Inventory of the California State Assembly Republican Caucus Records

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Descriptive Summary
Title: California State Assembly Republican Caucus Records
Dates: 1973-2008
Collection number: See series descriptions for LP numbers.
Creator: Assembly Republican Caucus
Collection Size: 335.50 cubic feet
Repository: California State Archives
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Abstract: The California State Assembly Republican Caucus consists of Assembly Members from the Republican Party. This partisan office is involved in leadership policy development, legislative research, committee monitoring and staffing, and assisting with members' public information programs. The Assembly Republican Caucus records consist of 335.5 cubic feet of textual records and are organized into the following record series: Bill Files, 1973-2008; Subject Files, 1960-1978; Floor Alerts, 2003-2008; and Rules Agendas, 2002-2003.

Physical location: California State Archives
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
While the majority of the records are open for research, any access restrictions are noted in the record series descriptions.

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Committee History
The California State Assembly Republican Caucus consists of Assembly Members from the Republican Party. This partisan office is involved in leadership policy development, legislative research, committee monitoring and staffing, and assisting with members' public information programs. They maintain records and information systems, work closely with legislators' district offices, and keep abreast of political party structures and issues. The Caucus formally organizes the Republican Assembly Members into a group to further advance their interests. The caucus serves as a members' services and policy research office. Whether as the majority or minority party, the Caucus selects its own members in a manner to be determined by the party caucus in each house.

The Assembly Republican Caucus has two arms: Office of Policy and Member Services. The records held at the State Archives were created solely by the Office of Policy. Beginning in 2003, the Office of Policy began adding its name in a
more formal manner to records transferred to the Archives. Therefore, records starting with the 2003-2004 session are noted as being created by the Assembly Republican Caucus-Office of Policy.

Scope and Content
The Assembly Republican Caucus records consist of 335.5 cubic feet of textual records and are organized into the following record series: Bill Files, 1973-2008; Subject Files, 1960-1978; Floor Alerts, 2003-2008; and Rules Agendas, 2002-2003. The Bill Files are the largest series and contain analyses and additional information on nearly all legislation introduced in both legislative houses.

The Subject Files include Legislative Counsel and other legal opinions, staff memoranda and directives, newspaper clippings, surveys, studies and reports concerning issues related to campaigning, ballots, and the Voting Rights Act (1975). The Floor Alerts include the various bills of interest to the Republican Caucus. Along with a bill analysis of each highlighted bill that was heard on the Assembly Floor, the item number and voting results appear, providing a clear picture of which bills were supported by the Caucus.

The Rules Agendas consists of the opinions and position statements created by the Republican Caucus related to legislation and other business of the Assembly. The files include letters sent by the Caucus chairman to the caucus members explaining the purpose of an upcoming bill and the Caucus’s support or opposition of that particular bill. Furthermore, the caucus members receive the bill history and the bill’s result (pass or fail) in the Assembly.

Accruals
Further accruals are expected.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.

Assembly Republican Caucus
Republican Party (Calif.)
California. Legislature. Assembly. Committee on Rules
Political campaigns - California
Voting - California

Related Material at the California State Archives
Senate Republican Caucus Records

Note to Researchers
Some of the records are available on microfilm at the California State Archives. Researchers are asked to use the microfilm copies when available. Bill Files from 1973-1992 are available on microfilm.
See below for LP numbers

**Series 1 Bill Files 1973-2008**

**Physical Description:** 6,285 file folders

**Alternative Form of Materials Available**

Bill Files from 1973-1992 are available on microfilm as indicated by an **MF** before the LP number. Researchers are asked to use the microfilm copies when available.

**Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically by legislative session, then numerically by bill number.

**Scope and Content Note**

Most bill files include all or some of the following items: bill analyses, amendments and resolutions, author's statements, testimony, press releases, newspaper clippings, correspondence, roll calls, records of votes, and committee statements. The Assembly Republican Caucus kept files on nearly all bills that were introduced.

**Assembly Republican Caucus (1973-2002)**

1973-1974: AB1-AB909 (15 ff) **MF** LP133:25-39
1973-1974: SB1-SB1880 (27 ff) **MF** LP135:12-38
1975-1976: AB1-AB3089 (97 ff) **MF** LP193:120-216
1975-1976: AB3091-AB4539, ACA1-ACA111, ACR1-ACR237, AJR2-AJR82, HR20, AB1X-AB8X, AB1XX-AB35XX, AB1XXX (47 ff) **MF** LP194:1-47
1981-1982: AB1-AB1800 (86 ff) **MF** LP216:177-262
1981: AB2X-AB12X, ACR1X (1 ff) **MF** LP217:118
1981: Governor's Reorganization Plan (1 ff) **MF** LP217:119
1983-1984: AB1-AB2552 (231 ff) **MF** LP224:1-231
1983: AB1X-AB41X (2 ff) **MF** LP225:156-157
1984: AB1XX, Governor's Reorganization Plan No. 1 (1 ff) LP225:158
1983-1984: SB2-SB870 (69 ff) **MF** LP225:159-227
1983: SB3X-SB23X (1 ff) **MF** LP226:138
1983-1984: AB911-AB3965 (2 ff) **MF** LP255:153-154
1983-1984: SB87-SB2267 (1 ff) **MF** LP255:155
1985-1986: AB1-AB1279 (125 ff) **MF** LP241:155-279
1985-1986: AB1280-AB4176 (207 ff) **MF** LP249:1-207
1986: Governor's Reorganization Plans No. 1 and 2 (1 ff) LP250:31
1985-1986: AB7-AB4393 (4 ff) **MF** LP255:156-159
1985-1986: SB2-SB2591 (2 ff) **MF** LP255:160-161
1985-1986: Not vetoed “due to amendments” (1 ff) LP255:162
1985-1986: Returned without signature (1 ff) LP255:163

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Series 2 Subject Files 1960-1978

Physical Description: 11 file folders

Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by subject heading.

Scope and Content Note
The Subject files include Legislative Counsel and other legal opinions, staff memoranda and directives, newspaper clippings, surveys, studies, and reports. Subjects include absentee ballots, ballot designations and endorsements, campaign finance and filings, campaign fund transfers, free office space and transportation, independent nomination, initiative reform, legislature retirement system, lobbyist contributions, mass mailings, political funds, political advertising, Proposition 9 (June 1974), public campaign finance, public officials indictment, Reapportionment, registration by mail, Republican central committees, residency requirements, school district elections, and Voting Rights Act (1975).

Series 3 Floor Alerts 2003-2008

Physical Description: 273 file folders

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by date addressed.

Scope and Content Note
The Floor Alerts series includes the bill analyses of various bills of interest to the Assembly Republican Caucus. Along with a bill analysis of each bill that was heard on the Assembly Floor, the item number and voting results appear, providing a clear picture of which bills were supported by the Caucus. A floor alert page lists the bills heard on that particular date, the bill’s author, an item number, and the Caucus’s recommendation (Opposition, Support, Non-Concurrence, Concurrence, Sustain Veto, and None). Some files contain a list of the voting results for the session’s bills.

Series 4 Rules Agendas 2002-2003

Physical Description: 5 file folders

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by date.

Scope and Content Note
The Rules agendas consist of the opinions and positions supported by the Republican Caucus on the bills and other business of the Assembly. The files focus on the agendas and daily business of the Assembly Rules Committee and include letters sent by the Caucus to the caucus members explaining the purpose for the upcoming bill and the Caucus’s support or opposition of that particular bill. Summaries of bills and amendments histories also assist the caucus members in understanding the purpose of each bill. Additionally, the caucus members receive the bill history and the bill’s results (pass or fail) in the Assembly.