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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives and Records Administration
Title	Records of the Committee on Government Operations
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Biographical/Historical note

On July 3, 1952, the Committee was renamed 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.

Administrative Information

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

Bill Files 1963-1965

Scope and Contents note

The bill files of the Committee on Government Operations include records relating to a wide variety of subjects, many of which concern economy and efficiency of governmental operations. Records relating to specific legislation may be found in full committee bill files or in bill files generated by the subcommittee that reported the legislation. Occasionally files on a bill or resolution are in both the full committee and subcommittee levels.

Committee Papers 1963-1965

Scope and Contents note

The committee papers of the Committee on Government Operations contain a distinct subject file providing information on the agencies and topics with which the committee dealt. There are also separate subject files on topics of interest, such as one on the implementation of the recommendations of the second Hoover Commission between 1955 and 1963 (88 GO.4). Also included is a series of chronological and alphabetical "reading" files for the 88th-90th Congresses (4 ft.); records kept by Chairman William L. Dawson on the work of the subcommittees; and, for most Congresses, General Accounting Office audit reports, often arranged by the subcommittee to which they were referred. Administrative files, including personnel and payroll files, as well as correspondence to and from committee members, can be found in the committee's records from the 92nd Congress. Records documenting Death Valley and Timber Sales practices from 1964-1965, and chronological files, can be found in the Subcommittee on Conservation and Natural Resources records from the 92nd Congress.

Subcommittees 1963-1965 244.0 Cubic feet

Subcommittee on Executive and Legislative Reorganization

Scope and Contents note

The records of the subcommittees of the Committee on Government Operations include minutes, reports, correspondence, memoranda, General Accounting Office audit reports, bills and resolutions referred to subcommittee and accompanying papers, printed copies and transcripts of hearings, prints of committee and House reports, transcripts of executive sessions, and subject files on agencies. Not every type of record is available for each subcommittee.

Subcommittee on Executive and Legislative Reorganization 1963-1965 38.0 Cubic feet**Scope and Contents note**

The records of the Subcommittee on Executive and Legislative Reorganization of the Committee on Government Operations relate to reorganizations, including the establishment of departments, agencies, commissions, and assignments of governmental functions to agencies and departments (88 GO.13). The largest quantity of records (8 ft.) pertain to a 1960-1966 investigation of the Foreign Agricultural Service (88 GO.13).

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information 1963-1965 3.0 Cubic feet**Scope and Contents note**

The records of the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information of the Committee on Government Operations document a variety of investigations and studies conducted during the mid-1960s, including the use of polygraphs as "lie detectors" by the Federal Government; U.S. economic aid and military assistance programs in Vietnam; U.S. aid operations in Latin America under the Alliance for Progress program; and issues related to access to governmental information (88 GO.15). Additional records including extensions of remarks and press releases of subcommittee Chairman John E. Moss can be found in the records of the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information from the 92nd Congress.

Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations 1963-1965 20.0 Cubic feet

Subcommittee on Legal and Monetary Affairs

Scope and Contents note

The records of the Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations of the Committee on Government Operations document a variety of investigations and studies, including those related to commercial and industrial-type activities in the federal government, such as box manufacturing, printing, commissaries, and the postal savings system (83A-F715); the donable surplus property program (83A-F715); the business operations of Billie Sol Estes with the Government (88 GO.16); export transactions and price support and storage activities; and the safety of new drugs (88 GO.16).

Subcommittee on Legal and Monetary Affairs 1963-1965 18.0 Cubic feet**Scope and Contents note**

The records of the Subcommittee on Legal and Monetary Affairs of the Committee on Government Operations provide information a variety of subjects that the committee studied or investigated. During the 88th Congress, the subcommittee reviewed crime against banking institutions, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation activities, and the Department of Justice procedures for collecting fines (88 GO.17).

Subcommittee on Military Operations 1963-1965 30.0 Cubic feet**Scope and Contents note**

The records of the Subcommittee on Military Operations of the Committee on Government Operations provide information about a wide variety of topics, including the military property accounting systems; procurement policies and practices; organization and operation of the military supply management program; disposition of military surplus property; defense contracts; civil defense management; organization and management of the military missile programs; management of nuclear submarine development; government use of satellite communication; use of computers in information retrieval; and unnecessary costs in various programs (88 GO.18). There are 2 feet of subcommittee records for the 86th-90th Congresses that were retired by the Legislative and National Security Subcommittee of the

Subcommittee on National Resources and Power

Government Operations Committee. Included in these records is information about flight pay, chemical warfare, communication satellites, and military and civilian missile programs.

Subcommittee on National Resources and Power 1963-1965

Scope and Contents note

The records of the Subcommittee on National Resources and Power, Committee on Government Operations, include information about problems with the Nation's water resources and water pollution control (88 GO.19).