

**Title:** Robert J. Dole Senate Papers-Legislative Relations, 1969-1996

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**Primary Creator:** Dole, Robert J. (1923-)

**Extent:** 346.5 Linear Feet

**Arrangement:** Because these files were accumulated by several individuals, they demonstrate many different arrangement schemes. When possible, these have been preserved. Sub-series 3, 4, 6, and 9 are arranged chronologically. Sub-series 1, 2, 5, 7, and 8 are arranged alphabetically.

**Languages:** English

### **Scope and Contents of the Materials**

The lawmaking function of a Senator's office is perhaps the best known and the most thoroughly documented. The Legislative Relations series of the Dole Senate Papers covers this important function. Legislative records include a variety of materials such as Congressional Research Service reports, memoranda and correspondence, personal notes, published material, bill drafts, Senate committee proceedings, press materials, and other information. These various materials were maintained by the Senator's staff of legislative assistants. A full list of legislative assistants and their areas of topical expertise appears in the sub-series description for the Legislative Assistants Files. This series demonstrates the ways in which the Senator's office crafted legislation or responded to bills proposed in either the House or the Senate. Of significant importance are the Legislative Assistants Files. These contain information about nearly every political and legislative issue that came before the Senate from 1969-1996, and also show evidence of carry-over from Senator Dole's time in the House of Representatives. This sub-series contains information that may not be found elsewhere, and shows the often contradictory opinions of LAs in the same office.

### **Administrative Information**

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**Series 1: Briefing Books, 1972-1994 (Box 1 – 18)**

Description: Briefing books are background materials about various issues. These were assembled by the legislative staff for the Senator's use. Many of Senator Dole's briefing books cover foreign relations and defense issues, such as the activities of the Commission for Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty, and the U.S. Senate Arms Control Observer Group. Other briefing books cover legislative topics of interest to the Senator, such as tax reform, health care (particularly Medicare reform), child nutrition, and amendments to the Clean Air Act.

**Series 2: Committee Files, 1973-1994 (Box 18 – 28)**

Description: Records generated by Congressional committees are the property of the federal government, but Senator Dole's collection contains many committee-related records that were generated by his personal staff, which are cataloged here. Senator Dole served on several committees during his time in the Senate, most notably the Finance Committee (1973-1996), of which he was chairman from 1981-1983, and the Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee (1969-1996). Dole other committee assignments include:

Judiciary (1979-1988)

Public Works (1969-1972)

Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs (1969-1978)

Select Committee on Small Business (1969-1975)

Budget (1975-1980)

Joint Committee on Taxation (1979-1994)

Rules and Administration (1981-1996)

Labor and Human Resources (1989-1994)

Certain legislative staff were solely assigned to monitor the activities of Senate committees. These include Pete Velde (Judiciary), Kim Wells (Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Budget, Finance; Nutrition and Human Needs), and Richard Friedman (Finance). Committee files can include bill drafts and committee reports, correspondence between members, testimonies before committees, and information about controversial pieces of legislation such as the Food Stamp Reform Act, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), and tax and bankruptcy reform.

**Series 3: Congressional Record Inserts, 1973-1980 (Box 28, 29)**

Description: This short sub-series contains copies and originals of honors and commemorations that were added to the Congressional Record at the Senator's request. Only the period 1973-1980 is covered, likely because these files were maintained by the staffer responsible as his or her files, rather than as a separate unit.

**Series 4:** Floor Statements, 1969-1994 (Box 30 – 57)

Description: Boxes 30-57 contain copies and originals of Senator Dole's statements on the Senate floor as recorded by the Congressional Record. These were maintained solely for reference purposes, and contain little notation or other ephemera about how the statements were drafted.

**Series 5:** Kansas Projects, 1963-1994 (Box 58 – 83)

Description: A side function of the legislative staff was monitoring and providing influence for federal and grant-funded development projects in Kansas. These files are arranged alphabetically by city and range from 1969-1994. Among those projects documented here are the Lyons Radioactive Waste Storage Facility; flood control projects in Great Bend and Halstead, KS; the Glen Elder Dam; the Kansas City federal courthouse; and the Kansas interstate highway system. Of particular interest are the files concerning disaster relief and emergency preparedness programs and rural development projects.

**Series 6:** Legislative Assistants, 1963-1996 (Box 83 - 696)

Description: The staff files of the legislative assistants comprise the bulk of the Legislative Relations series. The LA files include everything from reference materials to files on specific legislative or policy efforts. They document the various ways in which bills are drafted and the cooperative and/or competitive relationships between Senators and between their staffs. These documents are heavily annotated by their creators, thus they contain a wealth of unfiltered opinions. Throughout his career, Senator Dole employed dozens of individuals as legislative assistants. Those who are represented here include:

Mira Barrata: defense, 1988-1989

Margaret Berlin: foreign policy, particularly the Helsinki Commission, 1979-1983

Barbara Bodine: foreign policy, particularly the Helsinki Commission, 1972-1984

Christina Bolton: agriculture, disability, education, food, and welfare (particularly child nutrition and welfare reform), 1975-1989

Judy Brottman: disability, 1982-1986

Janeal Cabbage: commerce, 1979-1993

Karen Carmean: education, 1981-1982

Steve Coen: commerce, energy, and transportation, 1978-1988

David Cordova: defense, foreign policy, 1981-1986

Darren Dick: defense and veterans affairs, 1988-1986

Robert Downen: foreign policy, 1977-1979

Edward Duckers: agriculture, energy, and environment, 1978-1985

Andrew Fedynsky: foreign policy, 1978-1980

John Finch: housing, 1985-1988

Bret Fox: agriculture (particularly the 1990 Farm Bill), 1980-1995

Keira Franz: transportation, 1991-1996

Lisa Frick: environment, 1993-1995

Richard Friedman: finance and housing, 1974-1978

Ernie Garcia: immigration and labor, 1969-1981

Karen Gaston: correspondence, 1981-1982

John Gordley: agriculture, 1980-1987  
Matthew Hickam: economy, health, and social security, 1983-1996  
Stacy Hoffhaus: agriculture, health, and welfare, 1981-1993  
Jeff House: energy and foreign policy, 1984-1989  
Steve Kittrell: criminal justice and labor, 1972-1978  
Don Lee: education, 1989-1992  
Al Lehn: foreign policy, 1988  
Brenda Levenson: foreign policy (particularly the Helsinki Commission), 1977-1981  
Ann Lindgren: religion (particularly cult activities), 1979-1984  
Kay Luther: correspondence, 1971-1988  
Martha McCabe: energy and environment, 1969-1980  
Randy Miller: defense and water resources, 1974-1982  
Nathan Muyskens: taxation, 1993-1996  
Jack O'Connell: defense, 1979-1984  
Mike Packard: defense and foreign policy (particularly the Helsinki Commission), 1977-1983  
Mark Scanlan: agriculture and animals, 1976-1989  
Greg Schnacke: environment and transportation, 1986-1994  
Naomi Schweisow: defense and foreign policy (particularly the Helsinki Commission), 1977-1984  
Ron Seeber: criminal justice and labor, 1990-1996  
Janet Sena: budgets, environment, and transportation, 1992-1996  
John Smith: foreign policy, health, and housing, 1969-1974  
David Spears: agriculture and trade (particularly the 1990 Farm Bill), 1986-1994  
Daniel Stanley: defense (particularly Base Realignment and Closure and the B-2 bomber)  
David Taylor: elections, 1987-1995  
Mike Torrey: agriculture and environment (particularly the 1995 and 1996 Farm Bills), 1990-1996  
Kim Wells: welfare, 1975-1977  
Maureen West: disability, health, and veterans affairs, 1974-1992  
Mary Wheat: disability and welfare, 1977-1979  
Ward White: defense and foreign policy (particularly the Vietnam War), 1969-1973  
Bob Wiklund: defense, 1990-1992  
Cynthia Wilhite: agriculture, 1981-1982  
David Wilson: communications, education, housing, transportation, and welfare, 1983-1995

**Series 7:** Specific Bill Files, 1961-1984 (Box 696 – 729)

Description: This sub-series consists of reference copies of bills and resolutions introduced on the Senate floor. Most bills also have some related correspondence and/or background material. These are not restricted to Senator Dole's legislation, nor are they a complete representation of all Senate bills and resolutions during Dole's career. They represent those pieces of legislation that the staff believed were important enough to keep permanent reference files on.

**Series 8:** Subject Files, 1969-1995 (Box 729 – 768)

Description: The Subject Files are similar to the Specific Bills in that they are general reference materials maintained by the legislative staff, but they are not limited to single pieces of legislation (or may cover multiple bills) and many files will not contain bill drafts. This sub-series contains extensive documentation of disabilities rights issues, including the Americans with Disabilities Act and the savings and loan crisis of the 1980s.

**Series 9: Voting/Attendance Record, 1969-1992 (Box 768 - 790)**

Description: These files are summary reports of Dole's Senate votes and also summaries of Senate votes on specific bills. These files cover the 91st Congress, 1st session through the 102nd Congress, 2nd session. At the end of the sub-series are reports on voting state and county voting trends nationwide. Most of the files were originally bound into volumes that covered several Congresses. Some of the volumes were prepared by the Senator's staff, others were prepared by the national Republican party as a legislative quick reference.