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## GOVERNOR Carlson, Arne

### An Inventory of His Subject Files

#### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

**Agency:** Minnesota. Governor (1991-1999 : Carlson).  
**Series Title:** Subject files,  
**Dates:** 1989-1998.  
**Quantity:** 3.0 cu. ft. (3 boxes).  
**Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Correspondence, reports, legislation, print and near-print materials, clippings, photographs, and other materials covering a wide variety of topics relating to public policy issues, governor's office administration, state agencies, legislation, business and economic development, environment, and similar matters. Specific topics covered include AIDS, airport expansion, the arts, children, ethics, federal programs, flooding, gaming, health care legislation, higher education, the Native American community, judicial issues, motion picture/television production, Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission, obsolete rules for government boards and entities, redistricting, the 1992 Super Bowl, stadium proposal, St. Croix River bridge at Stillwater, the University of Minnesota, and State of the State addresses.

The files also document activities of the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Records, Action for Children Commission, Commission on Reform and Efficiency (CORE), Dyrstad Commission on Local and State Government Relations, and Governor's Competitive Task Force.

#### ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS

Alphabetical; within each topic, organized in reverse chronological order.

## 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:

AIDS (Disease)--Minnesota.  
Airports--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area--Planning.  
Art and state--Minnesota.  
Bridges--Saint Croix River (Wis. and Minn.).  
Children--Minnesota.  
Courts--Minnesota.  
Education, Higher--Minnesota.  
Election districts--Minnesota.  
Environmental policy--Minnesota.  
Floods--Minnesota.  
Gambling--Minnesota.  
Indians of North America--Minnesota.  
Motion pictures--Minnesota--Production and direction.  
Political ethics--Minnesota.  
Public health laws--Minnesota.  
Stadiums--Minnesota.  
Super Bowl (Football game).

### Places:

Minnesota--Economic conditions.  
Minnesota--Politics and government--1981-.  
Minnesota--Politics and government--Rules and practice.  
Stillwater (Minn.).

### Persons:

Carlson, Arne H.

### Organizations:

Dyrstad Commission on Local and State Government Relations (Minn.).  
Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission.  
Minnesota. Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Records.  
Minnesota. Commission on Reform and Efficiency.  
Minnesota. Governor's Action for Children Commission.  
Minnesota. Governor's Competitive Task Force.  
University of Minnesota.

### Types of Documents:

Photographs.  
Speeches.

## 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.*

Location	Box	
105.H.19.10F	1	<p>Act of the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States Curbing Unfunded Federal Mandates on State and Local Governments, January 4, 1995. Signed by Senator Bob Dole, in appreciation for the Governor's visit to Washington and his help in passing the bill.</p> <p>Action for Children, 1991-1992. 3 folders. The Action for Children Commission was created by Governor Carlson to create a vision for Minnesota's children and families, develop and recommend strategies to improve opportunities for all children to reach their full potential, devise measurements to assess yearly progress, develop user friendly services, and create and monitor a public dialogue in the state to highlight children's needs and ways to meet them. Includes press releases, correspondence, member lists, minutes, and reports.</p> <p>Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Records (ACIR), November 1993 - July 1997. The ACIR was established by federal law in 1959 to improve federal-state-local relations and is an independent, bipartisan federal commission consisting of 3 private citizens, 6 members of Congress, 3 members of the President's Cabinet, 4 governors, 3 state legislators, 4 mayors, and 3 county officials. Governor Carlson served on the commission. This folder contains both outgoing and incoming correspondence documenting his role in the work of this commission such as the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and the effect its passage might have on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).</p>

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105.H.19.10F	1	<p>AIDS, 1991. Includes the Commissioner of Health's <i>Report and Recommendations to the Governor on HIV Infection and Health Care Workers, October 1991</i>, correspondence, and a copy of a bill and corresponding information regarding AIDS testing and reporting.</p> <p>Airport, April 1991 - December 1995. Contains informational pamphlets, reports, and correspondence regarding the possibility of building a new metropolitan-area airport or expanding the existing Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.</p> <p>Amdahl Commission, 1993. Contains correspondence regarding the Joint Commission on Public Service Reform established in 1993 by Governor Carlson and chaired by the Honorable Douglas Amdahl (former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court), to address ethics issues, campaign finance and other election issues such as term limits.</p> <p>Army Corps of Engineers, November 1991 - March 1992. Correspondence relating to the effort to retain the St. Paul District Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.</p> <p>Arts, May 1991 - January 1998. 2 folders. Correspondence, press releases, informational newsletters, and reports regarding the Minnesota Arts Board, arts funding, and other arts related issues in Minnesota.</p> <p>Awards and certificates, undated and 1989–1998.</p> <p>Boise Cascade Corporation, 1991. Correspondence and news articles documenting Governor Carlson's absence from the Boise Cascade dedication ceremony celebrating its expansion into the International Falls area.</p> <p>Bus strike, 1995.</p> <p>Business, January 1991 - August 1998. 2 folders. Correspondence and reports documenting business development in Minnesota.</p> <p>Campaign Finance Reform, March-June 1993.</p> <p>Cartoon by Ed Fischer of the <i>Rochester Post-Bulletin</i>, 1994. Depicts a deflating elephant with the label "Far-Right IR endorsement process," and a note of congratulations for Governor Carlson.</p> <p>Children, December 1990 - October 1992. Correspondence, reports, and plans documenting the Carlson administration's commitment to children's issues in Minnesota.</p>

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105.H.19.10F	1	<p>Commission on Reform and Efficiency (CORE), 1991-1993. 3 folders. Correspondence, meeting packets, news articles, and briefings documenting this commission's charge to lead a comprehensive public/private effort to reorganize state government, streamline its management, and identify ways to reduce costs.</p> <p>Crime, April 1990 - May 1997. Dakota County Incinerator case, 1992. Diversity rule, 1997. Dome searches, 1996. Dyrstad Commission, 1991. 2 folders. Correspondence and agenda packets of this commission on local and state government relations.</p> <p>Ethics, May 1991 - May 1998. Includes correspondence pertaining to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board, the Blue Ribbon Commission on Ethics, and other related policy initiatives.</p>
105.H.20.1B	2	<p>New Ethics Law/Gift Ban, October 11, 1994. Internal memos regarding the new ethics law and related outside informational materials.</p> <p>Federal Correctional Facility, Waseca, Minnesota, June 9, 1997. Federal, 1991-1993, 1995-1998. 3 folders. Incoming and outgoing correspondence regarding such issues as Medicare, energy and water appropriations, trade policies and state interests, environmental protection, child welfare, international labor, low income housing tax credit, Advisory Board on Race, the farm crisis, and education and other policy issues related to state-federal involvement.</p> <p>Film Board, March 1991 - March 1998. Flooding, 1991, 1993 and 1997. 4 folders. Gaming, January 1991 - May 1996. 2 folders. Governor's Competitive Task Force, 1994-1997. 4 folders. Created in 1994 [Minn. Stat. 116J.581] and abolished in 1997 [Laws 1997 c200 art2 sec74], this task force was to examine Minnesota's economic competitive position and recommend policies to improve that position over the long term. Includes annual reports, minutes, agendas, correspondence, clippings, and related materials.</p> <p>Health Care Bill, May 1991 - January 1993. Correspondence, informational newsletters, and a summary report, <i>Containing Costs in Minnesota's Health Care System, January 25, 1993</i>, by the Minnesota Health Care Commission.</p>

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105.H.20.1B	2	<p>Higher Education, February 1991 - March 1997. Reports by the Commission on Post-Secondary Education and the Governor's Roundtable on Economic Development and Higher Education, as well as, correspondence concerning such topics as refunding tuition and fees to students called to active duty, effects of budget cuts on higher education, and documentation of negotiations between Minnesota and Wisconsin regarding the tuition reciprocity agreement.</p>
105.H.20.2F	3	<p>Indian Community, April 1991 - August 1998. Correspondence documenting such issues as the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Trust acquisition request, tribal gaming operations, Native-American fishing and hunting rights, and other state-tribal issues in Minnesota.</p> <p>Judicial, December 1991 - October 1998. 2 folders. Lakehead Pipeline, 1997. Minneapolis, May 1993, May 1998. Correspondence mainly documenting the Minneapolis Convention Center project but also including documentation of other Minneapolis related issues.</p> <p>Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission, July 1991 - March 1996. Minnesota Milestones, 1992, 1996. Press releases and progress reports documenting the steps Minnesota has made based on its thirty-year plan.</p> <p>Minnesota rankings, 1993. Documents how Minnesota ranks competitively with other states on issues such as economic growth, children's health, education, environmental protection, transportation, and employment.</p> <p>Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, March 1996 - September 1998.</p> <p>Minnesota 2000, April 1991 - November 1992. Correspondence and other informative materials documenting this initiative to foster community based change in order to improve educational opportunities for Minnesota children, youth, and adults.</p> <p>National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), October 1996 - February 1997. Correspondence documenting the NCAA's eligibility standards for students participating in NCAA-sanctioned college athletic programs.</p> <p>News clippings, April 29, 1992 and May 4, 1996.</p>

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105.H.20.2F	3	<p>Northstar Guarantee Inc., 1991. Correspondence documenting the North Star Student Guarantee Fund for student loans in Minnesota.</p> <p>Northwest Airlines offer, April 8, 1991. [The joint-state offer for the construction of a heavy maintenance facility for Northwest Airlines at Duluth international airport.</p> <p>Nuclear/Radioactive Waste, July 1996 - September 1997.</p> <p>Obsolete Rules, 1996-1998. 4 folders. Reports from various boards and government entities about rules that no longer pertain to their work.</p> <p>Photographs, 1992-1998. 2 folders. Topics include inaugural week activities, meetings with state legislators, meetings with foreign dignitaries, bill signings, judicial appointments, public appearances, such as the State Fair, the Governor's 1992 whistle stop tour, sporting events and the 1997 floods.</p> <p>Proclamation creating Charles Lindbergh week to honor the last survivor of the original flag raising at Iwo Jima, undated. Accompanied by a signed photo of the flag raising given by Lindbergh to the Governor.</p> <p>Redistricting, 1991-1992. Documenting Governor Carlson's veto of redistricting plans for Minnesota.</p> <p><i>State of the State Addresses, 1991-1998</i>, November 1998. 1 volume in folder.</p> <p>State to States, 1991-1992. Developed by Senator James Pearson of Kansas, this program placed foreign service officers in state and local governments for one-year assignments in order to reacquaint them with American society and provide foreign affairs expertise to state and local government offices.</p> <p>Stillwater Bridge project, 1996-1998. Correspondence, court documents, and press releases concerning a proposed new bridge over the St. Croix River at Stillwater.</p> <p>Super Bowl, 1990-1992. Documenting the selection by the National Football League of Minnesota as the site of the 1992 Super Bowl.</p> <p>Twins/Stadium, 1996-1998. Documenting a proposal to build a new baseball stadium in Minneapolis for the Twins.</p>

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105.H.20.2F	3	<p>University of Minnesota, 1991-1998. 4 folders.</p> <p>Correspondence documenting issues such as the University's interest in restoring the vetoed State Special Appropriations which cut funding of 19 university programs, including the Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRRI); the Medical School's decision to dismiss faculty member Dr. John Najarian from the Academic Health Center; tenure code revision; appointment of regents; budget requests to fund programs in medical and other health related education, and the School of Journalism; funding of the Minnesota Public Interest Group (MPIRG); athletics; agricultural science and education; and related University of Minnesota business.</p> <p>Violence Free Minnesota, 1991-1993.</p> <p>Correspondence, handouts, and speeches regarding Violence Free Minnesota Week, an annual event created by the Carlson administration.</p>