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## Inventory of the William (Bill) Bradley Papers

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** William (Bill) Bradley Papers

**Dates:** 1983-1989

**Collection number:** LP418

**Creator:** Bradley, William Randolph, California legislator

**Collection Size:** 9.25 cubic feet of textual records, including 1 audiocassette

**Repository:** California State Archives

Sacramento, California

**Abstract:** The Bill Bradley Papers consist of 9.25 cubic feet of textual records and 1 audiocassette. These materials document Bradley's activities in the California State Assembly from 1983-1989.

**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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### Preferred Citation

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### Acquisition and Custodial History

California State Archives acquired the William (Bill) Bradley papers, in a series of four record transfers, beginning in 1992 (Accession Numbers: 92-12-13, 94-06-12, 95-04-29, and 96-06-02).

### Biography

William (Bill) Randolph Bradley, Republican, was a State Assembly Member, who served from 1982 until his death in 1989. His 76th Assembly District included the cities of Escondido, Poway, Ramona, Palm Desert, and Indian Wells, encompassing portions of San Diego and Riverside Counties.

Bradley was born on March 2, 1919 in Loveland, Colorado and established residence in California in 1935. Bradley served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He attended the University of Southern California and received his Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering. He continued on to complete a Master's program in Public Administration and Political Science at San Jose State University. Bradley was working as a registered civil engineer when elected to the State Assembly. He was married to Margaret Bradley and had two daughters, Billie Lee and Randy Kay.

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Bradley served in a variety of civil service positions in California, starting with the County of Los Angeles. He was involved in public works positions in Santa Clara and the City of Coronado before moving to San Marcos, where he served simultaneously as city manager, engineer and treasurer. Bradley was a member of the Conservative Order of Good Guys; USC Alumni; and both the San Marcos and Escondido Chambers of Commerce.

Bill Bradley died of kidney failure on June 1st 1989 at his home after a four year battle with cancer; he is buried in his home town of Escondido.

According to the *California Legislature at Sacramento (Handbooks)* and the *Assembly Final History*, Bradley served on the following Assembly committees:

*Standing Committees*

Aging and Long-Term Care, 1987-1988

Consumer Protection and Toxic Materials, 1983-1984

Education, 1983-1988

Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials, 1985-1988

\*Vice Chair, 1985-1986

Human Services, 1985-1986

International Trade and Intergovernmental Relations, 1987-1988

Labor and Employment, 1987-1988

Local Government, 1985-1986

Policy Research, 1985-1986

Public Employees and Retirement, 1985-1986

Utilities and Commerce, 1983-1984, 1987-1988

*Subcommittees*

Higher Education (Education), 1989

*Select Committees*

Accreditation, 1989

Rural Caucus, 1983-1984

Small Business, 1983-1984

State Public Procurement, 1989

Veterans' Affairs, 1983-1984

**Scope and Content**

The Bill Bradley papers consist of 9.25 cubic feet of textual records and 1 audiocassette. These materials document Bradley's activities in the California State Assembly from 1983 to 1989. The collection consists of a single series, Bill Files. These Bill Files typically include various bill versions, letters from constituents and organizations, legislative correction notices, correspondence with other lawmakers, and general information on the bills' subjects.

The bill files in this collection cover a range of topics reflective of his constituents' concerns during the 1980s. Bradley authored many bills regarding primary and secondary education: special education, testing, school funding, and administrative procedures. Many of his other bills related to tax codes, exemptions, credits, and reductions. Land use and development projects, including the coastal zone of the 76th Assembly District, are also included within the collection. Finally, many bills are present that deal with hazardous waste, air pollution, water pollution, and the disposal thereof.

Based on many bill files in the collection, Bradley took an active interest in improving education for Californians both at the primary and secondary level. Many of Bradley's authored bills involve both identifying and improving the services for children with special needs. The largest file within the collection, AB 972 (1985-1986), made testing for dyslexia mandatory in early education (Statutes of 1985, Chapter 1376). However this bill was subsequently removed from the code in 2007. Similar bills with regard to education include AB 1552 (1985-1986) relating to physical education and AB 1758 (1985-1986) which defined the rules for student suspension by principals; the latter was chaptered in 1985 (Statutes of 1985, Chapter 856).

Bradley authored many bills relating to the costal zone of the 76th district such as AB 2403 (1983-1984) and AB 1828 (1985-1986) both of which died before becoming chaptered. Similar fates were met regarding tax bills authored by Bradley, including AB 2632 (1983-1984) that dealt with tax exemptions for active duty military personnel, and AB 3160 (1983-1984) which would have established a tax credit for renters.

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Despite these setbacks, Bradley was quite successful with regard to environmental regulation. AB 1755 (1985-1986) ensured strict guidelines for underground tanks containing hazardous waste (Statutes of 1986, Chapter 1535). AB 329 (1987-1988) dealt with regulating the air pollution generated by asphalt operators (Statutes of 1987, Chapter 183). Finally, AB 1191 (1987-1988) stated that if the environmental regulations of California were more stringent than those of the federal Environmental Protection Agency, the state regulations would supersede federal regulations (Statutes of 1987, Chapter 981).

**Accruals**

No further accruals are expected.

**Related Material at the California State Archives**

Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee Records (including Consumer Protection and Toxic Materials Committee)

**Indexing Terms**

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

Special education - California

Education, Secondary - California

Education, Elementary - California

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LP418:1-235

Series 1 **Bill Files 1983-1989**

**Physical Description:** 235 file folders, 1 audiocassette

**Arrangement**

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

**Access Information**

*Access to audiovisual material requires the production of use copies.*

**Scope and Content Note**

Most bill files include all or some of the following items: bill analyses, amendments and resolutions, author's statements, press releases, newspaper clippings, and correspondence. Bradley's legislative interests included school reform, environmental protection, tax laws, land use, and water issues. The series contains 1 audiocassette of a February 16, 1983 press conference addressing AB651 (1983-1984), which relates to the issue of juror privacy (see LP418:9). The audiocassette has been removed to cold storage and a separation sheets has been included in the file to alert researchers to its presence.

1983-1984 AB46-AB4052, ACA13-ACA73, ACR33-ACR44, AJR150, HR12 (62ff) LP418:1-62

1985-1986 AB16-AB3339, ACR21-ACR91, AJR67 (79ff) LP418:63-141

1987-1988 AB34-AB4446, ACA21-ACA68, AJR48, HR34 (73ff) LP418:142-214

1989-1990 AB217-AB2232, ACA21, ACR19-ACR42 (21ff) LP418:215-235