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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 Committees
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1979-1980
<b>Extent</b>	18.4 Cubic feet (46 archival boxes)
<b>Language</b>	English

## **Biographical/Historical note**

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On March 20, 1979, the House adopted H.Res. 118 by a vote of 208-200, establishing the Select Committee on Committees. The Select Committee was charged with studying committee structure, jurisdiction, staffing, rules and procedures, and facilities and media coverage. One reason for the creation of the committee was the proliferation of subcommittees. For example, by the late 1970s, there were more than 83 committees and subcommittees claiming some jurisdiction over energy. The Select Committee met for more than a year to develop a set of recommended changes to House committee jurisdictions and other topics.

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## **Scope and Contents note**

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Records are staff director files, including background information on the committee, meeting files, member interviews, hearing files, reports, administrative files, and miscellaneous files. There is a notable series of majority and minority of hearing and other miscellaneous files related to energy jurisdiction among House committees.

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## **Arrangement note**

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The files are arranged into the following series: staff director files, minority files, and administrative files.

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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.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Subject(s)

- Energy

## Collection Inventory

### **Administrative files (15 archival boxes)**

#### **Arrangement note**

Arranged in rough alphabetical order.

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

Agenda, clippings, dear colleagues, meetings, monthly reports, and other miscellaneous office administration files. Draft, transcripts, witnesses, summaries of testimony, floor debate, and markup related to Energy Jurisdiction hearings.

### **Minority files (6 archival boxes)**

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

Committee establishment files, including committee and subcommittee assignments and limitations and jurisdiction, meeting minutes, final report, memos, files of Ranking Member James C. Cleveland, questionnaires and results sent to leadership and chairman, files related to energy jurisdiction issue, markup, legislative files.

#### **Arrangement note**

Arranged in rough alphabetical order by subject.

### **Staff Director files (16 archival boxes)**

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

## Staff Director files

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Background information on the establishment of the Committee, full committee meeting files, staff briefings, correspondence, interviews with committee members, energy jurisdiction hearing files, and files of the special counsel, reports, and miscellaneous administrative files.

### **Arrangement note**

Arranged into background information on the Select Committee on Committees, full committee meetings, senior staff briefings, general staff meetings, task forces, correspondence with Members and officials, Member interviews, miscellaneous, energy jurisdiction hearings, energy matters, files of special counsel, various categories, energy, miscellaneous reports.