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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives and Records Administration
Title	Records of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries
Date	1977-1978
Extent	94.8 Cubic feet (237 archival boxes)
Language	English

Biographical/Historical note

The Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries was established on December 21, 1887. Its jurisdiction included all matters relating to transportation by water, the Coast Guard, life-saving service, lighthouses, the Panama Canal, and fisheries and Merchant Marine officers and seaman. The jurisdiction of the Committee was absorbed by the Committee on Natural Resources in 1995.

Scope and Contents note

The records document the work of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee during the 95th Congress. Records include administrative files, bill files, correspondence files, printed hearings, press files (releases and clippings), executive communications, petitions and memorials, presidential messages, subcommittee files, subject files, transcripts of markup sessions, public laws, and minutes. Subjects of interest include a large series of records from the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife Conservation, and the Environment.

Arrangement note

The records are arranged by full committee and subcommittees and separated into series.

Administrative Information

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.

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Alaska

Collection Inventory

Full committee

Administrative files 1975-1978 (14 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Contains records of committee attendance, vouchers, monthly reports, stationery inventory sheets, telephone bills, and files related to budget and travel.

Bill files (60 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Includes correspondence files, printed hearings, and other material relating to bills referred to the Committee. There is a significant amount of information related to the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (H.R. 39) and amendments to the Energy Transportation Security Act (H.R. 1037).

Arrangement note

Arranged by bill number.

Committee prints (2 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Contains committee prints, House documents, and presidential messages.

Committee papers

Arrangement note

Arranged in rough numerical order.

Committee papers (13 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Includes the final legislative calendar, letters from the chairman, and minutes of the Committee.

Correspondence (13 boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Contains material related to aquaculture and the Central Valley Project.

Arrangement note

Arranged by subject.

Official communications (14 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Executive communications, petitions and memorials.

Minority files (19 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Files related to private and public laws. There is a significant amount of material relating to the Port & Waterways Safety Act Amendments (P.L. 95-474), including bills, Congressional Record

Press files

clippings, hearings, departmental reports, correspondence, and background information. There is also material related to the Intercoastal Shipping Act (P.L. 95-475), Controlled Carriers (P.L. 95-483), and Endangered Species Act Amendments (P.L. 95-632).

Arrangement note

Arranged numerically.

Press files (9 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Contains reporters' carbon and tape, press releases, and press clippings.

Arrangement note

Press releases are arranged chronologically and press clips are arranged by subject.

Printed hearings (14 archival boxes)

Arrangement note

Arranged by subject.

Subject files (1 archival box)

Arrangement note

Arranged by subject.

Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Navigation (1 archival box)

Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence relating to oil pollution.

Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment

Administrative files (5 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Contains material relating to staff travel, budget, and personnel. There are also applications for fishing vessels, fisheries, and other activities.

Arrangement note

Arranged by subject.

Bill files (2 archival boxes)

Legislative files (35 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Contains files relating to the 200 Mile Fishery Zone Act (H.R. 200), Alaska Lands, the Endangered Species Act, the National Wildlife Refuge System, the National Environmental Policy Act, tuna fishing, and deep seabed mining.

Arrangement note

Arranged by subject.

Correspondence

Correspondence (7 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Includes correspondence relating to Alaska, elephants, and amendments to the Endangered Species Act.

Arrangement note

Arranged by subject.

Legislative histories (5 archival boxes)

Reading file (1 archival box)

Scope and Contents note

Contains information from July 1978 – December 1978.

Speech file (1 archival box)

Scope and Contents note

Contains a speech made by Chairman John BreauX relating to International Fishery Agreements.

Subject files (11 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Contains environmental impact statements and material relating to the Preliminary Management Plan.

Transcripts

Arrangement note

Arranged by subject.

Transcripts (19 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Transcripts of closed and secret sessions and unprinted transcripts of markup sessions. There are also files related to the Congressional Port Caucus.

Arrangement note

Arranged by type of session and thereunder chronologically.

Conditions Governing Access note

Under House Rule VII, sensitive records can be closed for up to a total of 50 years from the date of their creation.