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Abstract: John T. Knox, Democrat, was a State Assembly Member, 1960-1980. During his term in the Legislature, Assembly Member Knox sponsored legislation concerning, the reorganization of local government, the environment, the Bay Area, and medical plans.

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Acquisition Information
The California State Archives acquired the John T. Knox Papers following his final Assembly term.
Alternative Forms of Material Available

Some of these records are on microfilm at the California State Archives.

Biography

John T. Knox, Democrat, was a State Assembly Member, 1960-1980. His 11th District included cities within Contra Costa County.

Knox was born on September 30, 1924 in Reno, Nevada and established residence in California in 1929. He attended public schools in Sacramento and Alhambra before going on to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree from Occidental College, and a degree in Law from Hastings College of the Law. He was an attorney by profession. Assembly Member Knox served in the U.S. Army Air Force from March 1943 to December 1945. On December 27, 1949 he married Jean Henderson. They had three children: John, Charlotte Marie, and Mary Lucretia.

Assembly Member Knox served as President of the Richmond Junior Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce. He was also been a member of the NAACP, as well as several fraternal and veterans associations. Assembly Member Knox served on the Contra Costa County Democratic Central Committee and on the Executive Board of the Democratic State Central Committee. In addition, he served on the Board of Trustees of Occidental College and the Sir Francis Drake Commission. In 1970, Assembly Member Knox was the recipient of the Bay Area Council Environmental Award. During his last year in the State Assembly he was awarded the League of California Cities Distinguished Service Award.

Assembly Member Knox was elected to the State Assembly of California during a special election on November 8, 1960. The special election was held in order to replace S.C. Masterson who resigned from the Assembly. On January 19, 1976, he was elected Speaker Pro Tempore and was re-elected each year until 1980 when he retired from office. During his term in the Legislature, Assembly Member Knox sponsored legislation concerning, the reorganization of local government, the environment, the Bay Area, and medical plans. According to the California Legislature at Sacramento (Handbooks), he severed on the following committees:

Standing Committees

Constitutional Amendments, 1971-1972
Criminal Justice, 1975-1980
*Vice Chair, 1979-1980
Criminal Procedure, 1961-1967
Finance and Insurance, 1963-1974
Government Administration, 1971-1972
Governmental Efficiency and Economy, 1961-1965
*Vice Chair, 1961
Industrial Relations, 1961
Intergovernmental Relations, 1970
Judiciary, 1975
*Chair, 1969-1975
Municipal and County Government, 1963-1967
*Chair, 1963-1967
Revenue and Taxation, 1961-1963
Rules, 1977-1980
*Ex officio member, 1977-1980

Select Committees

County Jurisdiction, 1973-1974
*Chair, 1973-1974
Fire Services, 1976
Manpower Development, 1972-1974
Revision of the Corporations Code, 1973-1975
*Chair, 1973-1975

Joint Committees
- Open Space, 1969-1973
- *Chair, 1969-1970
- Revision of the Penal Code, 1977-1980

Joint Legislative Committees
- Bay Area Regional Organization, 1969-1970
- *Chair, 1969-1970

Special Subcommittee
- Community Development, 1976-1978

Scope and Content
The John T. Knox Papers consist of Assembly Bill Files, 1968-1976. The bill files document his legislative activity during only a portion of his term as a member of the California State Legislature. The bills introduced by Assembly Member Knox include a wide array of subjects. He authored bills concerning pollution, the environment, and the San Francisco Bay Area. A number of other bills focus on special education, local government, criminal justice, city development, employment, corporations, workers compensation, health care, insurance, property, and income taxes.

Arrangement
Organized into one series of bill files then arranged chronologically by Legislative session and bill number.

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

Subjects
- Knox, John T.
- California - - Legislature - - Assembly
- Local government - - Law and Legislation
- Environmental policy

Related Material
Additional records may be found at the Bancroft Library, University California, Berkeley, Berkeley, California, 94720-6000 and the California State Library, Library and Courts Building II, 900 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Folder LP197:77-159 Series 1. Bill Files, 1968-1976

Physical Description: 83 file folders

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by Legislative session then numerically by bill number.

Scope and Content Note
Bill files created by John T. Knox may include bill analyses, amendments and resolutions, author's statements, testimony, press releases, editorials and newspaper clippings, correspondence, committee statements, and other information. Microfilm copies of bill files are available for the years 1968-1976 as indicated by (mf) following the LP number.

1968: AB116-AB2097, ACA36, ACR60, HR99, HR254 (3ff) LP197:77-79 (mf)
1969: AB267-AB2345, ACR111, ACR189, AJR35 HR18-HR438 (9ff) LP197:80-88 (mf)
1970: AB202-AB2400, ACR68-ACR184, AJR37, HR49-HR87 (13ff) LP197:89-101 (mf)
1971: AB137-AB3094, ACA40, ACR2-ACR70, HR77 (15ff) LP197:102-116 (mf)
1972: AB237-AB2370, ACA49, ACR78, AJR10, HR52, HR124 (7ff) LP197:117-123 (mf)
1975-1976: AB81-AB4321, ACA45,ACR59, ACR135, AJR19, HR86 (20ff) LP197:140-159 (mf)