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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives and Records Administration
Title	Records of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs
Date [inclusive]	1963-1965
Extent	1.0 Cubic feet
Language	English

Biographical/Historical note

Under the 1946 Reorganization Act, six standing committees--Public Lands, Indian Affairs, Territories, Mines and Mining, Irrigation and Reclamation, and Insular Affairs-- were merged to form a new committee. At the time of the merger, the committee assumed the name of Committee on Public Lands, but during the 82nd Congress (1951-52), the name was changed to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs to reflect more accurately the responsibilities of the committee. The committee functioned through subcommittees that essentially mirrored the old standing committees that had existed before the 1946 merger. There were subcommittees on Indian affairs, irrigation and reclamation, mines and mining, public lands, and territories and insular affairs.

The jurisdiction of the committee is as follows: a) Forest reserves and national parks created from the public domain; (b) Forfeiture of land grants and alien ownership, including alien ownership of mineral lands; (c) Geological Survey; (d) Interstate compacts relating to apportionment of waters for irrigation purposes; (e) Irrigation and reclamation projects, and easements of public lands for irrigation projects, and acquisition of private lands when necessary to complete irrigation projects; (f) Measures relating to the care, education, and management of Indians, including the care and allotment of Indian lands and general and special measures relating to claims which are paid out of Indian funds; (g) Measures relating generally to Hawaii, Alaska, and the insular possessions of the United States, except those affecting the revenue and appropriations; (h) Military parks and battlefields, and national cemeteries; (i) Mineral land laws and claims and entries thereunder; (j) Mineral resources of the public lands; (k) Mineral interests generally; (l) Mining schools and experimental stations; (m) Petroleum conservation on the public lands and conservation of the radium supply in the United States; (n) Preservation of prehistoric ruins and objects of interest on the public domain; (o) Public lands generally, including entry, easements, and grazing thereon; and (p) Relations of the United States with the Indians and the Indian tribes.

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

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs Records 1963-1965

Scope and Contents note

During the 1950's and 1960's the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs dealt with important legislation relating to the Territories of the United States.

Bill Files 1963-1965

Scope and Contents note

Bill files of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs are organized by bill number and usually contain a printed copy of the bill and supporting materials. The committee dealt with a number of bills relating to Indians.

Committee Papers 1963-1965

Scope and Contents note

The committee papers of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs include resolutions, reports, published and unpublished hearings, executive communications, prints of bills, and other administrative papers necessary for the committee to conduct its business.

Legislative Calendars 1963-1965

Scope and Contents note

Memorials and Petitions

The legislative calendars of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs essentially furnish the same information as docket books did for earlier Congresses, including the receipt and disposition of legislation and petitions by the committee. There is at least one legislative calendar for each Congress from 1951-1968.

Memorials and Petitions 1963-1965

Scope and Contents note

Most of the petitions and memorials of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs referred to the committee were on preprinted forms and focused upon a single issue.

Minutes 1963-1965 5.0 Cubic feet

Scope and Contents note

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs produced unbound minutes providing a record of committee and subcommittee meetings. From the 86th to the 90th Congresses (1959-1968), separate minutes were maintained for the full committee and subcommittees.