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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives and Records Administration
Title	Records of the Select Committe on the Outer Continental Shelf
Date [inclusive]	1976-1980
Extent	35.0 Linear feet (70 archival boxes)
Language	English

Biographical/Historical note

The Ad Hoc Select Committee on the Outer Continental Shelf was established on April 22, 1975. It was authorized by the Speaker to consider a particular complex bill. Its membership was composed of members from other committees with related jurisdiction. It was the first ad hoc committee to have legislative authority. The committee was charged with reporting H.R. 6218, which was a bill to establish a policy for the management of oil and natural gas in the outer continental shelf; to protect the marine and coastal environment, and the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act. The committee failed to report the bill to the House, so it was extended to the end of the 94th Congress. It was extended again through the 95th Congress, and became a Select Committee at the beginning of the 96th Congress. It was not renewed after the 96th Congress.

Select Committee on the Outer Continental Shelf

Files are primarily hearing files and oversight hearing files, miscellaneous files (Congressional Record, clippings, press releases), subject files, and administrative files.

Arrangement note

Files are arranged into hearing files, miscellaneous committee papers, legislative files, and administrative files.

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.

Administrative files

Collection Inventory

Administrative files (1976-1980) (6 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Monthly reports, vouchers, and other operational and office administration files.

Committee papers (circa 28 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Newspaper and Congressional Record clippings, "read files," technical files, press releases, memos, legislative calendar, re-establishment files, committee rules.

Hearing files (circa 31 archival boxes)

Arrangement note

Hearing files are arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents note

Includes oversight hearings, ad hoc hearings, and other hearings before the committee.

Legislative files (5 archival boxes)

Scope and Contents note

Legislative files

Budget, funding resolutions, and reports; staff studies; legislative reports.