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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: Albert S. Rodda, Democrat, was a State Senator, 1959-1980. Senator Rodda introduced legislation in the areas of education, local government, labor, recreation, and water.

Physical location: California State Archives

Language: English.

Access

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Acquisition Information

The California State Archives acquired the Albert S. Rodda Papers following his final Senate term.

Alternative Forms of Material Available

Records are available on microfilm at the California State Archives.

Biography

Albert S. Rodda, Democrat, was a State Senator, 1959-1980. His district included cities within Sacramento County. Rodda was elected to the 19th Senate District, which after redistricting became the 5th Senate District, followed by the 3rd Senate District

A native of California, Senator Rodda was born in Sacramento on July 12, 1912. He attended local public schools and graduated from Sacramento High School in 1929. He attended Stanford University where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1933. Senator Rodda worked as a teacher in Sacramento public high schools for several years before he went into the U.S. Naval Reserve and served in World War II as a gunnery officer. He left the Navy in 1946, and taught at Sacramento City College until he retired in 1967 to become a full-time legislator. In 1951, Senator Rodda earned his Ph.D. in history and economics from Stanford University. While teaching at Grant Union High school he met his future wife. Rodda and Clarice Horgan, an English teacher, were married in 1941. They have one son and two daughters.

Senator Rodda was elected in 1958 to the State Senate in a special election to replace Earl Desmond who had died in office. Rodda defeated Louis Desmond, the deceased Senator's son, and two other Democrats.

Senator Rodda served as Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee and was a member of the Democratic County Central Committee. During his term in the Legislature, Senator Rodda served on a number of committees. According to the Legislative Handbooks, he served on the following committees:

Standing Committees

Education, 1967,1969

*Chair, 1970-1979

Energy, 1975-1976

Finance, 1971-1976

*Chair, 1977-1979

Industrial Relations, 1970-1976

Local Government, 1970, 1973-1976

Natural Resources and Wildlife, 1970-1971, 1976-1979

Public Utilities, 1975-1976

Transit, 1975-1976

Scope and Content

The Albert S. Rodda Papers consist of Senate Bill and Legislative Counsel Files, 1959-1980. The bill files document his legislative activity during his term as a member of the California State Legislature. Senator Rodda introduced legislation in the areas of education, local government, labor, recreation, and water.

Arrangement

Arranged into one series of bill files.

Indexing Terms

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

Subjects

Rodda, Albert S.

California - - Legislature - - Senate

Educational - - law and legislation

Local government - - Law and Legislation

Related Material

Albert Rodda, "Sacramento Senator: State Leadership in Education and Finance," an oral history conducted in 1981 by Gabrielle Morris, in The Assembly, the State Senate, and the Governor's Office, 1958-1974, Regional Oral History Office, The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, 1982.

Folder LP186:68-235

Series 1. **Bill Files, 1959-1980**

Physical Description: 168 file folders

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically by session, then numerically by bill number.

Scope and Content Note

Bill files created by Albert S. Rodda 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 1959-1980 as indicated by (mf) following the LP number.

1959 SB21-SB1410, SCA25, SCR84 (3ff) LP186:68-70 (mf)

1961 SB42-SB1536, SCA7-SCA16,SCR19-SCR67, SR59, SR103(9ff) LP186:71-79 (mf)

1962 SB43x, SR25x (1ff) LP186:80 (mf)

1963 SB4-SB1630, SCA10, SCR8-SCR33,SJR2, SJR20, SR122, SB21x (9ff) LP186:81-89 (mf)

1964 SB17x-SB19x, SB46x (1ff) LP186:90 (mf)

1965 SB111-SB1513, SCR34-SCR82, SJR23 (15ff) LP186:91-105 (mf)

1967 SB61-SB1506, SCA7, SCR11-SCR52, SJR29, SJR33, SR66-SR352 (11ff) LP186:106-116 (mf)

1968 SB86-SB1048, SCR27-SCR148, SR23-SR285 (7ff) LP186:117-123 (mf)

1969 SB172-SB1244, SCA5-SCA19,SCR11-SCR145, SJR12 (5ff) LP186:124-128 (mf)

1970 SB49-SB1408, SCA6-SCA32, SCR67,SCR72, SR131 (8ff) LP186:129-136 (mf)

1971 SB50-SB1597, SCA2-SCA15,SCR11-SCR141, SR62 (12ff) LP186:137-148 (mf)

1972 SB32-SB1449, SCA32-SCA49, SCR65, SCR90, SR71, SR74 (7ff) LP186:149-155 (mf)

1973-1974 SB84-SB2360, SCA19-SCA45,SCR92, SR92-SR93 (12ff) LP186:156-167 (mf)

1975-1976 SB14-SB1946, SCA29, JRC22 (19ff) LP186:168-186 (mf)

1977-1978 SB41-SB2238, SCA12, SCR47, SCR76, SB6x (15ff) LP186:187-201 (mf)

1979-1980 SB19-SB2066, SCR44, SCR85(15ff) LP186:202-225 (mf)

1959-1980 Legislative Counsel Opinions (10ff) LP186:226-235