Inventory of the Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee Records

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee Records
Dates: 1971-2000
Collection Number: See series descriptions
Creator: Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee
Collection Size: 27 cubic feet
Repository: California State Archives
Sacramento, California

Abstract: The Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee Records consist of 27 cubic feet and span the years 1971-2000. The records reflect the work of the committee in reviewing legislation pertaining to state and local non-school public employees and public employee retirement. They are comprised of bill files, hearing files, and notices, rolls, and logs.

Physical Location: California State Archives

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access:
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[Identification of item], Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee Records, LP[number];[folder number], California State Archives, Office of the Secretary of State, Sacramento, California.

Acquisition Information:
The California State Archives acquired the Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee records according to state law.

Committee History:
The Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee was created by Senate Resolution 107 (1974). Prior to 1974, all matters pertaining to the subject of public employees and retirement were seen by the standing committee on Governmental Organization. The purpose of the newly created committee on Public Employment and Retirement was to oversee "all bills relating to state and local non-school public employees and public employee retirement." Most frequently these bills pertained to the structuring of retirement and disability benefits for retired state teachers, judges, law enforcement officers, and emergency personnel. Issues such as health benefits, vacation time, and sick leave credits for existing state employees were also addressed. The first day of existence for the Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee was June 13, 1974, the day the new Senate Rules were read and adopted.

Scope and Content
The Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee Records consist of 27 cubic feet. The records cover the years 1971-2000. They are comprised of bill files, hearing files, and notices, rolls, and logs. It is anticipated that the Archives will receive further records from the Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee, as it remains a functional standing committee in the California State Senate. Researchers might inquire about recently received, unprocessed records of the committee.

The majority of records consist of bill files that cover the years 1971-2000. Committee hearing files span from 1975-1992 and comprise two cubic feet of the collection. Furthermore, there are files from the years 1973-1992 that contain notices, rolls, and logs.

The Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee reviewed many bills that drew public interest since the population of current and retired government employees in California had a vested interest in the legislation. The correspondence in support and opposition for bills proved especially fervent in cases involving financial benefits. However, individuals were not the only followers of the committee's agenda. Several state bargaining units and organizations kept a close watch on the committee's actions as the bills they addressed held bearing on the lives of their constituencies. These bargaining units and organizations included, but were not limited to, the State Teachers’ Retirement System, Public Employees’ Retirement System, California State Firefighters Association, and Peace Officer's Research Association.

The California State Archives received the records of the Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee over a number of years and archives staff arranged them at various times. While the physical arrangement of the records reflects this variety, this inventory describes all of the records according to present archival descriptive standards for legislative committee records. Therefore, the physical arrangement of these records does not necessarily follow the order listed in this inventory.

Arrangement
The Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee records are arranged into three series: bill files, hearing files, and notices, rolls, and logs files.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog. California. Legislature. Senate. Public Employment and Retirement Committee. Public employees Civil service Civil service Retirement

Related Collections at the California State Archives
Wadie Deddeh Papers
Cecil Green Papers
Teresa Hughes Papers
Dan McCorquodale Papers
Newton Russell Papers
Debrah Ortiz Papers
Nell Soto Papers

Oral Histories of Committee Chairs
See below for LP numbers

Series 1 Bill Files 1971-2000

Physical Description: 476 file folders

Arrangement

Bill files are arranged chronologically by legislative session and numerically by bill number.

Scope and Content

Most bill files include all or some of the following items: bill analyses, amendments and resolutions, author's statements, testimony, press releases, newspaper clippings, correspondence, roll calls, records of votes, and committee statements. Of particular interest are those bills relating to state teachers' retirement, judge's retirement, state employee benefits, and investments of public pension funds.

1971-1974: Retirement Legislation from Previous Years, Background (1ff) LP167:155
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