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Descriptive Summary
Title: James (Jim) M. Cramer Papers,
Date (inclusive): 1981-1982
Collection number: LP211:16-22
Creator: Cramer, James M.
Extent: .5 cubic feet
Repository: California State Archives
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Abstract: James M. Cramer, Democrat, was a State Assembly Member, 1981-1982. He authored bills concerning corrections, specifically the sentencing of habitual offenders and reforming the justice system at the county level.

Physical location: California State Archives
Language: English.

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Acquisition Information
The California State Archives acquired the James M. Cramer Papers following his Assembly term.

Biography
James M. Cramer, Democrat, was a State Assembly Member, 1981-1982. His 65th Assembly District represented cities within the counties of Los Angeles and San Bernardino.
Cramer was born on October 14, 1931 in Sullivan, Oklahoma and established residence in California in 1947. He attended the College of Marin where he earned an A.A. degree and the University of the Redlands where he earned his B.A. degree. Cramer then attended University of California, Berkeley’s Boalt Hall School of Law where he earned a juris doctor (J.D.) degree. Before entering politics, Cramer was an Attorney and a former District Attorney of San Bernardino County. He married his wife Betty with whom he had two children: Claire and David.

In addition to his political activities, James Cramer served as past President of the San Bernardino County Bar Association and past Chairman of the State Bar Association. He participated on the Standing Committee on Criminal Law and Procedure, the California District Attorney’s Association’s Legislative Committee, AB90 Committee for San Bernardino County, the Tri County Council on Criminal Justice for the San Bernardino area, the Board of Directors for the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the Media-Bench-Bar Committee of San Bernardino County. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 112, the First United Methodist Church, Rotary, Elks Lodge 1419, the Inland Area Urban League, and the Ontario Museum Association.

James Cramer was elected to the State Assembly in 1980 and served through 1982.

According to the California Legislature at Sacramento (Handbooks), Cramer served on the following committees:

- Standing Committees
  - Agriculture, 1981-1982
  - Criminal Justice, 1981-1982
  - Ways and Means, 1982

**Scope and Content**

The James Cramer Papers consist of .5 cubic feet of records reflecting Cramer's activities during his time as an Assembly Member. The records contain Assembly bill files, 1981-1982. The bill files document his legislative activity during his term as a member of the California State Legislature. The bills introduced by James Cramer include a wide array of subjects. He authored bills concerning corrections, specifically the sentencing of habitual offenders and reforming the justice system at the county level. Other proposed legislation aimed to regulate student hazing and child support payments.

**Arrangement**

The James M. Cramer Papers are arranged into one series of bill files.

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been associated with these materials in the Archives' automated public access system (currently in development, September 2004).

**Subjects**

- Cramer, James M.
- California - - Legislature - - Assembly
- California. Penal Code of California