

**Records of the Ad Hoc Select Committee  
on the Outer Continental Shelf  
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95th Congress**

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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 Ad Hoc Select Committee on the Outer Continental Shelf
<b>Date</b>	1977-1978
<b>Extent</b>	48.0 Cubic feet (120 archival boxes)
<b>Language</b>	English

## **Biographical/Historical note**

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The Ad Hoc Select Committee on the Outer Continental Shelf was established on April 22, 1975. It was authorized by the Speaker to consider a particularly complex bill. Its membership was composed of members from other committees with related jurisdiction. It was the first ad hoc committee to have legislative authority. The committee was charged with reporting H.R. 6218, which was a bill to establish a policy for the management of oil and natural gas in the outer continental shelf; to protect the marine and coastal environment, and the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act. The committee failed to report the bill to the House, so it was extended to the end of the 94th Congress. It was extended again through the 95th Congress, and became a Select Committee at the beginning of the 96th Congress. It was not renewed after the 96th Congress.

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## **Scope and Contents note**

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The records document the work of the Ad Hoc Committee during the 95th Congress. Most of the records are reports related to the work of the committee and files related to hearings held by the committee. There is little unpublished material.

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## **Arrangement note**

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There is little arrangement to the records. Although hearing files and some legislative files are grouped together, most of the other records are scattered throughout the boxes with little continuity among the series.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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## **Rule VII**

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.

Administrative files

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## Collection Inventory

### **Administrative files (circa 5 archival boxes)**

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

Minutes, budget files, monthly reports, and other miscellaneous administrative records.

### **Committee papers (circa 66 archival boxes)**

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

Miscellaneous committee papers, including newspaper and Congressional Record clippings, publications, dear colleagues, minority views, subject files, committee rules, markup transcripts, committee reports and related reports, Senate-House conference materials, Chief Clerk files. Many boxes only labeled "miscellaneous."

### **Correspondence (1 archival box)**

### **Hearings (circa 33 archival boxes)**

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

Hearing files, including transcripts, markup, and witness lists.

### **Legislative files (circa 13 archival boxes)**

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**Scope and Contents note**

Printed bills, related legislation, correspondence, statements, and reports related to legislation being considered by the committee. Legislative issues include offshore oil and gas development, oil and gas leasing on the outer continental shelf, and environmental impact studies. Most material is related to S.9/H.R. 1614 (Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments).