

Guide to the Jane Ham Legislative Papers

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Summary Information

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| Repository: | University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives. |
| Creator: | Ham, Jane F., 1919- |
| Title: | Jane Ham Legislative Papers |
| ID: | MS-00221 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1980-1981 |
| Physical Description: | 2.76 Cubic Feet (6 boxes) |
| Physical Description: | 2.50 Linear Feet |
| Language of the Material: | English |
| Abstract: | The Jane Ham Legislative Papers (1980-1981) document the legislative activities of Nevada Republican Assemblywoman Jane Ham during the 1981 legislative session. The collection consists of Legislative Bureau correspondence, memos, pamphlets, and draft legislative bills. Also included are reports, studies, and informal polls from private individuals and lobby groups expressing response to pending legislation. |

Preferred Citation

Jane Ham Legislative Papers, 1980-1981. MS-00221. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Nevada Republican Assemblywoman Jane Ham was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1919. She received her B.A. in Fine Arts from Ohio State University. She later did post-graduate work in aeronautical engineering at the University of Minnesota. She married Charles W. Ham, and the couple resided in Ohio until 1955 where Ham worked as a draftsman and design engineer in Columbus, Ohio.

Ham and her husband moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, in 1955. The Hams settled into their home in Paradise Valley, and during the next few years, Jane Ham continued her education at the Dana McKay Business School, gave birth to two daughters and a son, and served as a volunteer in numerous organizations. Ham's political activities included membership in the Clark County

Republican Central Committee, precinct captain, 2nd Vice Chairman of the Clark County GOP Central Committee, Deputy Registrar of Voters, Columnist and Cartoonist for the *GOPaper*, and other positions with the national, state, and county Republican Women.

Alarmed with property tax increases in 1978, Ham researched the tax issues and the record of her Assemblyman and decided to seek the District 16 Assembly seat. Defeated in her first attempt, she ran again, this time successfully, in 1980. Ham served three terms in the Nevada assembly 1981, 1983, and 1985. She considered the 1985 session to be the most productive, as Republicans gained a majority in the Assembly. According to Ham, her crowning achievement was a bipartisan organization of women's legislators.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Material is arranged by topic.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Material were donated in 1983 by Jane Ham; accession numbers 80-10 and T-168.

Processing Note

Materials were processed in 1996 by Dona Gearhart. In 2016, Joyce Moore wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Sarah Jones revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Republican Women of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1953-1992. MS-00371. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Southern Nevada Women's Political Caucus Records, 1981-1992. MS-00344. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada

Jean Ford Papers, 1958-1990. MS-00025. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada

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Names and Subjects

- Legislators -- Nevada -- Biography
- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- Politics and government
- Women -- Political activity
- Southern Nevada Women's Political Caucus

- Nevada. Legislature

Collection Inventory

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| Administration: invitations received by Ham to civic, political and social functions, 1980-1981 | box 01 |
| Administration: Legislative Council Bureau correspondence and memoranda on miscellaneous subject, orientations and housekeeping, 1980-1981 | box 01 |
| Administration: telephone messages and wires, 1980-1981 | box 01 |
| Administration: miscellaneous correspondence, 1980-1981 | box 01 |
| Administration: notices, memos, and invitations regarding social functions and professional seminars, 1980-1981 | box 01 |
| Books and Pamphlets: "A Legislative Guide" published by National Conference of State Legislatures re: Conservation, Hazardous Waste Management, Hydroelectric Development, Oversight of Federal Funds, 1980 | box 01 |
| Books and Pamphlets: Bureau of Land Management publications regarding federal funding, land use, Nevada progress reports, BLM in Nevada, and Nevada wilderness management, 1980-1981 | box 01 |
| Books and Pamphlets: Crime Prevention Package, undated | box 01 |
| Books and Pamphlets: Miscellaneous topics such as Lake Tahoe, Nevada water supply, and geothermal resources development, 1980-1981 | box 01 |
| Commerce: background information, response to, and lobby material regarding Commerce Committee activity, 1980-1981 | box 02 |
| Courts: background and response to legislation, 1981 | box 02 |
| Courts: legislation, 1981 | box 02 |
| Courts: study regarding AB 4, undated | box 02 |
| Crime: child kidnapping legislation, legislative proposal by Clark County Juvenile Court Services, 1981 | box 02 |
| Crime: method of administering death penalty regarding AB 86, 1981 | box 02 |
| Crime: drugs, background information on AB 148 and AB 247, 1980-1981 | box 02 |
| Crime: miscellaneous background and response to legislation, 1980-1981 | box 02 |
| Crime: miscellaneous legislation, 1981 | box 02 |
| Crime: victim compensation, 1981 | box 02 |
| Daily File: pages of handwritten notes for speeches, legislative Council Bureau forms, memoranda, conference committee reports, amendment forms, and "Requested after Deadline" forms, 1981 | box 02 |

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| DUI (Driving Under the Influence): background and response legislation for SB 83, 1980-1981 | box 02 |
| DUI: Legislation for SB 83, 1981 | box 02 |
| Education: Background information on PTA Resolutions, student housing, California legal action on segregation, student loan program, licensing private colleges (AB 573), Residency Training Program, questionnaire on public schools, UNR Medical School Budget, Clark County enrollment, and the Basketball Pavilion, 1980-1981 | box 03 |
| Education: Public response on education funding, medical school budget, special education, and sex education, 1980-1981 | box 03 |
| Education: Public response on the Post-secondary Education Commission, Alumni Association, and vocational education, 1980-1981 | box 03 |
| Education: studies, proposals, and pamphlets on high school seniors, sex education, and legislative proposals and briefings, 1980-1981 | box 03 |
| Elections: Elections Committee agendas, amendments, choosing Regents, memos and handwritten notes, 1980-1981 | box 03 |
| Elections: reapportionment, population distribution, term definitions, and government affairs presentation, 1980-1981 | box 03 |
| Elections: State of Nevada general election, 1980 | box 03 |
| Environment: natural resources and wildlife, Lake Tahoe, burial of radioactive waste, Beatty site, predator research, hunting, "Nevada BLM Outlook," livestock grazing, multiple use, and mining, 1980-1981 | box 03 |
| Gaming: background and response to legislation: gross revenues, lotteries, trusts, investigative powers, and the Gaming Industry Association, 1981 | box 04 |
| Gaming: legislation, lotteries, licensing, greyhound racing gross revenue taxation, and enforcement of gaming laws, 1981 | box 04 |
| Health and Welfare: abortion legislation and background material, 1981-1981 | box 04 |
| Health and Welfare: public response to abortion legislation, 1980-1981 | box 04 |
| Health and Welfare: background material on pending legislation, patient rights, prescription drugs, health department inspections, licensing standards, physical therapists, community health services, rural health care, mental health system, and dental hygiene, 1981 | box 04 |
| Health and Welfare: supporting information on child custody bill SB 188, 1981 | box 04 |
| Health and Welfare: committee agendas, memos, proposed amendments, bills, 1981 | box 04 |
| Health and Welfare: physical therapy bill AB 231, public response and lobby material, 1981 | box 04 |
| Health and Welfare: response to pending legislation regarding pharmacy, food-donor liability, services to the blind, detox funding, spinal injury, naturo-pathetic medicine, bio-ethics, Medicare, displaced homemaker funding, guide-dogs, and child abuse, 1981 | box 04 |

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| Health and Welfare: response to pending legislation regarding pensions for disabled, food-bank funding, foster care, and domestic violence, 1981 | box 04 |
| Judiciary Committee: information on action before the committee: rural grand juries, pre-parole classes, district judges, admissibility of evidence, and the Department of Prisons, 1981 | box 05 |
| Judiciary Committee: legislation and agendas regarding court fees, investigation, child support collection, and fitness of judges, 1981 | box 05 |
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| Labor: miscellaneous correspondence and public response, 1981 | box 05 |
| Labor: legislative manual draft, 1981 | box 05 |
| Labor: miscellaneous legislation, 1981 | box 05 |
| Miscellaneous Legislation: research on state legislatures, confidentiality of library records, housing loans, centralized hearings, state motor pool, league of cities, and budget, 1980-1981 | box 05 |
| Miscellaneous Legislation: public response, 1980-1981 | box 05 |
| Mobile Home Legislation: AB 432, mobile home rent, and relocation expense, 1980-1981 | box 06 |
| Mobile Home Legislation: background material, 1981 | box 06 |
| Mobile Home Legislation: public response, 1981 | box 06 |
| MX in Nevada: material relating to the MX missile project in Nevada, MX project field office, recommendation from advisory committee, wildlife and agriculture and MX, and community impact study, 1980-1981 | box 06 |
| Publications regarding state legislature, 1981 | box 06 |
| Public Service and Utilities: correspondence and background material on utility regulation, White Pine Power Project, Eldorado Development Fund, and the Clean Air Act, 1981 | box 06 |
| Sagebrush Rebellion: background material, 1981 | box 06 |
| Taxation: public response to legislative activity on taxation, 1981 | box 06 |
| Transportation: motor vehicle tax, service and safety regulation of motor carriers, correspondence Regional Transportation Commission, Department of Transportation, road construction, and mass transportation, 1981 | box 06 |