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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...
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
- Governmental Organization, 1991-1996
  - Chair, 1987-1994
- Insurance, 1995-1996
  - Chair, 1983-1984
- Transportation, 1993-1996

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 Child Care and Child Abuse, 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
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

Scope and Content

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

LP367:1-382 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.

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


**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.

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.

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.
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.