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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 Ways and Means
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1969-1971
<b>Extent</b>	Amount unknown
<b>Language</b>	English

## Biographical/Historical note

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The Committee on Ways and Means is the oldest standing committee in Congress. In 1795, a Select Committee on Ways and Means was formed, and was regularly reappointed in each session until it was defined as a standing committee in 1802. The jurisdiction of the committee includes customs revenue, collection districts, and ports of entry and delivery; reciprocal trade agreements; revenue measures generally; revenue measures relating to insular possessions; bonded debt of the United States, subject to the last sentence of clause 4(f); deposit of public monies; transportation of dutiable goods; tax exempt foundations and charitable trusts; and national social security (except health care and facilities programs that are supported from general revenues as opposed to payroll deductions and except work incentive programs).

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## Scope and Contents note

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The records of the Committee on Ways and Means include transcribed reports, minute books, docket books, petitions, memorials, committee papers, and bill files of the committee and its subcommittees.

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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

### **Bill Files 1969-1971**

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

This file unit contains legislative material for the subcommittee, as well as bill files. The legislative material is composed of executive communications, legislative proposals, and similar material. The bill files include printed bills, research, correspondence, and similar material. Major topics include H.R. 16311 on welfare reform, H.R. 18970 on tariff and trade law amendments, and H.R. 17550 on Social Security Act amendments.

### **Correspondence 1969-1971**

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

This file unit contains incoming and outgoing correspondence from the public to the committee. Also included is incoming correspondence with attachments regarding revenue sharing. The records include the eight-part printed committee hearing titled "General Revenue Sharing" as well as the Department of the Treasury's Office of Revenue Sharing publications concerning entitlement payments.