

House Democratic Caucus Records
A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress



Manuscript Division, Library of Congress
Washington, D.C.
2002

Contact information: <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/mss.contact>

Catalog Record: <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm79018242>

Additional search options available at: <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.ms003027>

Prepared by Manuscript Division staff

Finding aid encoded by Library of Congress Manuscript Division, 2003
Revised 2022 July

Collection Summary

Title: House Democratic Caucus Records

Inclusive Dates: 1913-1999

Bulk Dates: 1969-1994

ID No.: MSS18242

Creator: House Democratic Caucus (U.S.)

Extent: 20,000 items

Extent: 78 containers

Extent: 31.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

LC Catalog record: <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm79018242>

Summary: Organization of Democratic members of the United States House of Representatives; established in 1796. The records include minutes of meetings, transcripts of meetings and hearings, office files, correspondence, legislation, caucus and House rules, reports, handbooks, printed matter, and other records documenting the proceedings of the caucus and its efforts to shape national public policy.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Fazio, Victor H. (Victor Herbert), 1942- --Correspondence.

Gephardt, Richard A. (Richard Andrew), 1941- --Correspondence.

Hoyer, Steny H. (Steny Hamilton), 1939- --Correspondence.

Long, Gillis William, 1923-1985--Correspondence.

Organizations

Democratic Party (U.S.)

House Democratic Caucus (U.S.)

House Democratic Caucus (U.S.). Committee on Organization, Study, and Review.

House Democratic Caucus (U.S.). Committee on Party Effectiveness.

United States. Congress. House.

Places

United States--Politics and government--20th century.

Acquisition Information

The records of the House Democratic Caucus were given to the Library of Congress by the caucus in 1964 and 2001.

Processing History

Records of the House Democratic Caucus were first arranged circa 1964. Additional records were received in 2001, and both accessions were combined and processed in 2002 by Joseph K. Brooks with the assistance of Marjorie L. Torney.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of the House Democratic Caucus in these records and in other collections of records in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

Restrictions apply governing the use, photoduplication, or publication of items in this collection. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division for information concerning these restrictions.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Records of the House Democratic Caucus, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the House Democratic Caucus span the years 1913-1999, with the bulk of the material dating from 1969 to 1994. The caucus, which first met in 1796, is an arm of the Democratic party comprising party members serving as elected or appointed members of the United States House of Representatives. It promulgates House and caucus rules, determines members' committee assignments, and serves as the means by which the party organizes the House and selects the speaker and committee chairmen when the Democrats are in the majority. The records are organized in a [Congresses](#) and a [Miscellany](#) series.

The [Congresses](#) series documents the 64th through 106th Congresses, spanning the period 1913-1999, though there are gaps and fewer records at the beginning and end of the span. The meetings of the earlier caucuses through the 92d Congress are typically represented by only a journal, a short outline of the proceedings that reported speeches and debates with little detail. Caucus meetings of the 93d through 102d Congresses are usually documented with full transcripts as well as with journals. Correspondents in the Congresses series include caucus chairmen Victor H. Fazio, Richard A. Gephardt, Steny H. Hoyer, and Gillis William Long.

The [Miscellany](#) series mainly documents the work of two committees of the caucus, the Committee on Organization, Study, and Review and the Committee on Party Effectiveness. The Committee on Organization, Study and Review promulgates and amends caucus rules and the procedural rules of the House of Representatives when the Democrats are in the majority. The caucus formulates broad party policy on a number of public issues, such as health care reform and the Strategic Defense Initiative, through task forces of the Committee on Party Effectiveness. Included in the history file of the Miscellany series are chronologies and agendas of caucus meetings from the 1960s through the 1990s and brief histories of the caucus and the Committee on Organization, Study and Review and Committee on Party Effectiveness.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in two series:

- [Congresses, 1913-1999](#)
- [Miscellany, 1981-1996](#)

Description of Series

Container

BOX 1-54

Series

Congresses, 1913-1999

Minutes and transcripts of meetings, correspondence, office files, subject files, and miscellaneous material.

Arranged by Congress and therein alphabetically by type of material or topical groupings.

BOX 55-78

Miscellany, 1981-1996

Office files, legislation, caucus rules, handbooks, topical files, reports, printed matter, and miscellaneous material.

Arranged by organization or topic.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1-54	Congresses, 1913-1999 Minutes and transcripts of meetings, correspondence, office files, subject files, and miscellaneous material. Arranged by Congress and therein alphabetically by type of material or topical groupings.
BOX 1	64th-84th, 1913-1956 (13 folders)
BOX 2	85th-90th, 1957-1967, undated (4 folders)
	91st Meetings 1969, Jan. 2-1970, July 15 (22 folders)
BOX 3	1970, Aug. 5- Dec. 16 (5 folders) Miscellany, 1968-1970 92nd, 1971, Jan. 19- 1972, Aug. 7 (27 folders)
	93rd Meetings 1973, Jan. 2 1973, Jan. 22-1974, Dec. 3 (31 folders)
BOX 4	Miscellany, 1973-1974 (2 folders)
	94th 1974, Dec. 2 1974, Dec. 4-1975, Feb. 19 (22 folders)
BOX 5	1975, Feb. 25-Sept. 30 (31 folders)
BOX 6	1975, Oct. 22-1976, June 16 (34 folders)
BOX 7	1976, June 23 (1 folder)
BOX 8	(2 folders) 1976, July 21- Sept. 15 (18 folders)
	95th 1976, Dec. 3-8 (4 folders)
BOX 9	1976, Dec. 9-1978, Mar. 15 (16 folders)

Congresses, 1913-1999

Container	Contents
BOX 10	1978, Apr. 5-Aug. 16 (6 folders) 96th 1978, Sept. 20 -1979, Jan. 23 (9 folders)
BOX 11	1979, Jan. 24 -1980, Jan. 24 (15 folders)
BOX 12	1980, Feb. 5-Nov. 19 (15 folders) 97th 1980, Dec. 8-10 (3 folders)
BOX 13	1980, Dec.11-1981, Feb.19 (8 folders)
BOX 14	1981, Mar. 25 - Dec. 15 (15 folders)
BOX 15	1982, 3 Feb.-Oct. 1 (12 folders)
BOX 16	98th Correspondence, 1983-1984 (3 folders) Meetings 1982, Dec. 6-8 (5 folders)
BOX 17	1982, Dec. 9-1983, May 18 (12 folders)
BOX 18	1983, June 7- Nov.18 (13 folders)
BOX 19	1984, Jan. 25- June 27 (8 folders) Miscellany, 1984, undated
BOX 20	99th Correspondence, 1984-1985 Meetings 1984, Sept. 6- Dec. 3 (6 folders) 1984, Dec. 4 (4 folders)
BOX 21	(1 folder) 1984, Dec. 5-1985, Jan. 29 (9 folders)
BOX 22	1985, Feb. 6 - July 17 (12 folders)
BOX 23	1985, July 23- Nov. 1 (10 folders)
BOX 24	1985, Nov. 20 -1986, June 22 (15 folders)

Congresses, 1913-1999

Container	Contents
BOX 25	1986, June 25- Aug. 15 (5 folders) Miscellany, 1985, undated
	100th
	1986, Sept.17- Oct.10 (3 folders)
	1986, Dec. 8-10 (2 folders)
BOX 26	(1 folder)
	1987, Jan. 6- June 17 (14 folders)
BOX 27	1987, June 25- 1988, Apr. 20 (15 folders)
BOX 28	1988, May 4- Oct. 6 (7 folders)
	101st
	Chronological file
	1989, Feb. 6- Oct. 31 (5 folders)
BOX 29	1989, Nov. 1-1990, May 25 (6 folders)
BOX 30	1990, June 6 - Nov 13, undated (5 folders)
	Meetings
	1988, Oct. 6-20 (2 folders)
	1988, Dec. 5 (2 folders)
BOX 31	(2 folders)
	1988, Dec. 6- 1989, Feb. 22 (9 folders)
BOX 32	1989, Mar. 1 - July 19 (11 folders)
BOX 33	1989, Aug. 2 -1990, June 14 (15 folders)
BOX 34	1990, June 27- Dec. 4 (9 folders)
	Subject file
	Calendars and schedules, 1990, undated
	Caucus members and staff, 1990, undated
	Citizens for a Sound Economy, 1988-1989
BOX 35	Congressional electoral campaigns, 1990, undated
	Congressional franking privilege, 1989-1990
	Congressional term limitations
	Chronological file, 1990 (2 folders)
	Clippings, undated
	Notes, undated

Congresses, 1913-1999

Container

Contents

	Democratic Message Board, 1990, undated (2 folders)
	Environmental issues, 1990, undated
	Fiscal Planning Services, analysis of 1991 federal budget, 1990
	Health care reform, 1990-1991, undated (2 folders)
BOX 36	Legislation, 1990, undated
	Media markets, undated
	National Endowment for the Arts, 1990
	Party Lines, 1990
	Polls, 1989-1990, undated
	Presidential veto power, 1984-1990, undated
	Republicans, 1990
	Savings and loan scandal, 1988-1990, undated (2 folders)
	Speeches, statements, and interviews, 1991, undated
	Tax fairness and budgetary issues 1990
BOX 37	1991
	U. S. General Accounting Office, 1976-1991 (2 folders)
	102rd
	Chronological file
	1990, Feb. 5-Nov. 9 (5 folders)
BOX 38	1990, Nov. 13 -1991 May 31 (8 folders)
BOX 39	1991, June 5-1992, July 27 (12 folders)
BOX 40	1992, Aug. 6-Oct. 28 (2 folders)
	Meetings
	1990, Sept. 19-Oct. 23 (11 folders)
BOX 41	1990, Oct. 24 -1991, Jan. 24 (8 folders)
BOX 42	1991, Feb. 6 - July 31 (13 folders)
BOX 43	1991, Sept. 12-1992, Feb. 19 (10 folders)
BOX 44	1992, Feb. 20-June 4 (11 folder)
BOX 45	1992, June 17- Aug. 11 (5 folders)
	Subject file
	Cavazos, Agapito, 1992
	Democratic response to state of the union address, 1992

Congresses, 1913-1999

Container

Contents

	Health care reform
	Health Care Cost Containment and Reform Act, 1992
	“Health Care Reform in America: Where the Public Stands,” Miscellany, 1992
	Report, 1992
	(1 folder)
BOX 46	(2 folders)
	Summary, 1992
	Meetings
	Miscellany, 1991-1992
	Town hall meetings on health care, 1992, Jan.14
	Chronological file
	(3 folders)
	Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, information packet
BOX 47	Local and state governments, outreach initiatives, 1990-1991, undated
	103rd
	Chronological file
	20 Nov. 1992-28 Oct. 1993
	(9 folders)
BOX 48	1993, Nov. 4-1994, Apr. 14
	1994
	May 5-19
BOX 49	May 26
	1994, June 3- Dec.16
	(10 folders)
BOX 50	Undated
	Subject file
	Budget bills, 1993, undated
	Campaign finance reform, 1993, undated
	Child welfare issues, 1992-1993, undated
	Congressional reorganization and accountability legislation
	Bills, 1994, undated
	(4 folders)
BOX 51	Briefing books, 1994
	Chronological file, 1992-1994, undated (4 files)
	<i>Democratic Manual of Legislative Procedure</i> , circa 1993
	Election results map, 1994
	Fazio, Vic , and the Third Congressional District of California, 1993, undated
	Health care reform
	Bills, 1993-1994, undated
	(2 folders)
	Chronological file
	1992
BOX 52	1993-1994, undated
	(3 folders)
	Meetings, 1993-1994
	Hedrick, Kenneth M., and Ryan C. Johnson, 1992
	Homosexuals in the United States military, undated

Congresses, 1913-1999

Container

Contents

	Human Radiation Interagency Working Group, 1994
	Hyde Amendment, 1993
	Issue briefs, undated
	Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress, final report, 1993
	Joint Economic Committee, 1993
BOX 53	Lists, 1994
	Lobbying reform bills, 1993, undated
	New members, 1993, undated (2 folders)
	Renewing Congress Project, 1994
	Résumés and biographical sketches, 1993-1994, undated
	104th
	Caucus meetings survey, 1995
	Miscellany, 1994-1996, undated (2 folders)
BOX 54	Organizational meeting, 1995
	106th, 1999, undated (6 folders)
	Miscellany, undated
BOX 55-78	Miscellany, 1981-1996
	Office files, legislation, caucus rules, handbooks, topical files, reports, printed matter, and miscellaneous material.
	Arranged by organization or topic.
BOX 55	Committee on Organization, Study, and Review
	Caucus and House of Representatives rules
	1981-1990 (9 folders)
BOX 56	1991
	1992
	Chronological file (5 folders)
	Rules and reorganization proposals
	1993
	Jan. 5- Dec. 1, undated (3 folders)
BOX 57	1994
	Chronological file
	3 Feb.-30 Dec. (9 folders)
BOX 58	Undated
	Hoyer, Steny H., congressional reform packet
	1995
	1996 (4 folders)
	Undated

Miscellany, 1981-1996

Container

Contents

	Caucus rules (1 folder)
BOX 59	(2 folders) House rules Miscellany Chronological file 1980, Feb. 6- 1985, Nov. 19 (6 folders)
BOX 60	1985, Dec. 18-1988, Apr. 14 (14 folders)
BOX 61	1988, Apr. 15-1990, Oct. 23 (12 folders)
BOX 62	Undated (4 folders) Meetings, 1988, Mar. 25-Dec. 7 (13 folders)
BOX 63	Committee on Party Effectiveness 1982 Miscellany <i>Rebuilding the Road to Opportunity: A Democratic Direction for the 1980s</i> 1983 (2 folders) 1984 Chronological file Conferences Baltimore, Md. Washington, D.C. (2 folders)
BOX 64	<i>Renewing America's Promises: A Democratic Blueprint for Our Nations Future</i> Correspondence, 1983-1984 Debates Drafts, 1984 Mailing lists Miscellany Northeastern region Western region Miscellany, 1984, undated 1985 Chronological file (2 folders)
BOX 65	Conference, White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. Agendas and fact sheets Attendees and sponsors Correspondence Greenbrier Hotel Speakers Task Force on Agricultural Policy

Miscellany, 1981-1996

Container

Contents

	Task Force on Arms Control
	Task Force on Central America
	Task Force on Crime
	Task Force on Defense
	Task Force on Job Training
	Task Force on Long Term Economic Policy
	Task Force on Pension Security
	Task Force on South Africa
	Task Force on Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in the Defense Department
BOX 66	1986
	<i>Choices for Change: Democrats Look to America's Future</i>
	Mailing lists
	Miscellany
	Conference, White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.
	Agendas and correspondence
	Miscellany
	Speakers
	Alphabetical file
	(2 folders)
	Miscellany
	Sponsors
	Travel and site arrangements
	1987
	Conference, White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.
	Miscellany
	Packets
	(2 folders)
BOX 67	Task Force on Arms Control, Task Force on Defense, and Task Force on Gramm-Rudman
	1988
	Chronological file
	(3 folders)
	Conference, White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.
	Notes
	Notices
	Apr.- May
	(2 folders)
BOX 68	June
	Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Development
	Task Force on Drugs
	Task Force on Economy
	Task Force on Education
	Task Force on Energy and Infrastructure
	Task Force on the Environment
	Task Force on the Family
	Task Force on Foreign Relations
	Task Force on Health
	Task Force on Justice

Miscellany, 1981-1996

Container

Contents

BOX 69	Task Force on the National Platform (2 folders) Task Force on National Security Task Force on Retirement Security Task Force on Science and Technology Task Force on the Strategic Defense Initiative Chronological file, 1987-1988, undated (5 folders)
BOX 70	Reports (2 folders) Task Force on Trade 1989 Chronological file (2 folders) Conference, White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. Miscellany Packets (2 folders)
BOX 71	Focus groups and polling Reports Task Force on the Budget Process (2 folders) Task Force on Campaign Finance Reform Task Force on Crime and Drugs (2 folders) Task Force on Defense Task Force on the Economy
BOX 72	Task Force on Education and Employment Task Force on the Environment and Energy Task Force on Ethics Task Force on the Family Task Force on Foreign Relations Task Force on the FSX Fighter Task Force on Health Task Force on Housing Task Force on Infrastructure Task Force on Trade and Competitiveness 1990 Conference, Columbia, Md. Attendee surveys Chronological file 1989, Sept. 11- Nov. 29 (2 folders)
BOX 73	1989, Dec. 6 -1990, Feb. 28, undated (2 folders) Letters of thanks Packets

Miscellany, 1981-1996

Container

Contents

	Site arrangements (2 folders)
	Speakers Alphabetical file (2 folders)
BOX 74	Miscellany (2 folders)
	Summary reports
	Contact lists
	<i>Investing in America's Future: A Democratic Issues Handbook</i>
	Drafts (5 folders)
BOX 75	Letters of thanks
	Miscellany
	Summaries of previous handbooks
	Task Force on AIDS
	Task Force on El Salvador (2 folders)
	Task Force on Foreign Relations
	1991
	Chronological file
	Conferences Leesburg, Va.; Williamsburg, Va. Piney Point, Md.
	1992
	Task Force on Caucus Issues
	Task Force on Defense and Foreign Policy
	Task Force on Government Waste
BOX 76	<i>Democratic Caucus Chronicles</i> , 1989-1991, undated
	Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, strategy workshop, 1990 (2 folders)
	Democratic Leadership Council, 1994
	Democratic National Committee, 1989-1990
	Democratic national conventions 1984, San Francisco, Calif.
	Correspondence 1983, Jan. 10-1984, Jan. 23
BOX 77	1984, Jan. 24 -July 6 , undated
	Delegate certification forms
	Lists, 1983-1984, undated (2 folders)
	Miscellany, 1983-1984, undated
	Printed matter, 1984
	1988
BOX 78	1992
	Delegate certification forms, 1992 (2 folders)

Miscellany, 1981-1996

Container

Contents

Miscellany, 1992
Platform hearings, 1992
Historical file, 1983-1994, undated
(2 folders)
Hoyer, Steny H., 1991-1992, undated