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Descriptive Summary

Title: Tom Bane Papers

Dates: 1975-1984

Collection number: LP449, LP220:134-142

Creator: Tom Bane, California Legislator

Collection Size: 5 cubic feet

Repository: California State Archives
Sacramento, California

Abstract: The Tom Bane Papers consist of 5 cubic feet of textual records that cover the years 1975-1984. The records are organized into one record series: Bill Files, 1975-1984.

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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Acquisition and Custodial History

The California State Archives acquired the Tom Bane Papers following his final term in the State Legislature.

Biography

Tom Bane, a Democrat, was first elected to the Assembly in 1958 and served for six years. Thomas J. (Tom) Bane was born in Los Angeles, California, on December 28, 1913. During his early childhood, Bane attended numerous elementary schools throughout California because the family moved frequently while his father, Howard Kelly Bane, was a state highway inspector. Eventually the family returned to Los Angeles and then settled in Burbank. Bane graduated from Burbank High School in 1932.

After completing high school, Bane attended Los Angeles City College. He then obtained a position in the mail department at Bullocks-Wilshire department store, continuing his education by attending classes at night. He met his first wife, Claire Louise Brown, while working at Bullocks-Wilshire. They married in 1939, made their home in Burbank, and had a son, Bruce William Bane. In 1980, Bane married Marlene L. Rothstein, and had three children. The two were known as a power couple, and were often engaged in political consulting and nonprofit projects. During the late 1980s--while Bane operated a

national lupus foundation and his wife was chairwoman of the state lupus appropriations board--a coalition of lupus support groups accused Marlene Bane of funneling about \$800,000 in state money to a longtime doctor who also was a big contributor to Bane's election campaigns. Those charges were eventually dropped after an investigation by the state Attorney General's Office.

Bane was first elected to the California State Assembly as a representative for the Forty-second Assembly District in 1958, a position he served in until 1964. In 1964 he also participated as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention and served on the convention's Credentials Committee. After making an unsuccessful bid for Congress in 1964, Bane worked in the savings and loan industry for the next decade.

In 1974, after 10 years in business, Bane ran again for the Assembly and was elected to represent part of the San Fernando Valley in the 40th Assembly District, which included all of Van Nuys and much of North Hollywood, Studio City, Sherman Oaks, Panorama City, Northridge, Encino, Reseda, Tarzana, Canoga Park, and Woodland Hills. Unaffected by term limits, Bane remained an Assemblyman until his retirement in 1992.

On April 11, 1999, Bane died in Tarzana, Los Angeles County, from a respiratory illness. He is buried at Eden Memorial Park, Mission Hills, Los Angeles County, California.

In recognition of his concern for people, Bane received many awards. He was presented with the "Someone Who Cared" Award by KTTV, Channel 11, for his many years of leadership in the National Lupus Foundation, City of Hope, Red Cross, March of Dimes, Veterans Service Center, Community Chest, Junior Baseball, P.T.A., Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and special contributions to city, county, and state government. He was also the recipient of the Geri Award "For Outstanding and Unselfish Services in Behalf of Senior Citizens" and was actively involved in the Foundation for the Junior Blind.

From 1979 to 1985 Bane was Assistant Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly.

During his term in the California Legislature, Bane served on the following committees according to the California Legislature at Sacramento (Handbooks) and the California Blue Book:

Standing Committees

Banking, Finance, and Bonded Indebtedness, 1991-1992

Business and Professions, 1981-1982

*Vice Chair, 1981-1982

Constitutional Amendments, 1959-1962

Criminal Procedure, 1959-1960

Elections and Reapportionment, 1959-1964

Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments, 1975, 1987-1990

Energy and Diminishing Materials, 1975

Finance and Insurance, 1963-1964, 1983-1990

Finance, Insurance, and Commerce, 1975-1982

Governmental Organization, 1979-1985

Housing and Community Development, 1987-1990

Insurance, 1991-1992

Intergovernmental Relations, 1985-1986

Interstate Cooperation, 1963-1964

Legislative Representation, 1960, 1964

*Chair, 1964

Public Employees and Retirement, 1976

Rules, 1961-1964, 1983-1992

*Chair, 1963-1964, 1987-1992

Transportation, 1977-1978

Transportation and Commerce, 1959-1962

Utilities and Energy, 1981-1982

Ways and Means, 1961-1964

Subcommittees

Finance and Insurance on Unemployment-Disability Insurance, 1985-1986

Financial Institutions, 1979-1982

General Services Contracting Policies, 1979-1980
*Chair, 1979-1980
Interstate Banking, 1983-1984
*Chair, 1983-1984
Investment Practices, 1983-1984
Public Pension Fund Investments, 1985-1986
Savings and Loan Law and Regulations, 1989-1990
Unemployment-Disability Insurance, 1979, 1983-1984
Workers' Compensation, 1978
Select Committees
Genetic Disease, 1977-1990
*Chair, 1977-1990
Office of the State Board of Equalization, 1991-1992
Joint Committees
Community Development and Housing Needs, 1975-1976
Fire, Police, Emergency, and Disaster Services, 1987-1992
Legislative Building Space Needs, 1964
Legislative Organization, 1961-1964
*Chair, 1964
National Conference of State Legislative Leaders, 1987-1990
Public Pension Fund Investments, 1987-1990
Rules, 1983-1992
Chair, 1987-1992

Scope and Content

The Tom Bane Papers consist of 5 cubic feet of textual records that cover the years 1975-1984. The records are organized into one record series: Bill Files, 1975-1984.

The bill files document his legislative activity during his second stint as a member of the California State Assembly. The bills introduced by Tom Bane include a wide array of subjects, including legislation regarding medical malpractice, coastal development permits, veterans compensation, unemployment insurance and social security benefits, and ethnic groups.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Oral History

Tom Bane, Oral History Interview, Conducted 1994 and 1995 by Steven L. Isoardi, UCLA Oral History Program, for the California State Archives State Government Oral History Program.

Indexing Terms

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

Bane, Tom

Unemployment insurance

Environmental protection

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LP449:1-103

Series 1 **Bill Files 1975-1984**

Physical Description: 112 file folders

Arrangement

Bill files are arranged chronologically by legislative session and then numerically by bill number.

Scope and Content Note

Bill Files were created by Tom Bane while he served as a state Assembly Member from 1975-1984. The files may include bill amendments; analyses; letters, resolutions, telegrams, testimony, position statements in support or opposition; author's floor and committee statements; press releases; newspaper editorials and clippings; and background reports, information, and data.

Bane advocated for improving the environment by introducing legislation regarding solar energy (AB1464, 1975-1976), car smog control (AB1582, 1975-1976), and coastal development permits (AB2706, 1975-1976; AB1927, 1977-1978; and AB2128, 1983-1984).

Medical malpractice was also important to Bane, and he passed legislation to cease medical malpractice (AB2566, AB2783, AB3642, AB2845, AB3XX, and AB12XX, 1975-1976; AB59, 1977-1978; and AB301, 1983-1984) as well as to have better control over Medi-Cal (AB1986, 1977-1978; AB2174 and AB3398, 1983-1984).

Bane was also a supporter of housing affordability (AB579, AB1651, AB1900, AB1901, AB2028, and AB2029, 1975-1976; and AB476, 1979-1980); unemployment insurance (AB1637, AB1638, AB1639, AB1640, AB2784, 1975-1976; AB1152 and AB1612, 1979-1980; and AB2398, 1981-1982); social security (AB2721 and AB2772, 1975-1976; AB37, 1979-1980; and AB339, 1981-1982); and compensation for veterans (AB242, AB2549, and AJR21, 1981-1982).

Some special topics in which Bane was involved include: Constitutional Amendment regulation Budget (AJR17, 1979-1980); War Criminals Resolution (HR9, 1979-1980); Jerusalem Day (HR41, 1979-1980); Terrorism (AB1746, 1981-1982); Outlawing "Police Killer Bullets" (AB2392, HR41, 1981-1982); American Indian Day (AB1478, 1983-1984); Equal Rights Amendment (AJR1, 1983-1984); and Israel Anniversary Resolution (HR21, 1983-1984).

Bill Files from 1959-1964 and 1985-1992 were not transferred to the State Archives.

1975-1976: AB4-AB3773, AB3X-AB5X, AB3XX, AB12XX (15ff) LP449:1-15

1975-1976: AB3951-AB4441, ACA6-ACA104, ACR108-ACR208 (4ff) LP220:134-137

1977-1978: AB42-AB2370 (13ff) LP449:16-28

1977-1978: AB2456-AB3741, ACA7-ACA60, ACR21-ACR84, AJR81 (5ff) LP220:138-142

1979-1980: AB35-AB3402, ACA1, ACA 50, ACR159, AJR17, HR9, HR41 (24ff) LP449:29-52

1981-1982: AB2-AB3808, ACA25, ACA58, AJR21, HR41 (19ff) LP449:53-71

1983-1984: AB28-AB4056, ACA1, ACA6, AJR1, AJR107, HR21, AB32X (32ff) LP449:72-103