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## Inventory of the Dan Hauser Papers

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Dan Hauser Papers

**Dates:** 1981-1996

**Collection number:** LP367

**Creator:** Dan Hauser, California Legislator

**Collection Size:** 29 cubic feet

**Repository:** California State Archives

Sacramento, California

**Abstract:** The Dan Hauser Papers consist of 29 cubic feet of records reflecting Hauser's legislative activities during his 14-year Assembly career. The record series include Bill Files, 1983-1996; Subject Files, 1982-1991; Press Releases, 1986-1991; Chronological Correspondence, 1985-1987; Timber Files, 1981-1991; and Hearing Files, 1985-1990.

**Physical location:** California State Archives

**Languages:** Languages represented in the collection: English

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### Acquisition and Custodial History

The California State Archives acquired the Dan Hauser Papers following his final term in the State Legislature.

### Biography

Dan Hauser, Democrat, was a California State Assembly Member from 1983-1996. From 1983-1992, his 2nd Assembly District included western Sonoma County, and the counties of Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte. District 2 included the following cities: Arcata, Crescent City, Blue Lake, Eureka, Ferndale, Fortuna, Rio Dell, Trinidad, Fort Bragg, Point Arena, Ukiah, Willits, Rohnert Park, Healdsburg, Cotati, and Sebastopol. After redistricting in 1992 his district was renumbered as the First Assembly District. Following redistricting, his District included Arcata, Blue Lake, Clearlake, Cloverdale, Crescent City, Eureka, Ferndale, Fort Bragg, Fortuna, Healdsburg, Lakeport, Point Arena, Rio Dell, Sebastopol, Trinidad, Ukiah, Willits, Windsor, and part of Santa Rosa.

He was born in 1943 in Riverside, California and moved into what would eventually become his assembly district in 1963, when he began attending California State University, Humboldt. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in American History

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from that University. Before his election as an assembly member, Hauser worked as an insurance claims investigator. From 1974 to 1982 he was an Arcata City Councilman, including serving four years as mayor. Hauser and his wife Donna have two children.

Hauser was honored with numerous legislative accomplishments including "1984 Legislator of the Year" by the Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman's Associations, "1984 Coastal Legislator of the Year" by the League of Coastal Protection, and "1988 Legislator of the Year" by the California Aging Network.

Among his legislative accomplishments were the Rural Renaissance Act (the Nielsen-McCorquodale-Hauser Rural Economic Development Act of 1986), the saving of 700 acres of old growth redwood in the "Lost Coast" region of northern Mendocino County, and introduction of legislation to create a statewide health plan for all Californians (AB2020, 1987-1988). Another legislative accomplishment was to provide liability insurance for cities, counties, and other public agencies.

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

*Standing and Interim Committees*

Agriculture, 1987-1990

Economic Development and New Technologies, 1983-1988

Governmental Organization, 1991-1996

Housing and Community Development, 1983-1984, 1987-1996

\*Chair, 1987-1994

Insurance, 1995-1996

Local Government, 1983-1990

Natural Resources, 1983-1984, 1991-1992

\*Chair, 1983-1984

Transportation, 1993-1996

Water, Parks and Wildlife, 1985-1994

*Subcommittees*

Subcommittee on Agri-Forestry, 1989-1990

\*Chair, 1989-1990

Subcommittee on Fisheries, 1985-1986

\*Chair, 1985-1986

Subcommittee on Manufactured Housing and Mobilehomes, 1993-1994

Subcommittee on Mobilehomes, 1987-1990

\*Chair, 1989-1990

Subcommittee on Rural Economic Development, 1983-1986

\*Chair, 1983-1986

Subcommittee on Timber, 1985-1986

\*Chair, 1985-1986

*Select Committees*

Select Committee on Alcohol and Related Problems, 1985-1986

Select Committee on California Wine Production and Economy, 1987-1992, 1995-1996

Select Committee on Child Care and Child Abuse, 1989-1990

Select Committee on Common Interest Subdivisions, 1983-1984, 1989-1990

\*Chair, 1989-1990

Select Committee on Insurance, 1985-1986

Select Committee on Job Development and Economic Productivity, 1983-1986

Select Committee on Marine Resources, 1991-1994

Select Committee on the Office of the State Board of Equalization, 1991-1992

Select Committee on the Office of the State Treasurer, 1987-1990

Select Committee on Oil Spill Prevention and Response Preparedness, 1989-1990

*Special Committees*

Special Committee on Legislative Ethics, 1995-1996

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*Joint Committees*

Joint Committee on Fairs Allocation and Classification, 1983-1996

Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture, 1983-1990, 1995-1996

\*Vice Chair, 1985-1990, 1995-1996

Joint Committee on School Facilities, 1989-1994

*Additional Committees, Commissions, and Boards*

Social Services Advisory Board, 1983-1984

Pacific Fisheries Legislative Task Force, 1985-1994

Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force, 1991-1994

State Commission on Economic Development, 1985-1994

Wildlife Conservation Board, 1991-1994

**Scope and Content**

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Dan Hauser's papers are particularly useful for researchers looking at environmental issues in the 1980s and 1990s. In particular, Hauser's papers show the difficulties of promoting job growth while weighing environmental concerns. Hauser was often caught in the middle of conflicts between the logging and fishing industries and environmental groups along the northern coast of California. Hauser's continued advocacy for rural counties is another strength of the collection. Of particular interest in the bill files series is AB2020 (1987-1988), which would have created the California Health Insurance Program (CHIP) that would have provided affordable health care for all Californians.

**Related Material at the California State Archives**

The files of Senator Barry Keene, also at the California State Archives, provide additional information on many of the topics that Dan Hauser dealt with during his legislative career. Keene's legislative district and years of service were similar to Hauser's and they often collaborated on north coast issues.

**Indexing Terms**

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

Hauser, Dan

Shore protection Law and legislation

Health Insurance Policy Program

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Series 1 **Bill Files 1983-1996**

**Physical Description:** 382 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 Dan Hauser while he served as an assembly member, 1983-1996. The files may include bill analyses, amendments and resolutions, author's statements, testimony, press releases, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and committee statements.

(1983-1984) AB125-AB4006, ACR105-ACR149, AJR50-AJR142 LP367:1-47

(1985-1986) AB86-AB4416, ACR16-ACR144, AJR10-AJR94 LP367:48-109

(1987-1988) AB8-AB4696, ACA60, ACR10-ACR136, AJR14-AJR86, AJR14-AJR86 LP367:110-179

(1989-1990) AB10-AB4272, ACR76-ACR 78, AJR36-AJR88, AB44X LP367:180-229

(1991-1992) AB10-AB3724, ACR18-ACR136, AJR43, AB31X-AB65X LP367:230-292

(1993-1994) AB14-AB3766, ACA8, ACR12-ACR144, AJR41 LP367:293-349

(1995-1996) AB25-AB3058, ACR7-ACR92, AJR7-AJR23 LP367:350-382

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Series 2 **Subject Files 1982-1991**

**Physical Description:** 161 file folders

**Arrangement**

Subject Files are arranged alphabetically by subject heading.

**Scope and Content Note**

Subject files may contain newspaper clippings, press releases, correspondence, reports, notes, memoranda, and other materials. The subject files contain information gathered by Hauser, his chief of staff Luke Breit, and his Ukiah District Office. Many of the subject files relate to energy issues - in particular construction of PG and E's Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant, economic development on the northern coast, fishing and fishery - especially as related to issues in his district, and environmental issues such as logging, timber and off-shore oil development. A complete list of subject headings can be found in Appendix A of the master finding aid at the California State Archives.

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Series 3 **Press Releases 1986-1991**

**Physical Description:** 4 file folders

**Arrangement**

Press Releases are arranged chronologically.

**Scope and Content Note**

Press releases were issued by Dan Hauser's Capitol and District Offices. Press Releases mainly relate to legislation introduced by Hauser, especially bills affecting his district. Other topics included timber, fishing, and coastal issues; meetings held by Hauser in his district; awards given to Hauser; hearings to be held; and occasional op-ed pieces.

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Series 4 **Chronological Correspondence 1985-1987**

**Physical Description:** 12 file folders

**Arrangement**

Correspondence is arranged chronologically by month.

**Scope and Content Note**

Chronological correspondence contains outgoing letters sent by Dan Hauser to individuals, public agencies, and other public officials. The correspondence usually relates to issues affecting his legislative district and includes support and opposition to projects affecting his district - in particular projects by such agencies as CalTrans and the Department of Fish and Game. Many of the letters are addressed to the Governor and ask for his support of Hauser's legislation or for increases in the budget for projects and programs in the district.

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Series 5 **Timber Files 1981-1991**

**Physical Description:** 19 file folders

**Arrangement**

Timber Files are arranged alphabetically by subject.

**Scope and Content Note**

Timber files contain correspondence, reports, newsletters, newspaper clippings, press releases, notes, and similar materials related to timber and logging issues, especially issues on the northern coast of California. Subjects discussed include Hauser's views on forestry, acquisition of forestlands, jobs and job loss in the lumber industry, conflicts between the logging industry and environmentalists, and logging rules.

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Series 6 **Hearing Files 1985-1990**

**Physical Description:** 18 file folders

**Arrangement**

Hearing Files are arranged alphabetically by committee name then chronologically by hearing date.

**Scope and Content Note**

Committee Hearing Files are primarily for hearings called by Hauser for subcommittees that he chaired. The files contain transcripts, statements, reports, audiotapes, and other background information related to the hearing topic. Topics often dealt with the lumber industry and job losses within the industry. The committees with hearing files include: Assembly Committee on Economic Development and New Technologies: Rural Economic Development Subcommittee; Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development; Assembly Committee on Natural Resources: Fisheries Subcommittee; and Assembly Committee on Natural Resources: Timber Subcommittee.

A list of hearings is available in Appendix B of master finding aid.