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Summary Information

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| Repository | Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives and Records Administration |
| Creator | Committee on Government Operations. |
| Title | Records of the Committee on Government Operations |
| Date [inclusive] | 1979-1980 |
| Extent | 350.0 Linear feet (circa 700 archival boxes) |
| Language | English |

Biographical/Historical note

The committee first appeared as the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments, which was created in 1927 by consolidating the 11 Committees on Expenditures previously spread among the various departments of the federal government to oversee how taxpayer monies were spent. The Committee's immediate predecessor, the Committee on Government Operations, was established in 1952. The name change was intended to communicate the primary function of the committee: to study "the operations of Government activities at all levels with a view to determining their economy and efficiency." It is the Committee's government-wide oversight jurisdiction that sets it apart from other House committees. The committee was renamed in the 106th Congress as the Committee on Government Reform. While retaining the agenda of the former Committee on Government Operations, the Committee also has the responsibilities of the former Committee on Post Office and Civil Service and the Committee on the District of Columbia. On January 4, 2007, the 110th Congress changed its name to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Committee on Government Operations, 96th Congress

The records document the work of the Committee on Government Operations during the 96th Congress (1979-1980). Files contain executive communications, petitions and memorials, hearing files, bill files, subject files, oversight and investigative files, and staff working files. The bulk of the records are General Accounting Office (GAO) reports to Congress and executive communications. Of note are a series of Chairman's notebooks organized chronologically. Topics of interest include of investigative files on competitive sourcing government by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-76, the Paperwork Reduction Act, privacy of insurance records, and Freedom of Information, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The series of GAO reports contains classified records.

Arrangement note

The files are separated into two main series: full committee files and subcommittee files. Full committee files are arranged by series and subcommittee files are arranged by subcommittee name.

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

Corporate Name(s)

- United States. Federal Aviation Administration.

Subject(s)

- Freedom of information
- Government paperwork--Law and legislation
- Privacy--health insurance records.

Collection Inventory

Full committee

Bill files (41 archival boxes)

Arrangement note

Arranged chronologically bill number.

Committee papers (50 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Files include activities report for 96th Congress, clippings about committee members, committee funding, jurisdiction, meeting notices, minutes, other committees, departments and agencies, chronological files, alphabetical files, clippings, lists of hearings, referrals for subcommittees, chairman's notebooks, legislative files, and public laws.

Executive communications (circa 62 archival boxes)

Arrangement note

Arranged chronologically.

Investigative files (10 archival boxes)

Required reports

Scope and Contents note

Investigative files related to Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76, which relates to "inherently governmental" activities.

Required reports (105 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Includes General Accounting Office (GAO) reports to Congress, GAO letter reports, GAO staff studies, and miscellaneous GAO publications.

Arrangement note

Arranged chronologically.

Subject files (25 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Subjects include automatic data processing (ADP), ADP acquisition notifications, and privacy of insurance records.

Transcripts (28 archival boxes)

Arrangement note

Arranged chronologically by full committee and subcommittees.

Scope and Contents note

Transcripts for full committee and subcommittees.

Subcommittees

Subcommittees

Subcommittee on Civil Service (3 archival boxes)

Arrangement note

Arranged by report number.

Scope and Contents note

Published reports.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer, and Monetary Affairs (41 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Hearings and reports and staff files and oversight files on the Federal Reserve Board and travel industry abuses. Subject files include bank advertising, federal bank regulatory agencies, commodity futures trading commission, foreign investment in the United States, inflation, and the Treasury Department.

Arrangement note

Arranged chronologically.

Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations and Human Resources (18 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Background information, correspondence, etc. for cancelled hearings on National Caries [cavities] Program; hearing files, subcommittee papers, correspondence, publications, correspondence related to

Subcommittee on Government Activities

Merital safety reports. Merital is the brand name for the drug nomifensine, a norepinephrine-dopamine reuptake inhibitor.

Subcommittee on Government Activities (1973-1980) (120 archival boxes)**Scope and Contents note**

Correspondence, reports, transcripts, background material, montly reports, subcommittee business, hearing files, investigative files, legislation referred to the subcommittee. Subjects include Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), General Services Administration/Federal Supply Service (GSA/FSS), Rio Airways Inc, FAA 6040 outage data retrieval system, FAA aviation saftety reporting systems (ASRS), FAA certification process, NASA/Skylab, GSA explanatory statements, GSA investigation of Saudi Arabian vocational facility project, Lan Chile airlines. Series includes material from 1973-1978.

Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights (circa 93 archival boxes)**Scope and Contents note**

Hearings and meetings files covering privacy of medical records, National Archives and Records Service, government classification of private ideas, and other issues pertaining to records management, freedom of information, and data flow and processing. Subject files covering various subjects, including Freedom of Information Act, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Privacy Act, and annual Sunshine Act reports. Legislation referred to the subcommittee. Correspondence files. Includes about 20 boxes of subpoenaed files relating to privacy of insurance records.

Arrangement note

Subject files arranged alphabetically. Legislation referred to the committee arranged by bill number. Correspondence arranged alphabetically by subject.

Subcommittee on Manpower and Housing (1 archival box)

Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulator...

Scope and Contents note

Legislative files.

Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs (10 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Hearings, bound volumes related to investment issues.

Subcommittee on Legislation and National Security (92 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Legislative and investigative files including background information, correspondence, press releases, printed hearings and reports, petitions and executive communications, and chairman's hearing notebooks. Subjects include Department of Education Organization Act (HR 2444), foreign trade reorganization, improving administration of public printing services and distribution of public documents, Reports Elimination Act of 1980, Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Inspector General Act Amendments of 1980, 1980 Africa hearings, Government Patent Policy Act, inaccuracy of (Department of Defense) DOD acquisition cost estimates, failure of government department and agencies to follow up and resolve audit findings. Working files, including memos, subject files, monthly activities reports, and other administrative files.