

**Records of the Select Committee  
on Narcotics Abuse and Control  
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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 Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control
<b>Date</b>	1977-1978
<b>Extent</b>	18.4 Cubic feet (46 archival boxes)
<b>Language</b>	English

## **Biographical/Historical note**

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The Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control was established by H. Res. 1350 in 1976. Its stated purpose was to address the social and legal problems created by drug abuse on a national and international scale. The select committee would coordinate investigation of the issue, which had been impeded by its fragmented jurisdiction. The committee did not have legislative authority, but it was intended to develop comprehensive plans and responses to the drug problem. The select committee operated for 16 years. It was not renewed at the beginning of the 103rd Congress, when four select committees were eliminated in an effort to reduce bureaucracy and expenses.

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## **Scope and Contents note**

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The records document the work of the Select Committee during the 95th Congress. The records are primarily hearings, reports, subject files, and investigative files.

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## **Arrangement note**

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There is little arrangement to these records. They are loosely arranged into the following series: chronological files, committee papers, committee publications, hearings, investigative files, minority files, reports, and subject files. Any discernible series arrangement is noted therein.

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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.

Chronological files

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## Collection Inventory

**Chronological files (7 archival boxes)**

**Committee papers (3 archival boxes)**

**Scope and Contents note**

Records include meetings, major bills, legislative summaries.

**Committee publications (4 archival boxes)**

**Scope and Contents note**

Printed reports, hearings, and reports.

**Arrangement note**

Arranged by publication number.

**Hearings (9 archival boxes)**

**Scope and Contents note**

Miscellaneous hearing files, including hearings on drug use prevention, Veterans Administration/Bureau of Prisons, and Chicago heroin/money laundering.

**Investigative files (7 archival boxes)**

## Minority files

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### **Rule VII**

Due to the sensitive nature of investigative records, under House Rule VII these records may be closed for a total of 50 years from the date of creation.

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

Miscellaneous subjects investigated by the Select Committee, including Southeast Asia and drug abuse in the military.

### **Minority files (8 archival boxes)**

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

Investigations, hearings, oversight, and subject files.

### **Reports (2 archival boxes)**

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

Interim report of the Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control (supplemental information, booklets, and studies).

### **Subject files (3 archival boxes)**

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

Subjects include decriminalization of marijuana (hearing and investigation files).