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An Inventory of the Videotapes and Audio Cassettes Compiled for Tribune of the People

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OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota. Legislature.
- Series Title:** Videotapes and audio cassettes compiled for Tribune of the People.
- Dates:** 1978-1986.
- Abstract:** Materials collected during the research for Royce Hanson's book, *Tribune of the People: The Minnesota Legislature and Its Leaders*.
- Quantity:** 2.2 cu. ft. (2 boxes and 1 half-height oversize box).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

The series' first section includes two television videotapes, the first containing the May 30, 1986 *Almanac*, KTCA's weekly public affairs program, featuring host Joe Summers, political consultant D. J. Leary, lobbyist Wyman Spano, and analyst Kris Sanda interviewing Perpich campaign chairman Tom Berg, KTCA general manager Dick Moore, Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs' Royce Hanson, and Senator Rudy Boschwitz. The second videotape contains the January 4 and December 28, 1978 and April 14, 1980 *Minnesota Issues*, hosted by Arthur Naftalin and sponsored by the Humphrey Institute and the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs. Featured are Senate Majority Leader Nicholas D. Coleman, Minority Leader Robert O. Ashbach, and House Speaker Rod Searle. Topics include tax cuts, campaign financing, special elections, abortion, higher education, "ban the can" legislation, partisan relationships, appointments, officer elections, staff, and the declining number of legislators seeking re-election.

The second section consists of legislative interviews conducted mainly with formal and informal leaders of the State Legislature who served between 1962 and 1986. A study panel, led by Hanson, conducted the interviews. Most include groups of three or four legislators who served in the same house during the same time period. Each interview was both audio- and

videotaped. While each interview is unique, all center on a core set of questions/topics relating to the interviewees' legislative service, particularly why they ran, changes that occurred during their service, how they gained a leadership role, and their opinion on relations with other leaders, the two systems of leadership used in the House and Senate, comparison of various majority and minority leaders, relations between the legislature and the governor, campaign finance, garbage bills, committees and appointments, bicameral/unicameral legislatures, length of the session, and the connection of legislators to constituents. Among those interviewed were such prominent state leaders as Linda Berglin, Lloyd Duxbury, Stan Holmquist, David Jennings, Douglas J. Johnson, Phyllis Kahn, Gene Merriam, Roger D. Moe, George S. Pillsbury, Charles R. Weaver, and Ann Wynia. There are also interviews with Attorney General Warren Spannaus and various members of the legislative staff.

ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS

Divided into two series: television programs (1978, 1980; 2 videotapes) and legislative interviews (1986; 30 videotapes, 60 audio cassettes).

RELATED MATERIALS

Tribune of the People : the Minnesota Legislature and its leadership / Royce Hanson : with the assistance of Charles Backstrom and Patrick McCormack (Minneapolis : University of Minnesota Press, c1989), is in the Minnesota Historical Society book collection.

INDEX TERMS

These records are 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:

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Campaign funds--Minnesota.
Elections--Minnesota.
Environmental law--Minnesota.
Higher education and state--Minnesota.
Legislative bodies--Minnesota.
Legislators--Minnesota.
Taxation--Law and legislation--Minnesota.

Places:

Minnesota--Politics and government--1945-1980.
Minnesota--Politics and government--1981-.

Persons:

Anderson, Irv, 1923-, interviewee.
Ashbach, Robert O., 1916-1990, interviewee.
Berg, Tom, interviewee.
Berglin, Linda Lee, 1944-, interviewee.
Boschwitz, Rudy, 1930-, interviewee.

Brandl, John E., interviewee.
Coleman, Nicholas D., interviewee.
Davies, Jack, 1932-, interviewee.
Dirlam, Aubrey W., 1913-, interviewee.
Dosland, William, 1927-, interviewee.
Duxbury, Lloyd, 1922-, interviewee.
Eken, Willis R., 1931-, interviewee.
Faricy, Ray W., 1934-, interviewee.
Fitzsimons, Richard W., 1922-, interviewee.
Forsythe, Mary M., 1920-, interviewee.
Gearty, Edward J., interviewee.
Graba, Joseph P., interviewee.
Hanson, Royce, interviewee.
Himle, John, interviewee.
Holmquist, Stanley W., 1909-, interviewee.
Hughes, Jerome, interviewee.
Jennings, David, interviewee.
Johnson, Douglas J., interviewee.
Kahn, Phyllis, 1937-, interviewee.
Knickerbocker, Jerry, interviewee.
Leary, D. J., interviewer.
Levi, Connie, interviewee.
McCormack, Patrick J., interviewer.
Merriam, Gene, interviewee.
Moe, Roger D., 1944-, interviewee.
Moore, Richard, interviewee.
Naftalin, Arthur, interviewer.
Nelson, Ken, 1936-, interviewee.
Norton, Fred, interviewee.
Olson, Alec G. (Alec Gerhard), 1930-, interviewee.
Osthoff, C. Thomas, interviewee.
Pillsbury, George S., 1921-, interviewee.
Rosenmeier, Gordon, 1907-1989, interviewee.
Sabo, Martin Olav, 1938-, interviewee.
Sanda, Kris, interviewer.
Savelkoul, Henry J., 1940-, interviewee.
Schoenfeld, Jerry, interviewee.
Schreiber, William, interviewee.
Searle, Rod, interviewee.
Shaw, L. Earl, interviewer.
Sherwood, Glen, 1934-, interviewee.
Sieben, Harry A., interviewee.
Sieloff, Ronald B., interviewee.
Simoneau, Wayne, interviewee.
Spannaus, Warren, interviewee.
Spano, Wyman, 1938-, interviewer.
Spear, Allan H., interviewee.
Summers, Joseph R., interviewer.

Tomlinson, John, interviewee.
Voss, Gordon, interviewee.
Weaver, Charles R., interviewee.
Wynia, Ann, 1943-, interviewee.

Organizations:

Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.
KTCA-TV (Television station : St. Paul, Minn.).
Minnesota. Legislature--Committees.
Minnesota. Legislature--Officials and employees.
Minnesota. Legislature--Presiding officers.
University of Minnesota. Center for Urban and Regional Affairs.

Types of Documents:

Audio cassettes.
Videotapes.

Titles:

Almanac (Television program).
Minnesota issues (Television program).

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Restrictions:

Quotation or publication from the Legislative Interviews audio cassettes or videotapes requires written permission of the narrators.

The Minnesota Historical Society does not own copyright to the *Almanac* and *Minnesota Issues* videotapes contained in these records.

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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.

Television Programs, 1978, 1980, 1986.

Location	Box	
139.A.2.1B	1	<p><i>Almanac</i>, May 30, 1986. 1 videotape. Episode of KTCA's weekly public affairs program, featuring a panel comprising of host Joe Summers, political consultant D. J. Leary, political lobbyist Wyman Spano, and political analyst Kris Sanda interviewing Rudy Perpich gubernatorial campaign chairman Tom Berg, KTCA general manager Dick Moore, Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs Royce Hanson, and Senator Rudy Boschwitz. 1 hour.</p> <p><i>Minnesota Issues</i>, January 4, December 28, 1978; April 14, 1980. 1 videotape. Three 30-minute segments of the television show <i>Minnesota Issues</i>, a program sponsored by the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs at the University of Minnesota and hosted by Arthur Naftalin, Professor of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. The interviewees and general topics discussed are as follows:</p> <p>Nicholas D. Coleman, Senate Majority Leader, January 4, 1978. The main issue discussed is tax cuts; other issues include campaign financing, special elections to the national legislature, state assisted abortions to women on welfare, the higher education coordinating board, and "ban the can" legislation.</p> <p>"The View from the Senate," Nicholas D. Coleman, Majority Leader, and Robert O. Ashbach, Minority Leader, December 28, 1978. Most of the interview is spent discussing the relationship between the majority and the minority. The topics include the governor, appointments, officer elections, staff, and the tax cut.</p> <p>Nicholas D. Coleman, Senate Majority Leader, and Rod Searle, House Speaker, April 14, 1980. The two main issues discussed are the problems with the past legislative session and the decreasing numbers of legislators seeking re-election.</p>

Legislative interviews, 1986.

The legislative interviews were conducted to aid in the writing of Royce Hanson's *Tribune of the People: The Minnesota Legislature and Its Leaders*. Most of those interviewed held formal or informal leadership positions in the State Legislature between 1962 and 1986. A panel led by Royce Hanson conducted all interviews. While members of the panel varied between interviews, panel members included Charles Finn, Craig Grau, Sarah Hackett, James Jernberg, Kevin Kyle, Patrick McCormack, Arthur Naftalin, and Earl Shaw.

Although some legislators were individually interviewed, most were interviewed in groups of three or four who served in the same house and/or during the same time period. Group interviews were conducted in two, two-hour sessions; individual interviews, with a few exceptions, were conducted in one, two-hour session. Each interview was audio- and videotaped with each session having its own videotape. The audio cassettes, however, simply continue taping the second session immediately following the first session.

While each interview is unique and the follow-up questions differ, all were conducted around a core set of questions or topics. Most begin with the questions: Why did you first run for the legislature? What was it like when you started, and how has it changed since then? How has your career developed (or how did you gain a leadership role)? They then focus on the opinions and biographical information of each interviewee about the following topics: relationships with other leaders; advantages, disadvantages, and differences between the systems of leadership in the House and Senate; comparison of various majority and minority leaders to each other and to the office of Speaker; relations between the governor/governor's office and the legislature and its leaders; power networks; campaign finances; garbage (omnibus spending) bills; committees and appointments; bicameral/unicameral legislatures; length of the session; and connection of legislators to constituents. While not all contain information pertaining to all topics listed, all do contain questions built around most of the issues.

Attorney General Warren Spannaus was asked similar questions; however, he also answered questions about his office's relationship with the legislature, the constitutionality of bills, and the Reviser of Statutes. Legislative staff members were also questioned about their role and the relative value of partisan or non-partisan staff.

Location	Box	
139.A.2.1B	1	Videotapes: Filed in chronological order. Stanley Holmquist and Lloyd Duxbury, January 21, 1986. 2 tapes. William Dosland, February 4, 1986. 2 tapes. Quiet/some static. Charles R. Weaver and Glen Sherwood, March 11, 1986. 2 tapes. David Jennings, April 17, 1986. Quiet/some static. Martin Sabo, May 2, 1986. Poor sound.

Location	Box	
139.A.2.1B	1	Videotapes (cont.): Dick Fitzsimons, Ron Sieloff, Rod Searle, May 5, 1986. 2 tapes. 1960-1970s House Conservative Independent Republicans. Sieloff arrived 20 minutes before the end of the first session; Fitzsimons was not present at the second session and is not on the second tape. Douglas Johnson, May 14, 1986. Willis Eken and Allan H. Spear, May 19, 1986. 2 tapes. Spear was not present at the second session and is not on the second tape. Connie Levi, Jerry Knickerbocker, John Himle, Mary Forsythe, and William Schreiber, June 2, 1986. 2 tapes. Poor picture. George Pillsbury, Robert O. Ashbach, and Henry Savelkoul, June 9, 1986. 2 tapes. Warren Spannaus, June 16, 1986.
139.A.2.2F	2	Legislative staff, June 23, 1986. 2 tapes. Poor picture. Those interviewed were Paul Hess, John Post, John Redmond, and James Nobles. Irv Anderson, Ray Faricy, Wayne Simoneau, and Ken Nelson, undated. 2 tapes. The first tape starts at count 4:40. Joseph Graba and Harry Sieben, [1986]. 2 tapes. Sieben arrives one hour and 15 minutes into the first tape. Fred Norton, Gordon Voss, and John Tomlinson, [1986]. 2 tapes. Quiet/some static. Voss arrived 20 minutes into the first tape; Norton came after one hour and 40 minutes. Voss is not present on the second tape. Gordon Rosenmeier and Aubrey Dirlam, [1986]. 2 tapes. Senate Presidents, [1986]. 2 tapes. Poor sound. Those interviewed were Edward J. Gearty, Alec G. Olson, Jack Davies, and Jerome Hughes.

Location	Box	
139.A.3.1	3	Audiocassettes: Filed in chronological order. Lloyd Duxbury and Stan Holmquist, January 21, 1986. 3 tapes. William Dosland, February 4, 1986. 4 tapes. Tape 2, side A is a different interview, side B only contains Dosland; Tape 4, side A starts around count 65. Glen Sherwood and Charles Weaver, March 11, 1986. 4 tapes. Tape 4, side B is blank; all tapes are quiet. Gene Merriam and Linda Berglin, April 7, 1986. 4 tapes. Questions are quiet. Berglin arrives on Tape 2, side B; Tape 4, side B is blank. David Jennings, April 17, 1986. 2 tapes. Jerry Schoenfeld, John Brandl, C. Tom Osthoff, Phyllis Kahn, and Ann Wynia, April 28, 1986. 4 tapes. Questions are quiet. Wynia and Kahn are absent from Tapes 3 and 4; Tape 4, side B is blank. Martin Sabo, May 2, 1986. 2 tapes. Richard W. Fitzsimons and Rodney Searle, May 5, 1986. 2 tapes. Sieloff came into the interview on Tape 2, side B. Ronald Sieloff and Rodney Searle, May 5, 1986. 2 tapes. These and the previous tapes are from the same interview. Sieloff entered in the last 20 minutes of the first session, and Fitzsimons was not present at the last session. Douglas Johnson, May 14, 1986. 2 tapes. Allan H. Spear and Willis Eken, May 19, 1986. 2 tapes. Willis Eken, May 19, 1986. 2 tapes. These and the previous tapes are from the same interview. Spear was only present for the first session. Roger Moe, May 21, 1986. 2 tapes. John Himle, Mary Forsythe, Jerry Knickerbocker, Connie Levi, and William Schreiber [House Independent Republicans], June 2, 1986. 4 tapes. George Pillsbury, Henry Savelkoul, and Robert O. Ashbach, June 9, 1986. 3 tapes. Warren Spannaus, June 16, 1986. 2 tapes. Legislative Staff, June 23, 1986. 3 tapes. Those interviewed were Paul Hess, John Post, John Redmond, and James Nobles.

Location	Box	
139.A.3.1	3	<p>Audiocassettes (cont.):</p> <p>Irv Anderson, Ken Nelson, Ray Faricy, and Wayne Simoneau, [1986]. 3 tapes. Interview is incomplete; Tape 1, side A starts around count 27.</p> <p>Joseph Graba and Harry Sieben (Tex), [1986]. 3 tapes. Taping starts 39 minutes into the interview.</p> <p>Fred Norton, Gordon Voss, and John Tomlinson, [1986]. 3 tapes. Quiet. Norton arrived ten minutes before the end of the first session, and Voss was not present at the second session. The tapes start about 10 minutes into the interview and Tape 1, side A starts at count 62.</p> <p>Senate Presidents, [1986]. 4 tapes. Those interviewed were Edward J. Gearty, Alec G. Olson, Jack Davies, and Jerome Hughes.</p>