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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>	1969-1971
<b>Extent</b>	Amount unknown
<b>Language</b>	English

## Biographical/Historical note

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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.

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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 on Rules 1969-1971

#### Scope and Contents note

Since 1969 the unpublished records of the Committee on Rules are comparatively sparse. They consist of files of House bills referred directly to the committee, original jurisdiction measures reported, rules of procedures, committee membership, statistics and calendar information, subject index, rules granted, transcripts of hearings, minutes of meetings, executive sessions, research files, speeches and press releases, analyses of legislation, amendments, and small files relating to the administration of the committee. The records of this committee sometimes also contain bill files from subcommittees or transcripts of subcommittee meetings, such as the 91st Congress Subcommittee on Legislative Reorganization. Most of the records document the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970.