Guide to the Richard Floyd Papers

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Descriptive Summary
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Abstract: The Richard Floyd Papers consist of 31 cubic feet of textual records and audio visual materials and cover the years 1979 to 2000.

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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Biography
Richard Floyd, a Democrat, served California as a State Assembly Member from 1980 through 1992, and again from 1996 through 2000. Beginning in 1980, Floyd represented the 53rd Assembly District, sprawling over southern Los Angeles skipping around the city of Torrence and encompassing the cities of Carson, Hawthorne, Gardena, Lawndale and small portions of the cities of Los Angeles and Redondo Beach. He maintained his seat until 1992 when the reapportioning of district lines moved Floyd to the 55th district where his reelection efforts failed. After a four year hiatus, Floyd found himself representing the 55th Assembly District, which sits north of the Los Angeles harbor area and includes the city of Carson, parts of Compton, Los Angeles and Long Beach. The district also contained the communities of Harbor City, West Carson, Wilmington, and part of West Compton. Floyd represented the district until 2000 when he reached his term limit.

Richard Floyd was born February 3, 1931, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and raised in Southern California. He served in the United States Army and was a decorated combat veteran of the Korean Conflict. After serving in the military Floyd worked as a salesman before landing a job as an aide to Senator Ralph Dills from 1969 until 1980, leaving after winning his Assembly seat. Floyd quickly gained recognition as a senator and received recognition as Freshman Legislator of the Year.
and also Legislator of the Year in his first term by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Floyd became known for his loud, abrasive, crude and even profane style of politicking. The chain smoking Floyd was often outspoken of his beliefs and was once even threatened of censure after calling Governor Deukmejian, "the most hardheaded s.o.b.," in the State Capital after the Governor vetoed Floyd's motorcycle helmet law in 1988. In 1991 Governor Pete Wilson signed a version of Floyd's motorcycle helmet bill into law proving one of his greatest political accomplishments alongside the creation of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Capitol Park.


*Standing Committees*

Constitutional Amendments, 1985-1986
Criminal Justice, 1981-1982
Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials, 1989-1990
Finance and Insurance, 1989-1990
*Chair, 1987-1990
Human Services, 1983-1984
Insurance, 1991-1992
Judiciary, 1991-1992
*Chair, 1983-1986
Labor and Government, 1997-1998
*Chair, 1997-1998
Public Employees and Retirement, 1985-1986
Revenue and Taxation, 1985-1986
Rules, 1981-1982
Water, Parks, and Wildlife, 1981-1982

*Subcommittees*

Governmental Organization – Subcommittee on Alcohol Regulations, 1989-1990
*Chair, 1989-1990
Governmental Organization – Subcommittee on Arts and Athletics, 1989-1990
Governmental Organization – Subcommittee on Horse Breeding and Ownership 1989-1990
Labor and Employment - Subcommittee on Agricultural Labor Relations, 1981-1982
*Chair, 1983-1984
*Chair, 1981-1982
Labor and Employment - Subcommittee on Employee Assistance Programs and Drug and Alcohol Abuse at the Workplace, 1985-1986
Labor and Employment – Subcommittee on Safety in the Workplace 1987-1988
*Chair, 1987-1988

*Select Committees*

Construction Issues, 1989-1990
Corridors of Economic Significance, 1997-1998
Homeless Veterans, 1999-2000
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*Chair, 1999-2000
To Divide California – 1991-1992
Utility Performance, Rates and Regulation, 1983-1984
*Chair, 1983-1984

Joint Committees
Audit Committee
Fairs Allocation and Classification, 1983-1992
Prison, Legislative, 1983-1984
Prison Construction and Operations, 1985-1992

Boards, Commissions, Etc

Special Committees
Special Committee on Los Angeles Crisis, 1991-1992

Scope and Content
The Richard Floyd Papers consist of 31 cubic feet of textual records and audio visual materials and cover the years 1979 to 2000. The records are organized into the following record series: Bill Records, 1981-1982; Bill Files, 1981-1992, 1997-2000; Subject Files, 1979-1987; Sports and Entertainment Subcommittee Hearing Files, 1985-1986; Sports and Entertainment Subcommittee Subject Files, 1982-1986; Prison Construction and Operations Joint Committee Hearing Files, 1985-1986; and Prison Construction and Operations Joint Committee Subject Files, 1979-1988. The Bill Records provide a summary of the bills introduced by Floyd during the 1981-1982 legislative session. The Bill Files document his legislative activity during his term as a member of the California State Legislature and are the bulk of the collection. Floyd was known for introducing many bills with his primary concerns as employment development, education, labor relations, and fiscal affairs. The Prison Construction and Operations joint Committee Subject Files also make up a large portion of the collection and provide insight into Floyd's interests of public safety and job creation.

Richard Floyd fought vigorously for Sacramento's mandatory motorcycle helmet law throughout his tenure as a member of the California Assembly. Floyd introduced various versions of a motorcycle helmet law beginning in his first session as an assemblyman. Floyd endured intimidation from a cornucopia of motorcycle groups for his efforts but rather than cowering down Floyd relished in the opposition and continued to fight for the cause. A version of the bill passed in 1988 but did not make it passed Governor Deukmejian's desk. Floyd prevailed in 1991 when Governor Pete Wilson signed AB7 into law. Richard Floyd introduced Assembly Bill 650, which created the California Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Capitol Park, which was signed into law by Governor Deukmejan in September 1983 and continued to show support for veterans by providing an additional State Veterans Home in Southern California to meet the needs of the three million veterans living in California. Floyd served on the Prison Construction and Operations Joint Committee authoring laws to put hundreds of thousands of jail inmates to work cleaning up parks and highways. Floyd advocated for more jobs, greater job security, and a healthier work environment for California's working men and women. When Cal-OSHA was abolished through a loss of funding in the budget, Floyd led the fight to restore the funds, and he continued to take a leading role in the campaign to keep the program by placing Cal-OSHA on the ballot, where it was approved by voters.

Accruals
No 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.

- Public safety
- Education - California
- Motorcycle helmets
Series 1 Bill Records 1981-1982

Physical Description: 1 file folder

Arrangement

Bill Records are arranged numerically by bill number.

Scope and Content Note

Bill Records provide a summary of the bills introduced by Richard Floyd during the 1981-1982 legislative session. Summaries note whether the bill was chaptered, died, or dropped.

Series 2 Bill Files 1997-2000

Physical Description: 436 file folders

Arrangement

Bill Files are arranged chronologically by legislative session, then numerically by bill number.

Scope and Content Note

Bill Files were created by Richard Floyd while he served as a State Assembly Member from 1981-1992 and again from 1997-2000. The bill files may include bill analyses, amendments and resolutions, author's statements, testimony, press releases, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and committee statements. The bill files include amendments, analyses, letters and position statements in support of opposition, Legislative Counsel Opinions and conflict letters, author's floor and committee statements and press releases, newspaper clipping, background information, and other documents regarding implementation.


1981-1982 AB17-AB3742, ACA59, ACR107-140, AJR49-85, AB30X-33X (36ff) LP446:2-37
1985-1986 AB119-AB4290, ACA33, ACR53-ACR170, AJR35-AJR76 (52ff) LP446:103-154
1989-1990 AB8-AB3971, ACA8-ACA140, AJR9-AJR76 (84ff) LP446:251-334
1991-1992 AB7-AB3824, ACA37-ACA42, ACR65, AB7X (62ff) LP446:335-396
1997-1998 AB258-AB2208, ACR2-ACR154, AJR4-AJR67, HR61,AB15X (24ff) LP446:397-420
Series 3 Subject Files 1979-1987

Physical Description: 25 file folders. 3 audio cassettes. 13 slides

Arrangement
Subject Files are arranged alphabetically by folder title.

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

Scope and Content Note
Subject Files may include press and news clippings, correspondence, support letters, committee analyses, and interest group memoranda. Some topics and issues covered include bingo, earthquake preparedness, lottery, and an interim hearing held on 10/16/1986 by the Assembly Government Organization Subcommittee.

See Appendix A in master finding aid and archives website for a complete list of folder titles in the Subject Files.

Series 4 Sports and Entertainment Subcommittee Hearing Files 1985-1986

Physical Description: 2 file folders. 2 audio cassettes.

Arrangement
Hearing files are arranged chronologically by hearing date.

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

Scope and Content Note
The Sports and Entertainment Subcommittee hearing files were created during Floyd's tenure on the subcommittee. Topics covered include sport safety, steroid use, and anti piracy of sporting events. Records include agendas, brochures, memorandums, newspaper clippings, reports, and testimonies.

Series 5 Sports and Entertainment Subcommittee Subject Files 1982-1986

Physical Description: 21 file folders

Arrangement
Subject Files are arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Scope and Content Note
Subject Files may include press and news clippings, correspondence, support letters, committee analyses, and interest group memoranda. Some topics and issues covered include drugs in sports, major film corporations and nonmetropolitan filming.

See Appendix B in master finding aid and archives website for a complete list of folder titles in the Sports and Entertainment Subcommittee Subject Files.
Series 6 Prison Construction and Operations Joint Committee Hearing Files 1985-1986

Physical Description: 7 file folders

Arrangement
Prison Construction and Operations Joint Committee Hearing files are arranged chronologically by hearing date.

Access Information
The Prison Construction and Operations Joint Committee Hearing Files are restricted from public access under Government Code section 6254(f) (Investigative Files) and Civil Code section 1794.24 (disclosure of personal information).

Scope and Content Note
The Joint Committee on Prison Construction and Operations Hearing Files were created while Richard Floyd served on the Joint Committee on Prison Construction and Operations, and include extensive background information and supplemental materials related to the hearings. Hearing topics include new prison sites in Amador, Del Norte, Kings, San Diego, San Joaquin counties, and new medical treatment facilities for inmates. Types of records found in this series include newspaper clippings, correspondence, agendas, reports, newsletters, letters of support and letters of opposition.

Series 7 Prison Construction and Operations Joint Committee Subject Files 1979-1988

Physical Description: 79 file folders. 1 audio cassette

Arrangement
Prison Construction and Operations Joint Committee Subject Files are arranged alphabetically by folder title.

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

Access Information
The Prison Construction and Operations Joint Committee Hearing Files are restricted from public access under Government Code section 6254(f) (Investigative Files) and Civil Code section 1794.24 (disclosure of personal information).

Scope and Content Note
The Joint Committee on Prison Construction and Operations Subject Files were created while Richard Floyd served on the Joint Committee on Prison Construction and Operations, and include topic such as population estimates and forecasting, correspondence, and various prison construction projects. Bill analyses, correspondence, newspaper clippings, reports, and support letters are some of the types of records found in this series. See Appendix C in master finding aid and archives website for a complete list of folder titles in the Prison Construction and Operations Joint Committee Subject Files.