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Descriptive Summary
Title: Richard Hanna Papers,
Date (inclusive): 1957-1962
Collection number: See series descriptions
Creator: Hanna, Richard
Extent: 7 cubic feet
Repository: California State Archives
Sacramento, California
Abstract: Richard Thomas Hanna, a Democrat, was elected to the California State Assembly in a special election in June of 1956. He served through 1962 when he was elected to the United States House of Representatives.
Physical location: California State Archives
Language: English.

Access
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Acquisition Information
The California State Archives acquired the Richard Hanna Papers following his final Assembly term.

Biography
Richard Thomas Hanna, a Democrat, won a special election in June of 1956 after LeRoy E. Lyon resigned his Assembly seat. In November of that year, Mr. Hanna was re-elected to the Seventy-Fifth Assembly District serving Orange County. Born in
Kemmerer, Wyoming, on June 9, 1914, his family moved to Long Beach, California, in 1923. He attended Lynwood and Horace Mann grammar schools and graduated from Compton Union High School. He went on to earn an A.A. degree from Pasadena Junior College, and received his B.A. degree from the University of California at Los Angeles. He received his L.L.B. degree from UCLA Law School. During World War II, Mr. Hanna served in the Navy Air Corps. He made his living as an Attorney at Law. On April 1, 1945, Richard Hanna married Doris Muriel Jenks and together they raised a daughter, Pamela.

During his term in the Assembly, Richard Hanna was instrumental in the establishment of the University of California at Irvine and California State University at Fullerton. He was elected to the House of Representatives, 34th District, in 1963 and served in that capacity until 1974.

Assembly Member Hanna was a member of the Lions, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion. Other affiliations include the Elks and Lambda Chi Alpha and Phi Delta Phi Fraternities.

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

**Standing Committees**
- Education, 1957-1962
- *Chairman, 1961-1962*
- Governmental Efficiency and Economy, 1959-1962
- Finance and Insurance, 1961-1962
- Judiciary, 1957-1962
- Livestock and Dairies, 1957-1958
- Public Health, 1957-1958
- Rules, 1959-1960
- *Chairman, 1959-1960*

**Subcommittees**
- Accident Prevention, 1957-1958
- *Chairman, 1957-1958*

**Scope and Content**
The Richard Hanna Papers consist of 7 cubic feet of records reflecting Hanna's activities during his time as an Assembly Member. The records contain Assembly bill files, 1957-1962. The bill files document his legislative activity during his term as a member of the California State Legislature. The bills introduced by Richard Hanna include a wide array of subjects. Education was an important issue to Hanna and he authored legislation regarding textbooks, schools and school property, teachers' credentials, and special education. Other subjects of interest to Hanna include air pollution and radiation clean up, taxes, and water laws.

**Arrangement**
The Richard Hanna Papers are arranged into three series: bill files, subject files, and photographs.

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

**Subjects**
- Hanna, Richard
- California - - Legislature - - Assembly
- Educational - - law and legislation

**Other Finding Aids**
Assembly Office of Research finding aid, Records of Assemblymen, at the California State Archives.
| Series 1. Bill Files, 1957-1962 | Physical Description: 40 file folders  
Arrangement  
Arranged chronologically by legislative session, then numerically bill number.  
Scope and Content Note  
Bill files created by Richard Hanna may include bill analyses, amendments and resolutions, author's statements, testimony press releases, editorials and newspaper clippings, correspondence, committee statements, and other information. Some Senate bill files that were seen in Hanna's committees are included in his bill files.  
1957: AB64-AB3908, ACA28; SB9-SB2021 (8ff) LP27:23-30  
1958: AB1-AB6 (1ff) LP27:31  
1959: AB25-AB518, AB1135 (3ff) LP27:32-34  
1959: AB579-AB2534, ACA15, ACA21, HR209-HR309; SB194-SB1106; SCA14 (7ff) LP28:1-7  
1960: AB37-AB89, ACR36, ACR80, HR121, SB62 (1ff) LP28:13  
1961: AB19-AB3440, ACR78, ACR106, HR293, HR443 (17ff) LP28:14-30  
1961: SB16-SB1190 (4ff) LP28:31-34  
1962: AB1-AB2564, ACA4, SB3 (3ff) LP28:36-38 |
| Series 2. Subject Files, 1955-1963 | Physical Description: 72 file folders  
Arrangement  
Arranged alphabetically by subject title.  
Scope and Content Note  
Subject files created by Richard Hanna may include correspondence, memos, letters received regarding pending or proposed legislation, newspapers clippings, press releases, speeches, and other records relating to proposed legislation. Also included are records concerning state and local issues and California in general. Files are particularly strong on the subject of education. Included within the subject files are papers of various committees on which Hanna served. For further description consult the committee's finding aid and the Assembly Office of Research finding aid. For a complete list of subject titles see master finding aid at the California State Archives. |
| Series 3. Photographs, 1959-1962 | Physical Description: 1 files folder  
Scope and Content Note  
Photos from the Judiciary Committee - Marketing and Trade Practices Sub-Committee file include nineteen prints relating to marketing of gas and oil products at gas stations. |