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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives and Records Administration
<b>Title</b>	Records of the Committee on Rules
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1963-1965
<b>Extent</b>	Amount unknown
<b>Language</b>	English

## **Biographical/Historical note**

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The Rules Committee existed 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.

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## **Scope and Contents note**

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The records of the Committee on Rules include lists of Members and staff; hearing transcripts; index of measures referred to the Committee on Rules; committee calendar; memorials and petitions; and card files.

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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

### **Committee Papers 1963-1965**

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

The committee papers for each Congress of the Committee on Rules include a complete set of bills, resolutions, and other documents referred to the committee and reports and resolutions produced by the committee. Committee papers for most of this period include index cards on all measures referred to the committee and typewritten lists of bills, resolutions, and other documents referred as well as the committee action and floor response to each item. These documents provide an overview of the work of the committee during the period before the Rules Committee published a committee calendar.

### **Minutes 1963-1965**

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

The minutes of meetings of the Committee on Rules from 1957 through 1968 are unbound and filed in folders in the committee papers collections for the 85th through 90th Congresses. The minutes are extensive and provide a record of activity at every meeting of the committee. Some of the minutes, such as those for organizational meetings at the beginning of a Congress, are so detailed that they read more like transcripts than minutes. They include drafts of resolutions and drafts of committee rules, written statements and summaries of oral statements of members supporting or opposing legislation, copies of bills and resolutions, and copies of printed hearings. The minutes are indexed for each session.

### **Petitions and Memorials 1963-1965**

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

## Petitions and Memorials

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The most frequent subject of petitions and memorials referred to the Rules Committee during the 1950s and 1960s was congressional investigations and investigating committees. Toward the end of the decade (1957-1958), the petitions and memorials are more pointedly concerned with the investigations of the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC), and with efforts from various groups to eliminate the committee (88A-H13.1).