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Title: California Constitution Revision Commission collection
Identifier/Call Number: MSS 1998/10
Contributing Institution: California State University, Sacramento Special Collections & University Archives
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 4.0 Linear feet (10 manuscript boxes)
Date (bulk): Bulk, 1965-1970
Date (inclusive): 1930-1974
Abstract: The collection consists of the 1963 California Constitution Revision Commission files collected by Donald H. Pflueger while he served as a member of the commission including agendas, minutes, memorandums, correspondence and background material.
Language of Materials note: Collection is in English.
creator: California Constitution Revision Commission.
Custodial History note
Donald Pflueger assembled these papers over many years as part of his effort to document the California Constitution Revision Commission.
Scope and Contents note
Collection consists of three series: General Files, Working Files of the Constitutional Revision Commission, and Legislation and Voting Information.
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Preferred Citation note
[Identification of item including date], [Folder Title], MSS 1998/10, California Constitutional Revision Commission collection, Department of Special Collections and University Archives, Library, California State University, Sacramento.
Biographical/Historical note
California's first Constitution was adopted in 1849, and the second Constitution was adopted in 1879. This second Constitution was very detailed and quite lengthy. Many unsuccessful attempts subsequently were made to revise the 1879 constitution. Between 1879 and 1962 the Constitution was amended over 300 times, increased from 16,000 to 75,000 words and became the fourth longest constitution in the world.
In 1962, the Legislature passed and the voters approved an amendment to article 18, which permitted the legislature to propose revisions of the constitution. Prior to this time overall revision was possible only by convention, and the legislature was permitted only to propose certain amendments.
In 1963, the Legislature establishes the Constitution Revision Commission, which began working on February 20, 1964. The Commission was composed of approximately 60 non-compensated citizens members, 6 legislative members and 16 ex-officio legislative members. The goal of the Commission was to make suggestions for change in the Constitution. Judge Bruce W. Summer was elected the Chairperson. The Commission was terminated on March 4, 1974.
This collection contains material used by Donald Pflueger while he was a member of the California Constitutional Revision Commission. In addition to background material, Mr. Pflueger kept agendas, minutes, memorandum, correspondence, and sample ballots and information that went to California voters. Material covers the time period of 1930 to 1974 with the majority of material covering the 1965-70 time period.
Mr. Pflueger taught for 31 years at Cal Poly, Pomona. He was a World War II veteran and served as U.S. cultural attache in Amman, Jordan and Jerusalem. He also served on the California Historical Resources Commission. Mr. Pflueger was the author of several articles and a book on the history of Cal Poly, Pomona.
Accruals note
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Immediate Source of Acquisition note
The Constitution Revision Commission collection was given to the CSUS Special Collections and University Archives by Donald Pflueger in 1998.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
California Constitution Revision Commission.
Pflueger, Donald H.
Constitutional law -- California

Series 1: General Files,
Language of Material: English
Series Description
This series contains general published and unpublished information gathered by Donald Pflueger while he was a member of the Constitutional Revision Commission. Subseries 1 contains material about constitutions and the constitutional revision process. Subseries 2 contains material about transportation issues. Mr. Pflueger served on a subcommittee of the Commission that studied transportation issues. Folders in both subseries are in chronological order. Subseries 3 contains some personal files of Donald Pflueger.

Subseries Description
These pamphlets and published and unpublished articles provide background information about the constitution revision process and were part of the files of Donald Pflueger. The material is organized in chronological order.

Box 1, Folder 1
Box 1, Folder 2
Assembly Interim Committee on Constitutional Amendments (agenda), 1960.
Box 1, Folder 3
Box 1, Folder 4
Major Problems in State Constitutional Revision (published article), 1960.
Box 1, Folder 5
Box 1, Folder 6
Muskopf v. Corning Hospital District (law case), 1961.
Box 1, Folder 7
Box 1, Folder 8
State Constitutional Revision in California (published article), 1961.
Box 1, Folder 9
California Legislature Looks at the State Constitution (journal article), 1962.
Box 1, Folder 10
Box 1, Folder 11
Box 1, Folder 12
Summary of Workshop on State Constitutional Revision (meeting summary), 1964.
Box 1, Folder 13
History of the California Constitution (speech), 1964.
Box 1, Folder 14
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Hamstrung Legislatures (published article), 1965.
Box 1, Folder 19
Box 1, Folder 20
Assembly Interim Committee on Constitutional Amendments - Summary of Testimony, 1968.
Box 1, Folder 21
Report of the Select Committee on Assembly Reorganization (state reports), 1968.
Box 1, Folder 22
Box 1, Folder 23
California Revises Its Constitution (journal article), 1969.

- Box 1, Folder 24: Facts about California Constitutional Revision (fact sheet), 1969.
- Box 1, Folder 26: Unfinished Business -- Constitutional Revision (journal article), 1973.
- Box 1, Folder 27: Constitutions of Other States, n.d.
- Box 1, Folder 28: Do You Know... Upon What Authority California Government Rests... (book chapter), n.d.
- Box 1, Folder 29: Forms of Legal Authority (unpublished article), n.d.
- Box 1, Folder 30: Initiative and Referendum (report), n.d.
- Box 1, Folder 31: Legislative Reorganization (speech), n.d.
- Box 1, Folder 32: Possible Approaches to Limiting Power to Amend Constitution (report), n.d.
- Box 1, Folder 33: A Summary of Constitutional One Subject Provisions (report), n.d.


- Box 2, Folder 1: Diversion - Obstacle to Adequate Roads (report), 1965.
- Box 2, Folder 2: The Freeway Establishment (journal article), 1968.
- Box 2, Folder 3: Bay Area Transportation Report (folder 1 of 2), 1969.
- Box 2, Folder 4: Bay Area Transportation Report (folder 2 of 2), 1969.
- Box 2, Folder 5: California Transportation Resources (proposal prepared for state), 1969.
- Box 2, Folder 6: Controversy over Rapid Transit (California Digest article), 1969.

Subseries 3: Personal files of Donald Pflueger, n.d.

- Box 2, Folder 7: Handwritten Notes and Two Speeches of Donald Pflueger, n.d.
- Box 2, Folder 8: Donald Pflueger - Personal Papers and Photographs, n.d.


Series Description

This series contains committee biographies, publicity material, general correspondence as well as agenda, minutes, and working papers of the Commission. Also included are the reports prepared by subcommittees of the Commission. These committees met on a monthly basis in various locations throughout California. These subcommittees suggested revision of specific articles of the Constitution. Written public comment concerning revision of a specific article is contained in the folder pertaining to that article.


- Box 2, Folder 9: Constitutional Revision Commission Agendas, Minutes, and Memorandum, 1964.
- Box 2, Folder 10: Constitutional Revision Commission Agendas, Minutes, and Memorandum, 1965.
- Box 2, Folder 11: Constitutional Revision Commission Agendas, Minutes, and Memorandum, 1966.
- Box 2, Folder 12: Constitutional Revision Commission Agendas, Minutes, and Memorandum, 1967.
- Box 2, Folder 13: Constitutional Revision Commission Agendas, Minutes, and Memorandum (folder 1 of 2), 1968.
- Box 3, Folder 1: Constitutional Revision Commission Agendas, Minutes, and Memorandum (folder 2 of 2), 1968.
- Box 3, Folder 2: Constitutional Revision Commission Agendas, Minutes, and Memorandum (folder 1 of 3), 1969.
- Box 3, Folder 3: Constitutional Revision Commission Agendas, Minutes, and Memorandum (folder 2 of 3), 1969.

Box 3, Folder 4  Constitutional Revision Commission Agendas, Minutes, and Memorandum (folder 3 of 3), 1969.
Box 3, Folder 5  Constitutional Revision Commission Agendas, Minutes, and Memorandum (folder 1 of 3), 1970.
Box 3, Folder 6  Constitutional Revision Commission Agendas, Minutes, and Memorandum (folder 2 of 3), 1970.
Box 4, Folder 1  Constitutional Revision Commission Agendas, Minutes, and Memorandum (folder 3 of 3), 1970.


Subseries Description
Folders include written public comments.

Box 4, Folder 2  Article 1 (folder 1 of 2), 1969-70.
Box 4, Folder 3  Article 1 (folder 2 of 2), 1969-70.
Box 4, Folder 4  Article 2, 1968-69.
Box 4, Folder 5  Article 4, 1964.
Box 4, Folder 6  Article 5, n.d.
Box 4, Folder 7  Article 6, 1964.
Box 4, Folder 8  Article 7, n.d.
Box 4, Folder 9  Article 9 (folder 1 of 2), 1967-70.
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Box 5, Folder 1  Article 10, 1970.
Box 5, Folder 2  Article 11 (folder 1 of 2), 1967.
Box 5, Folder 3  Article 11 (folder 2 of 2), 1967.
Box 5, Folder 4  Article 12, 1970.
Box 5, Folder 5  Article 9, 11, and 12 - Background Study, 1968.
Box 5, Folder 6  Article 13 - Part 1, 1969-70.
Box 5, Folder 7  Article 13 - Part 2, 1969-70.
Box 6, Folder 1  Article 13 - Part 3, 1969-70.
Box 6, Folder 2  Article 13 - Part 4, 1969-70.
Box 6, Folder 3  Article 13 - Part 5, 1969-70.
Box 6, Folder 4  Article 14, 1968.
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Box 6, Folder 6  Article 16 - Part 1, 1969-70.
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Box 8, Folder 1  Article 24, 1964-65
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Box 8, Folder 3  Article 26 - Part 2, 1969-70.
Box 8, Folder 4  Article 34, 1968-69.
Box 8, Folder 5  Article 37, 1968.
Box 8, Folder 6  Revenue and Taxation Constitutional Provision from Articles XIII, IX, XI, and XII, 1970.
Box 8, Folder 7  Drafting Committee Reports, 1969-70.
Box 8, Folder 8  Special Committee, 1970.

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Subseries Description
These folders contain biographical information about each committee member and gives subcommittee assignments.

- Box 8, Folder 9: Committee Membership, 1968-69.
- Box 8, Folder 10: Speeches and Letters to Bruce Summner, Committee Chair, 1965-70.
- Box 9, Folder 1: Committee Humor, n.d.

Subseries Description
These folders contain correspondence to commission members about meetings. Letters from the general public not pertaining to a specific constitutional article are also filed in these folders.

- Box 9, Folder 2: Correspondence, 1960-67.
- Box 9, Folder 3: Correspondence, 1968-72.
- Box 9, Folder 4: Correspondence, 1973-74.

Subseries Description
Included are press releases from the commissions, material provided to commission members who were to give speeches, and news clippings about the Commission.

- Box 9, Folder 5: Public Information Committee, 1965-66.
- Box 9, Folder 6: Material for Speaking Engagements, 1966-68.
- Box 9, Folder 7: News Clippings (folder 1 of 2), 1968-70.
- Box 9, Folder 8: News Clippings (folder 2 of 2), 1968-70.

Series Description
Included in this box is information provided to the California voters concerning amendments to the California constitution.

- Box 10, Folder 2: Four Proposals for Constitutional Revision (voter pamphlet), n.d.
- Box 10, Folder 3: All for Revision (voter pamphlet), n.d.
- Box 10, Folder 4: A Move to Improve - Four Proposals for Constitutional Revision (voter pamphlet), n.d.
- Box 10, Folder 5: Both Candidates Agree, n.d.
- Box 10, Folder 6: League of Women Voters - Prop 1 - Pro and Con, n.d.
- Box 10, Folder 7: League of Women Voters - Comprehensives, 1970.
- Box 10, Folder 8: California Voter's Pamphlet (General Election, November 1974), 1974.
- Box 10, Folder 9: California Election Extra, 1970.
- Box 10, Folder 10: Proposition 1, 1968.
- Box 10, Folder 11: Assembly Constitutional Amendments, 1966-70.
- Box 10, Folder 12: Proposed Amendments to the Constitution, 1968-70.
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