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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives and Records Administration
Title	Records of the Committee on Government Operations
Date [inclusive]	1977-1978
Extent	188.0 Cubic feet (470 archival boxes)
Language	English

Biographical/Historical note

The Committee on Government Operations (1953-1995) is one of the predecessors of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The primary function of the committee was to oversee operations of government activities at all levels to determine their efficiency and economy. Unlike other House committees, its jurisdiction was government-wide.

Scope and Contents note

The records document the work of the Committee during the 95th Congress. The records are a mix of the published and unpublished work product of the committee. The bulk of the records are subcommittee records documenting the issues and oversight responsibilities under the committee's jurisdiction.

Arrangement note

The records are arranged into full committee and subcommittee files. The full committee files are arranged into bill files, Chairman's notebooks, committee and subcommittee papers, investigative files, official communications, subject files, and transcripts. The subcommittee files are arranged by subcommittee name. Any subseries arrangement is noted therein.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Rule VII/National Security Classification

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.

In addition, classified records generated by Executive Branch agencies remain under the control of the agency that created and classified the information.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).
- General Services Administration (GSA).

Subject(s)

- Diplomatic and consular service
- Electronic data processing
- Secrecy--law and legislation
- Vietnam

Collection Inventory

Full committee

Bill files (36 archival boxes)

Chairman's notebooks (8 archival boxes)

Arrangement note

Arranged chronologically.

Committee and subcommittee papers (36 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Administrative files of the committee and its subcommittees; minutes; other committees; departments and agencies; chronological and alphabetical files; and subcommittee referrals, hearings, clippings, correspondence.

Investigative files (13 archival boxes)

Conditions Governing Access note

Under Rule VII, investigative and other sensitive records can be closed for a total of 50 years from the date of their creation.

Scope and Contents note

Official communications

Military health and research investigation, patent office investigation.

Official communications (140 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Required reports, executive communications, petitions, and memorials. Some material is classified.

Arrangement note

Arranged by GAO "B" number.

Subject files (87 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Subjects include Automatic Data Processing (ADP) and responses to the committee's questionnaire about it. Responses are grouped by the category of responder.

Arrangement note

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Transcripts (35 archival boxes)

Arrangement note

Arranged by chronologically by subcommittee.

Subcommittees

Subcommittee on Civil Service

Subcommittee on Civil Service (2 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Printed reports.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer, and Monetary Affairs (44 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Hearings and reports, subject files, and oversight files. Subjects include Federal Bank Regulatory Agencies, the Treasury Department/IRS, Federal Home Loan Bank Board, export of banned products, export promotion programs, foreign tax credits, problems with sale of insurance in airports.

Arrangement note

Hearings and reports are arranged chronologically. Subject files are arranged alphabetically.

Subcommittee on Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources (12 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Reference material from footnotes in H. Rept. 95-1090, Nuclear Power Costs. Printed hearings and reports. Hearing subjects include solar energy.

Subcommittee on Government Activities and Transportation (1968-1978) (154 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Records are miscellaneous files of the subcommittee ranging from 1968 to 1978. Files include reports, background material, correspondence, bill files, and subject files. Subjects and issues include

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transportation of hazardous materials by air, surplus property, interstate commerce, and Freedom of Information Act. Other files from the 95th Congress include hearing files, Government Accounting Office (GAO) informational reports, bill files, alphabetical correspondence, and subject files, chronological files, and administrative files. Hearings subjects include Coast Guard and Oil Tanker Pollution, federal van pooling program, Consolidated Rail Corporation. Subjects include General Services Administration (GSA), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation, and H.R. 6831 (National Energy Act), SST Concorde, GSA/Public Building Services.

Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights (43 archival boxes)**Scope and Contents note**

Legislative files, subject files, correspondence, administrative files, press releases, meeting files, hearings. Subjects include the Presidential Records Act, privacy/Sunshine Act, Privacy Protection Study Commission hearings.

Arrangement note

Legislative files are arranged by bill number. Subject files are arranged alphabetically. Meetings and hearings are arranged chronologically.

Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations and Human Resources (24 archival boxes)**Scope and Contents note**

Hearing files, miscellaneous subcommittee papers, legislative files.

Subcommittee on Legislation and National Security (1966-1978) (230 archival boxes)**Scope and Contents note**

Subcommittee on Legislation and National Security

Classified hearing transcripts, notes, memos, and embassy and other briefings, and other miscellaneous files primarily related to USAID programs, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, and South America. Material dates back to 1966. Working files from the 95th Congress related to various subjects including the State Department and contract review, consumer protection legislation, reorganization legislation, Department of Education and Headstart, Laguna Niguel federal building, embassy operations. Bill files, official communications, and press releases. Includes two boxes of background information for hearings from the Minority.