Inventory of the George N. Zenovich Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: George N. Zenovich papers
Dates: 1963-1980
Collection number: LP171; LP172
Creator: George N. Zenovich, California Legislator
Collection Size: 6.5 cubic feet
Repository: California State Archives
Sacramento, California

Abstract: George N. Zenovich, Democrat, was a State Assembly Member for the 32nd Assembly District from 1963 to 1970, and a State Senator for the 16th Senate District (which later became the 14th Senate District after redistricting) from 1971-1979. The George N. Zenovich papers consist of 6.5 cubic feet of textual records and are arranged in one series of Bill Files (1963-1980) that document Zenovich's legislative activity during his term as a member of the California State Legislature.

Physical location: California State Archives
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
While the majority of the records are open for research, any access restrictions are noted in the record series descriptions.

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Acquisition and Custodial History
The California State Archives acquired the George N. Zenovich papers in a series of two transfers following his final term in the California State Legislature.

Biography
George N. Zenovich, Democrat, was a State Assembly Member from 1963 to 1970. His 32nd Assembly District included cities within Fresno County. In 1970, he left the Assembly when he was elected to the State Senate. As a senator, he represented the 16th Senate District, which became the 14th Senate District after redistricting, and included areas from the counties of Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, and Stanislaus. He served in the Senate from 1971 to 1979.
A native of California, Zenovich was born in Fresno on April 29, 1922. He attended Fresno Public Schools, and California State University, Fresno where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. He then went on to earn a Degree in Law from
Southwestern College of Law. During World War II he served in the United States Army Air Corp. In 1955, he was married in Belgrade, Yugoslavia to Vera Sarenac, a Graduate of Law from Sarajevo University. They have two daughters, Ninon and Marina.

Senator Zenovich served as a member and as Treasurer of the Fresno County Democratic Central Committee. He was also a member of the California, Fresno County and American Bar Associations, and the International Academy of Law, The Hague, Holland. During his career he held memberships in several civic and professional organizations such as, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), American Legion, Eagles, the Boys Club, Fresno State Alumni Association, Community Services Organization, National Conference of State Legislative Leaders, and the Automobile Accident Study Commission. He belonged to the Musicians Union, Local 47, Los Angeles; and Local 210, Fresno.

During his term in the California State Legislature, Senator Zenovich served as Chairman of the Democratic Caucus and Majority Floor Leader of the Assembly from 1966 to 1969. According to the Legislative Handbooks, he served on the following committees:

**Standing Committees**
- Constitutional Amendments, 1965
- Criminal Procedure, 1963-1965
- Finance and Insurance, 1967-1970
- *Chair, 1965
- *Vice Chair, 1963
- Government Administration, 1969-1970
- Legislative Representation, 1963
- Municipal and County Government, 1963-1965
- Natural Resources, Planning, and Public Works, 1963
- Revenue and Taxation, 1967
- Ways and Means, 1967-1970

**Select Committees**
- Mentally Ill and Handicapped Children, 1969

**California State Senate, 1971-1979**

**Standing Committees**
- Agriculture and Water Resources, 1975-1976
- *Vice Chair, 1972-1974
- Children and Youth, 1976
- *Chair, 1976
- Governmental Organizations, 1973-1979
- Industrial Relations, 1975-1977
- *Chair, 1975-1977
- Insurance and Financial Institutions, 1971-1979
- *Chair, 1979
- Rules, 1973-1974

**Joint Committees**
- Community Development and Housing Needs, 1976

Zenovich passed away in Fresno on September 25, 2013, at the age of ninety-one.

**Scope and Content**

The George N. Zenovich papers consist of Bill Files, 1963-1980. The bill files document his legislative activity during his term as a member of the California State Legislature. Senator Zenovich authored bills concerning unemployment insurance, disability insurance, workman’s compensation, state employees, the sale of alcoholic beverages, schools, courts, the mentally handicapped, taxation, and other subjects.

**Accruals**
No further accruals are expected.

**Related Material at the California State Archives**

Senate Industrial Relations Committee Records.

Zenovich, George N., Secretary of State Records, Senate Historical Collection, F3706:22.

**Oral History**


**Microfilm**

The majority of the records are available on microfilm. Researchers are asked to use the microfilm copies when available.

**Indexing Terms**

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

Zenovich, George, 1922-2013
Insurance, Unemployment-California
Insurance, Disability-California
Schools-California
Taxation-California

**Series 1 Bill Files 1963-1980**

**Physical Description:** 133 file folders

**Alternative Form of Materials Available**

Microfilm copies of bill files are available for the years 1963-1980 as indicated by the MF preceding the LP number. Note, microfilm copies do not exist for one file folder of bill files from 1971 (see below).

**Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically by legislative session, then numerically by bill number.

**Scope and Content Note**

Bill files created by George N. Zenovich may include bill analyses, bill drafts, amendments, resolutions, author statements, testimonies, press releases, editorials, newspaper clippings, correspondence, committee statements, and other information.

**State Assembly, 1963-1970**

1963: AB553-AB3079, HR162-HR395 (2ff) MF LP171:222-223
1964: AB87, AJR14, HR29, HR270 (1ff) MF LP171:224
1965: AB235-AB3265, ACA38-ACA81, ACR45-ACR112, HR386-HR862 (7ff) MF LP171:225-231
1966: AB55, AB145, ACR44, HR319-HR436 (1ff) MF LP171:232
1967: AB290-AB2477, ACA47-ACA68, HR94-HR477, HR35X (14ff) MF LP171:233-246
1968: AB205-AB2089, ACR115, HR10-HR531, AB3X (7ff) MF LP171:247-253
1969: AB127-AB2304, ACR26-ACR224, AJR34, HR70-HR424, RCR’s (1ff) MF LP171:254-264
1970: AB216-AB2428, ACR160, AJR6, AJR9, HR144, HR254 (5ff) MF LP171:252-128

**State Senate, 1971-1980**

1971: SB238-SB1438 (11ff) MF LP172:129-139
1971: SCA28, SCA53, SCR42-SCR75, SJR6, SJR34, SR196 (1ff) LP172:140
1979-1980: SB135 (1ff) MF LP172:212a