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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives and Records Administration
Creator	Committee on the District of Columbia.
Title	Records of the Committee on the District of Columbia
Date [inclusive]	1979-1980
Extent	12.5 Linear feet (25 archival boxes)
Language	English

Biographical/Historical note

On January 27, 1808, the House adopted a resolution to establish a committee for the District whose duty was "to take into consideration all petitions and memorials relating to the affairs of the District of Columbia." The committee was eventually absorbed into the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform at the end of the 103rd Congress (1993-1994).

Scope and Contents note

The District Council acts, bill files, and official communications documenting the issues before the committee during the 96th Congress (1979-1980).

Arrangement note

Files are arranged in three series: House bill files, District Council acts, and official communications.

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.

Collection Inventory

Bill files (9 archival boxes)

Arrangement note

Arranged by bill number.

District Council acts (14 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

The Council of the District of Columbia is the legislative branch of the local government of the District of Columbia. As stipulated in the United States Constitution, the District is not part of any U.S. state and is instead overseen directly by the federal government. Since 1973, the United States Congress has devolved certain powers to the Council that would typically be exercised by state legislatures. However, Congress maintains supreme authority over the federal district and therefore all acts of the Council are subject to congressional review and may be overturned.

Arrangement note

Arranged chronologically.

Official communications (3 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Executive communications.

Arrangement note

Official communications

Arranged chronologically.