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GOVERNOR Carlson, Arne

An Inventory of His Resolution and Chapter Files

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota. Governor (1991-1999 : Carlson).
- Series Title:** Resolution and chapter files,
- Dates:** 1991-1995.
- Abstract:** Documents directly relating to bills that were either signed or vetoed by the governor.
- Quantity:** 13.5 cu. ft. (14 boxes).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Each file generally begins with a letter from Governor Carlson to the Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate stating that he received the bill, signed or vetoed it, and passed it on to the Secretary of State, with a copy of the bill's signature page and related memoranda confirming its disposition.

The bulk of the file consists of Governor's Bill Review Sheets sent by the Minnesota Planning Office to each government agency that was to be affected by the proposed legislation. They are color-coded for specific offices: white, Planning Office and the Legislative Relations Office; green, Attorney General's Office and the Finance Department; yellow, other state departments and offices; and blue, House and Senate Republican caucuses. Each review form contains the signature of an office or department official, as well as any comments the office may have had regarding the bill. While many forms are merely signed or contain short comments, it is not uncommon to find multiple pages of comments, bill summaries, or supporting evidence attached to a bill review sheet, especially when a bill was deemed controversial.

The forms were circulated to elicit responses from various offices as to why the proposed legislation would be beneficial or harmful; information later used by the Governor to decide whether to sign a bill into law or veto it. This opportunity for comment invited a certain freedom and individuals were not shy about criticizing or praising a bill. There are also comments from business organizations, non-profits, and even individuals.

Each file also contains a computer printout or a photocopy showing the primary authors of a bill, the bill number and title, the actions taken in the House and Senate, and the date on which each action took place.

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

Bill drafting--Minnesota.
Bills, Legislative--Minnesota.
Evaluating.
Legislation--Minnesota.

Places:

Minnesota--Politics and government--1981-.

Persons:

Carlson, Arne H.

Types of Documents:

Bills (legislative records).

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.

1991:

Location	Box	
110.H.5.6F	1	Resolutions 1-8. Chapters 1-120.
110.H.5.7B	2	Chapters 121-310. (Chapters 155-290 are incomplete; Chapters 279 and 289 are missing.)
110.H.5.8F	3	Chapters 311-356.

1992:

Location	Box	
110.H.5.8F	3	Resolutions 9 and 10. Chapters 357-420.
110.H.5.9B	4	Chapters 421-540. (Chapters 452, 501, and 509 are missing.)
110.H.5.10F	5	Chapters 541-603.

1993:

Location	Box	
110.H.5.10F	5	Resolution 1. Chapters 1-27. Resolution 2. Chapters 28-45.
110.H.6.1B	6	Chapters 46-126. Resolution 3. Chapters 127-150.
110.H.6.2F	7	Chapters 151-229. Resolution 4. Chapters 230-250.
110.H.6.3B	8	Chapters 251-349.
110.H.6.4F	9	Chapters 350-375. (Chapter 360 is missing.) First Special Session. Chapters 1-6.

1994:

Location	Box	
110.H.6.4F	9	Chapters 376-447. Resolution 5. Chapters 448-455.
110.H.6.5B	10	Chapters 456-565.
110.H.6.6F	11	Chapters 566-648. (Chapters 609 and 621 are missing.) First Special Session. Chapter 1.

1995:

Location	Box	
110.H.6.7B	12	Resolution 1. Chapters 1-57. Resolution 2. Chapters 58-101. Resolution 3. Chapters 102-125.
110.H.6.8F	13	Chapters 126-235.
110.H.6.9B	14	Chapters 236-265. First Special Session. Chapters 1-3.