdictions of the former committees on Post Offices and Post Roads, Civil Service, and Census. The jurisdiction over the National Archives, formerly under the Library Committee, was also included. The formal jurisdiction of the committee included matters relating to: census and the collection of statistics generally; Federal Civil Service generally; National Archives; postal-savings banks; postal service generally, including the railway mail service, and measures relating to ocean mail and pneumatic-tube service, but excluding post roads; and the status of officers and employees of the United States, including their compensation, classification, and retirement.

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**Committee Papers 1953-1954****Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service include hearings, messages from the President, legislative calendar, special subcommittee reports, and two volumes of minutes (83A-F13.1).

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The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

**Committee on Public Works 1953-1954****Biographical/Historical note**

The Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 established the Public Works Committee by combining the jurisdiction of four standing committees--Public Buildings and Grounds, Rivers and Harbors, Roads, and Flood Control. The four original committees retained their separate identities but were reduced to subcommittees. The jurisdiction of the Committee on Public Works was as follows: (a) Flood control and improvement of rivers and harbors. (b) Measures relating to the Capitol Building and the Senate and House Office Buildings. (c) Measures relating to the construction or maintenance of roads and post roads, other than appropriations therefore; but it shall not be in order for any bill providing general legislation in relation to roads to contain any provision for any specific road, nor for any bill in relation to a specific road to embrace a provision in relation to any other specific road. (d) Measures relating to the construction or reconstruction, maintenance, and care of the buildings and grounds of the Botanic Gardens, the Library of Congress, and the Smithsonian Institute. (e) Measures relating to the purchase of sites and construction of post offices, customhouses, Federal courthouses, and Government buildings within the District of Columbia. (f) Oil and other pollution of navigable waters. (g) Public buildings and occupied or improved grounds of the United States generally. (h) Public reservations and parks within the District of Columbia, including Rock Creek

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Park and the Zoological Park. (i) Public works for the benefit of navigation, including bridges and dams (other than international bridges and dams). (j) Water power.

**Committee Papers 1953-1954****Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Committee on Public Works include executive communications, arranged numerically; hearings; legislative calendar; messages from the President; papers relating to the Omnibus Bill; minutes; and various subjects (83A-F14.1).

**Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

**Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1953-1954****Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Public Works document the construction of dams and other flood control projects (83A-H10.1); construction and maintenance of national highways (83A-H10.2); construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway (83A-H10.3); and various subjects (83A-H10.4).

**Arrangement note**

The petitions are arranged numerically by journal number and the memorials are arranged chronologically by the date referred.

**Committee on Rules 1953-1954**

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**Biographical/Historical note**

The Rules Committee was established as a select committee until 1880 when it was made a standing committee. Jurisdiction included the original establishment and revision of the rules of the House, an activity that required little attention after the first Congress because the rules of the previous Congress were usually adopted with few changes at the beginning of each new Congress. Further jurisdiction consisted of all proposed action on the rules and joint rules, control over the order of business on the floor of the House through the issuance of special orders or rules, and recesses and final adjournments of Congress.

Committee Papers 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Committee on Rules include bills and resolutions, arranged numerically by bill or resolution; and hearings (83A-F15.1).

**Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Rules include various subjects (83A-H11.1).

**Arrangement note**

The petitions are arranged numerically by journal number and the memorials are arranged chronologically by the date referred.

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**Committee on Veterans' Affairs 1953-1954****Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs was established under the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946; its jurisdiction included the subjects that had been referred to the committees on World War Veterans' Legislation, Pensions, and Invalid Pensions before they were abolished by the Act. The creation of the Veterans' Affairs Committee brought all veterans' legislation into the consideration of one committee. Prior to the consolidation of committees under the 1946 reorganization the dispersal of responsibility for veterans' affairs among the several committees caused concern as to the fairness and equality of treatment. The formal jurisdiction of the Veterans' Affairs Committee includes matters relating to: Veterans' measures generally; compensation, vocational rehabilitation, and education of veterans; life insurance issued by the Government on account of service in the armed forces; pensions of all the wars of the United States, general and special; readjustment of servicemen to civil life; soldiers' and sailors' civil relief; veterans' hospitals, medical care, and treatment of veterans.

**Committee Papers 1953-1954****Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs include a general file consisting of correspondence, job applications, drafts of bills, press releases, and publications received, arranged alphabetically by subject; correspondence relating to individual cases, arranged alphabetically by claimant; bills and resolutions, arranged numerically by bill or resolution; committee prints of the reports of the executive departments on legislation pending before the committee, arranged numerically; hearings; investigation of the Tuscaloosa Veterans' Administration Hospital, unarranged; legislative calendar; a reading file, arranged alphabetically by correspondent; and various subjects (83A-F16.1).

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The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs include the appropriations for hospital and medical programs of the Veterans' Administration (83A-H12.1); contemplated closing of Barnes Veterans' Hospital, Vancouver, Washington (83A-H12.2); and various subjects (83A-H12.3).

**Arrangement note**

The petitions are arranged numerically by journal number and the memorials are arranged chronologically by the date referred.

Minority Files 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The Minority Files of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs include records found in the files of the 86th Congress: general correspondence, 1954-1956; see 86A-F16.8.

Committee on Ways and Means 1953-1954

**Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on Ways and Means is the oldest standing committee in Congress. In 1795 another Select Committee on Ways and Means was formed, and was regularly reappointed in each session until it was defined as a standing committee in 1802. The jurisdiction of the committee includes customs revenue, collection districts, and ports of entry and delivery; reciprocal trade agreements;

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revenue measures generally; revenue measures relating to insular possessions; bonded debt of the United States, subject to the last sentence of clause 4(f); deposit of public monies; transportation of dutiable goods; tax exempt foundations and charitable trusts; and national social security (except health care and facilities programs that are supported from general revenues as opposed to payroll deductions and except work incentive programs).

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#### **Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Committee on Ways and Means include correspondence consisting of letters, postcards, telegrams and related papers concerning bonds (83A-F17.1); capital gains and double taxation of dividends (83A-F17.2); cooperatives (83A-F17.3); Customs Simplification Bill (83A-F17.4); deductions (83A-F17.5); excess profits (83A-F17.6); excise taxes (83A-F17.7); exemptions (83A-F17.8); Jenkins-Keogh Bill (83A-F17.9); pensions (83A-F17.10); personal income tax reductions (83A-F17.11); social security (83A-F17.12); tariff (83A-F17.13); Townsend Plan (83A-F17.14); unemployment compensation (83A-F17.15); and various subjects (83A-F17.16), arranged in the order listed thereunder chronologically; Congressional correspondence consisting of letters and telegrams received by Congressmen and Senators from constituents and forwarded to the committee for information and consideration (83A-F17.17), arranged alphabetically by name of Congressman or Senator; requests for publications (83A-F17.18); hearings (83A-F17.19), arranged alphabetically by subject; legislative calendar and messages from the President (83A-F17.20).

#### **Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents Which Were Referred to Committees 1953-1954

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The petitions and memorials, resolutions of state legislatures, and related documents which were referred to the Committee on Ways and Means include excise taxes (83A-H13.1); income taxes (83A-H13.2); social security (83A-H13.3); tariffs (83A-H13.4); Townsend Plan (83A-H13.5); and various subjects (83A-H13.6).

**Subcommittee on Administration of the Internal Revenue Laws 1953-1954****Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Subcommittee on Administration of the Internal Revenue Laws, Committee on Ways and Means, include correspondence, 1949-1953, arranged alphabetically by state or territory thereunder chronologically; hearings (83A-F17.21).

**Subcommittee on Social Security 1953-1954****Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Subcommittee on Social Security, Committee on Ways and Means, include correspondence with private research and welfare organizations, public welfare departments of states, counties, and cities, and other such establishments regarding the administration of public assistance, arranged alphabetically by subject; other correspondence, unarranged; newspaper clippings on social security, arranged alphabetically by state or territory; clippings on social security gathered from the "Congressional Record," periodicals and magazines, and publications of organizations and associations; statistical memoranda along with letters of transmittal from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, including coverage notes and other working papers relating thereto; hearings analyzing the social security system of the United States; a draft report of the staff based upon the subcommittee's work, including the hearings; a digest of social security bills; and press releases, speech material, and published data on social security (83A-F17.22).

**Subcommittee on Taxation of Life Insurance Companies 1953-1954**

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**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Subcommittee on Taxation of Life Insurance Companies, Committee on Ways and Means, include correspondence, hearings, and a report (83A-F17.23).

Committee of the Whole House 1953-1954

**Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee of the Whole consists of the entire membership of the House and stems from a practice in the House of Commons, when the Speaker of the House of Commons was regarded as an agent of the King. The procedure allows the Speaker to remove himself/herself from the chairmanship in order for the body to elect its own chairman and debate matters without the normal restrictions of a House of Commons session.

Committee Papers 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Committee of the Whole House include various subjects (83A-F18.1).

**Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

House Un-American Activities Committee 1953-1954

**Biographical/Historical note**

In 1945 the House Un-American Activities Committee was created as a permanent standing committee to replace the temporary Select Committee on Un-American Activities (the Dies Committee) that had existed since 1938. The committee was commonly known by its acronym

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HUAC until 1969, when its name was changed to the Committee on Internal Security. In 1975 the committee was abolished and its jurisdiction transferred to the Judiciary Committee. The committee was authorized to "make from time to time investigations of (1) the extent, character, and objects of un-American propaganda activities in the United States, (2) the diffusion within the United States of subversive and un-American propaganda that is instigated from foreign countries or of a domestic origin and attacks the principle or the form of government as guaranteed by our Constitution, and (3) all other questions in relation thereto that would aid Congress in any necessary remedial legislation."

### **Scope and Contents note**

A separate finding aid for the records of the House Un-American Activities Committee is available.

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy 1953-1954

### **Biographical/Historical note**

The Joint Committee on Atomic Energy was established by the Atomic Energy Act of 1946 (Public Law 79-585). The committee was created to "make continuing studies of the activities of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) and of problems relating to the development, use, and control of atomic energy." Created to serve as a "watchdog" of the U.S. atomic energy program, the committee monitored the Government's classified and unclassified activities involving peaceful and military applications of atomic energy. The committee held hearings in both public and executive sessions, reported bills, undertook studies, and published reports, committee prints, and hearings transcripts that sometimes included testimony taken in executive session with classified material deleted. Through hearings and other public informational activities, the committee played a significant role in encouraging peacetime uses of atomic energy. The committee dealt with such subjects as the budget authorization bills for the Atomic Energy Commission, international agreements regarding atomic energy stemming from President Dwight D. Eisenhower's "Atoms-For-Peace" speech of December 1953, and various mutual defense agreements.

### **Scope and Contents note**

A separate finding aid for the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy's records is available.

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## Select Committee on Campaign Expenditures 1953-1954

**Biographical/Historical note**

On July 21, 1954, the House of Representatives, following custom, created, by adopting House Resolution 439, 83rd Congress, a select committee to oversee the 1954 campaigns of candidates for election to the House. The committee previously had been established in the 80th, 81st, and 82nd Congresses.

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**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Select Committee on Campaign Expenditures include various subjects (83A-F19.1). There is also a separate finding aid for the records of the Select Committee.

**Arrangement note**

The subjects are arranged chronologically within each group, unless otherwise indicated.

## Select Committee on Communist Aggression 1953-1954

**Biographical/Historical note**

The House created the Baltic Committee, more formally known as the Select Committee to Investigate the Incorporation of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia into the U.S.S.R., on July 27, 1953 (83A-F20.1). Charles J. Kersten of Wisconsin was appointed chairman. In 1954, the committee's name was changed to the Select Committee on Communist Aggression when its investigative authority was broadened by H.Res. 438, 83d Cong., to include matters concerning "the subversion and destruction of free institutions and human liberties in all other areas controlled, directly or indirectly, by world communism." The committee held public hearings in the United States, Britain, and Germany, receiving the testimony of over 300 witnesses and approximately 1,500 exhibits. The

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identity of some of the witnesses was not disclosed, for fear of reprisals against relatives and friends in Communist nations. Other witnesses submitted written statements to the committee upon a pledge of anonymity.

### **Scope and Contents note**

There is a separate finding aid for the records of the Select Committee on Communist Aggression.

Select Committee to Investigate the Incorporation of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia in the U.S.S.R. 1953-1954

### **Biographical/Historical note**

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Committee Papers 1953-1954

### **Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Select Committee to Investigate the Incorporation of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia in the U.S.S.R. include various subjects (83A-F20.1).

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Select Committee on Small Business 1953-1954

**Biographical/Historical note**

On December 4, 1941, the U. S. House of Representatives created the first House Select Committee on Small Business. The select committee was established in response to a growing number of small business activists and organizations advocating for more protections and better government policies for America's small businesses. While it had no legislative authority, the select committee became popular with House members and was reauthorized each Congress until January 5, 1975, when it was made a permanent standing committee. House members then granted the new standing committee with certain areas of legislative jurisdiction and oversight functions, increasing its scope and influence.

Committee Papers 1953-1954

**Scope and Contents note**

The committee papers of the Select Committee on Small Business include various subjects (83A-F21.1).

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Special Committee to Investigate Tax Exempt Foundations and Comparable Organizations 1953-1954

**Biographical/Historical note**

**Originals of Printed House Documents**

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Concern that certain educational and philanthropic tax-exempt organizations were using their resources for un-American and subversive activities led the House to establish the Select Committee to Investigate Foundations and Other Organizations on April 4, 1952, after an extended debate that included discussion of whether the investigation might be better undertaken by one of the House standing committees. The revived committee's mandate was expanded to include an investigation to determine whether the foundations and organizations were using their resources for political purposes, propaganda, or attempts to influence legislation. The committee assembled and studied pertinent material, held 16 public hearings, and received additional statements for inclusion in the hearings transcripts before completing its work with the presentation of its final report on December 16, 1954 (H. Rept. 2681, 83d Cong., 2d sess., Serial 11748).

**Scope and Contents note**

There is a separate finding aid for the records of the Special Committee to Investigate Tax Exempt Foundations and Comparable Organizations.

**Originals of Printed House Documents 1953-1954 14.0 Cubic feet (57 volumes)****Scope and Contents note**

Original House documents are from the first session (83A-G1); and second session (83A-G2).

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged numerically within each group.

**Election Records 1953-1954 1.0 Cubic feet****Scope and Contents note**

The election records include the credentials of Representatives and Delegates (83A-J1); together with oaths of office of Representatives and Delegates (83A-J2), arranged alphabetically by state and territory; and oaths of office of elected House officers (83A-J3), arranged alphabetically by name of officer; and

**Other Records**

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original report of the tellers, on the part of both the House and Senate, of the result of the ascertainment and counting of the electoral vote for President and Vice President of the United States for the term beginning January 20, 1953 (83A-J4).

**Other Records 1953-1954 2.0 Cubic feet****Scope and Contents note**

Other records include announcements of House and Senate appointees to membership on boards, commissions, councils, joint committees, and joint select committees (83A-K1), arranged by House or Senate thereunder chronologically; announcements of programs for the House by Majority Republican Whip Arends (83A-K2), arranged chronologically; a volume of motions to discharge committees from consideration of bills and resolutions (83A-K3); and roll calls (83A-K4), arranged by session thereunder numerically by roll call.

**Controlled Access Headings****Personal Name(s)**

- Arends, Leslie Cornelius, 1895-1985

**Records of the Office of the Clerk 1953-1954****Record Books 1953-1954 3.0 Cubic feet (8 volumes)****Scope and Contents note**

The records books include a House bill book (83C-A1); House resolution book - joint, concurrent, and simple together with Senate joint and concurrent resolutions (83C-A2); Senate bill book (83C-A3);

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individual ledger (83C-A4); register of committee reports, messages from the President, and executive communications (83C-A5); and petition book (83C-A6).

**Other Records 1953-1954 1.0 Cubic feet****Scope and Contents note**

Other records include announcements by the Speaker concerning the death of Chief Justice Vinson, signing of enrolled bills and joint resolutions, and others (83C-B1); applications of House members for leave of absence (83C-B2); communications from the Clerk of the House to the Speaker (83C-B3); communications from House members to the Speaker (83C-B4); communications from the President of the United States to the Speaker (83C-B5); Reading Clerk's daily work sheets (83C-B6); receipt books of the Enrolling Clerk (83C-B7); receipt books of the Reading Clerk (83C-B8); reports of the Committee on House Administration showing bills and joint resolutions presented to the President for his approval (83C-B9); reports from the White House showing bills and joint resolutions approved by the President (83C-B10); and White House receipts of bills and joint resolutions received from the Committee on House Administration (83C-B11).