

**Records of the Select Committee on Aging  
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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository</b>       | Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives and Records Administration |
| <b>Creator</b>          | Select Committee on Aging.  |
| <b>Title</b>            | Records of the Select Committee on Aging                                      |
| <b>Date [inclusive]</b> | 1979-1980   |
| <b>Extent</b>           | 58.5 Linear feet (117 archival boxes)   |
| <b>Language</b>         | English   |

## **Biographical/Historical note**

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The Permanent Select Committee on Aging was a permanent select committee of the United States House of Representatives between 1974 and 1992. The committee researched and held public hearings into the issues affecting older Americans. The committee's work led to the passage of reform legislation intended to reform nursing home operations and reducing abuse against their patients. Also resulting were increased home care benefits for the aging as well as legislation establishing research and care centers for Alzheimer's Disease. The committee was not renewed after the 102nd Congress.

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## **Select Committee on Aging, 96th Congress**

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Files contain correspondence, committee prints, subjects files, staff files (Lyle McClain, Richard Lehrman), hearing files, and committee papers containing background and research material for issues investigated by the committee such as Medicare and nursing homes. There is also a series of records on the passage of the Older Americans Act, including papers of committee chair Claude Pepper.

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## **Arrangement note**

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Files are arranged into correspondence files, staff files of two committee staff members, hearing files, committee papers, minority files, printed material, subject files, and subcommittee 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)

- Medicare
- Nursing home care
- Older Americans Act of 1965

## Collection Inventory

### **Committee papers (3 archival boxes)**

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

Press coverage of the committee from 1979, reproduction and distribution sheets for committee material, news releases.

### **Correspondence files (circa 30 archival boxes)**

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

General correspondence, correspondence relating to taxation of income from dividends and savings account interest, cancer, Social Security.

#### **Arrangement note**

Correspondence is arranged primarily in alphabetical order by subject.

### **Hearing files (circa 6 archival boxes)**

#### **Arrangement note**

Arranged chronologically.

### **Minority files (4 archival boxes)**

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

**Printed hearings and reports**

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General correspondence and research, press releases and papers of the minority for the Subcommittee on Health and Long-Term Care.

**Printed hearings and reports (6 archival boxes)**

**Scope and Contents note**

Committee prints of hearings and reports.

**Arrangement note**

Arranged in roughly chronological order.

**Staff files 1979-1981 (6 archival boxes)**

**Scope and Contents note**

Subject files of Lyle McClain and Richard Lehrman. Some files are from the 97th Congress.

**Arrangement note**

Files are arranged alphabetically by subject.

**Subcommittee on Housing and Consumer Interests (5 archival boxes)**

**Scope and Contents note**

Materials from a survey of section 202 housing sponsors, hearings.

**Subcommittee on Retirement Income and Employment (3 archival boxes)**

## Subject files

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### **Scope and Contents note**

Chronological files of John L. Burton, meetings, briefings, correspondence, memos, and hearings.

### **Subject files (circa 45 archival boxes)**

### **Scope and Contents note**

Prominent subjects include nursing homes, Medicare providers, Medicare supplemental insurance investigation, physicians' questionnaires, and fragmentation in services to the elderly. Files include background material, related legislation, publications, manuscripts, reports, correspondence. Some files of and related to Representative Claude Pepper.