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Agency: General Assembly

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Series 2361

Series Title: Committee files, 1947-(1951-1988); 97th, 99th-117th

General Assemblies

Description Committee chairs maintain committee files for the Ohio House of Representatives' committees that they direct. The files cover initial and subsequent hearings that show the amendment, adoption, or rejection of legislation by the committee. Under rules adopted by House members at the beginning of each biennial session, committee chairs are required to keep a record of members' attendance and votes, and lists of witnesses favoring or opposing bills before the committee. Also under House rules, a committee chair may request that the committee's recording secretary keep minutes of the meetings. The minutes record dates of hearings, names of witnesses, and votes of committee members on each bill. They also contain summaries of the proceedings. Witnesses occasionally supplied copies of prepared testimony to committee members and the committee's recording secretary attached a copy to the minutes. On very rare occasions, committee chairs ordered transcripts to be made of the hearings. Rules of the Ohio House do not require committee chairs to make or keep transcripts of hearings. Consequently, the committee files rarely document legislative intent. They merely cover the history of committee actions. Also, the files may include such additional material as memoranda or notes written by committee staff members, and research or reference material. The files also may contain memoranda drafted by Legislative Service Commission (LSC) staff members and copies of bills and amendments.

47 cf. The files are arranged first by General Assembly term. Within each session the files are arranged by the committee that kept the files. Committees are arranged in alphabetical order within each term.

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