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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>	Committee on Small Business.
<b>Title</b>	Records of the Committee on Small Business
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1979-1980
<b>Extent</b>	19.0 Linear feet (38 archival boxes)
<b>Language</b>	English

## **Biographical/Historical note**

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On December 4, 1941, the U.S. House of Representatives created the first House Select Committee on Small Business. The select committee was established in response to a growing number of small business activists and organizations advocating for more protections and better government policies for America's small businesses. While it had no legislative authority, the select committee became popular with House members and was reauthorized each Congress until January 5, 1975, when it was made a permanent standing committee.

The House Small Business Committee was established to protect and assist small businesses. As such, the Committee has jurisdiction over matters related to small business financial aid, regulatory flexibility, and paperwork reduction. Additionally, the House Small Business Committee has oversight and legislative authority over the Small Business Administration (SBA) and its programs.

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## **Small Business, 96th Congress**

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Files are legislative files, hearing files, committee prints, miscellaneous casework files, and miscellaneous subject files.

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## **Arrangement note**

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Arranged into the following series: legislative files, bill files, minority files, and the files of the Subcommittee on Special Small Business Problems.

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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.

## Collection Inventory

### **Bill files (3 archival boxes)**

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

House and Senate bills and official letters of referral from the Speaker to the committee.

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

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

Printed copies of House reports, public laws, committee prints, and hearings for full committee and subcommittees, meeting transcripts, correspondence, memos.

### **Minority files (16 archival boxes)**

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

Legislative files, hearing files on small business problems in the marketing of meat and other commodities, timber hearings, miscellaneous case work files, bill files, subject files.

### **Subcommittee on Special Small Business Problems (1 archival box)**

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

Miscellaneous files from the 96th Congress.