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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives and Records Administration
Title	Records of the Committee on Armed Services
Date [inclusive]	1969-1971
Extent	Amount unknown
Language	English

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.

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 Armed Services Records 1969-1971

Scope and Contents note

The records of the Committee on Armed Services include minutes, a legislative calendar, memorials and petitions, hearings on subjects affecting naval and military establishments and special reports, procurement research and development personnel strength authorizations for FY 71 and FY 72, and military construction reports. Also included are subcommittee hearings and minutes for the subcommittees on Real Estate and Military Construction, and the investigation of the My Lai Incident. This file unit also contains executive communications from government agencies. There is a significant amount of material relating to executive communication number 1562, a letter from the Secretary of Defense regarding persons formerly affiliated with the Department of Defense who filed a report for fiscal year 1971 as employees of defense contractors. Also included is correspondence, bills, and background research compiled by committee staff member Ralph Marshall on various committee oversight issues. This file unit includes extensive publications from federal and state agencies, as well as private organizations, related to drugs and drug use. A significant portion of the materials concern drug abuse by service members. Also included are newspaper articles, handwritten notes, and incoming and outgoing correspondence.

Bill Files 1969-1971

Scope and Contents note

The bill files of the Committee on Armed Services exist for every Congress. The files average 7 feet per Congress and consist of thin tri-folded files for each bill and resolution referred to the committee. The files usually contain copies of the printed bill along with correspondence between the committee and the affected executive agencies.

Executive Secretary Files

Executive Secretary Files 1969-1971**Scope and Contents note**

The Executive Secretary Files (86th-93rd Congresses) of the Committee on Armed Services are legislative files covering such subjects as military construction, Armed Forces pay, the Universal Military Training and Service Act, aircraft appropriations, and military personnel. These records are, for the most part, research files containing survey data, reports, correspondence, and other information relating to the subjects in the jurisdiction of the committee. The Full Committee and Subcommittee Hearing Transcripts include many transcripts of subcommittee hearings and executive sessions. A large number of the executive session transcripts are from the Subcommittee on Real Estate and Construction. [also include minutes]. Also of interest is a hearing transcript on the CVAN-70 aircraft carrier.

Front Office Files 1969-1971**Scope and Contents note**

The 80th-93d Congress Front Office Files of the Committee on Armed Services cover a variety of administrative subjects such as the personnel files of former committee staff members, committee travel, and miscellaneous topics such as invitations to members. A closely related set of records, Committee Travel Files, contain correspondence and vouchers as well as other records related to the travel of committee members and staff. Both sets of files are arranged chronologically by Congress.

Subcommittees 1969-1971

Armed Services Investigating 1969-1971

Scope and Contents note

This file unit contains hearing material, public comments and correspondence pertaining to defense communications. This file unit also contains the subcommittee files, including but not

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limited to correspondence, reports, and background research on a variety of topics, including the subcommittee's creation and the subcommittee's trip to Southeast Asia.

Central Intelligence Agency 1969-1971

Scope and Contents note

This file unit contains minutes, bills, hearings, research materials, and other records compiled by Mr. Frank Slatinshek, committee staffer. The files pertain to intelligence issues.

Supplemental Service Benefits 1969-1971

Scope and Contents note

This file unit contains the staff files of Mr. William Cook pertaining to survivor benefits.