



Guide to the Robert E. Robinson Legislative Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Robinson, Robert E., Dr., 1923-2013
Title:	Robert E. Robinson Legislative Papers
ID:	MS-00416
Date [inclusive]:	1970 to 1986
Physical Description:	7.13 Cubic Feet (11 boxes)
Physical Description:	5.96 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Robert E. Robinson Legislative Papers are comprised of materials relating to Robert Robinson's career in the Nevada State Legislature as an assemblyman and senator from 1970 to 1986. The papers include correspondence, assembly bill research, bill proposals, roll calls, and materials from assembly committee meetings. The collection also contains Robinson's campaign materials, including financial disclosures, press releases, advertisements, and correspondence with voters.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Nevada State legislator Dr. Robert E. Robinson was born September 8, 1923 in Idaho Falls, Idaho. He moved to Las Vegas, Nevada as a teenager and graduated from Las Vegas High School in 1941. Robinson enlisted in the army at the age of 17 and served four years in the Aleutian Islands combat area during World War II. After exiting military service in 1945, Robinson met his wife Betty Ellis and attended the University of Southern California, later receiving his Bachelor's of Science and Doctorate in Optometry from the Los Angeles College of Optometry. The couple moved to Las Vegas in 1950, where Robinson practiced optometry. Robinson was elected to the Nevada

Legislature as an assemblyman in 1972, and was reelected in 1974, 1976, 1978, and 1980. Robinson advocated for business interests in Nevada, and served on the Commerce, Ways and Means, Government Affairs, Agriculture, Labor and Management, and Health and Welfare state assembly committees.

In 1982, Robinson was elected to the Nevada State Senate, for one term. Robinson was an active member and leader in many organizations including the Southern Nevada Optometric Association, the Nevada State Board of Examiners for Optometry (1956-1964), the Las Vegas Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. Robinson also performed civic work with the Las Vegas Elks Lodge, the Las Vegas Urban Renewal Commission (1962-1972), the Boys Club of Clark County, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Rotary Club of Las Vegas. He retired from politics in 1986 and served as the director of the Nevada State Bank for twenty years. He died on July 31, 2013.

Source:

"Obituary: Dr. Robert E Robinson." Dignity Memorial. Accessed June 22, 2018. <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/las-vegas-nv/robert-robinson-5622259>.

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Arrangement

Material is divided into three series:

Series I. Legislative sessions, 1972-1986;

Series II. Campaign materials, 1972-1982;

Series III. Personal and subject files, 1970-1986.

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Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2000 by Robert E. Robinson; accession number 2000-009.

Processing Note

Material was partially processed by Special Collections staff. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Hannah Robinson created a rough inventory of the containers, wrote the collection description, and entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2018, Jimmy Chang reorganized and rehoused the materials, and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials

Some of the publications that were acquired as part of this collection have been separated and described individually in the [University Libraries' catalog](#).

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Names and Subjects

- Legislators -- Nevada -- Biography

- Political candidates -- Nevada
- Newspapers -- Writing -- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- 20th century
- photographs
- Legislators -- Nevada -- Correspondence
- Nevada. Legislature
- Nevada. Legislature. Senate

Collection Inventory

Legislative sessions, 1972 to 1986

Physical Description: 3.89 Cubic Feet (6 boxes)

Physical Description: 3.25 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The Legislative sessions series (1972-1986) includes correspondence, legislative bill research, bill proposals, legislature roll calls, and materials from special committee meetings from Nevada assembly and senate sessions.

Arrangement: Material is arranged chronologically by legislative session.

Title/Description	Containers
Legislative session 1973	
Photograph (Boy Scout Day), 1972 February 12	box 01
Newspaper clippings, 1972 to 1986	box 01
Legislative correspondence, 1972 to 1986	box 01
Bills sponsored by Assemblyman Robinson, 1972 to 1986	box 01
Assembly roll call and voting record, 1972 to 1986	box 01
Name plate (Assemblyman Robinson), 1972 to 1986	box 01
Legislative session 1975	
Assembly Bill 130 (enacts the Fair Rental Housing Act) and other supporting material, 1972 to 1986	box 01
A. B. 242 (the establishment of private employee agencies), 1972 to 1986	box 01
A. B. 342 and 375 (subdivision laws), 1972 to 1986	box 01
A. B. 473, 474, and 478 (Nevada unemployment compensation) and supporting correspondence, 1972 to 1986	box 01
Assembly bills sponsored by Clark County delegation, 1972 to 1986	box 01
Assembly bills sponsored by Assemblyman Robinson, 1972 to 1986	box 01
Assembly bills sponsored by legislative committees, 1972 to 1986	box 01
Legislative correspondence, 1972 to 1986	box 01

Legislative material dealing with tax abatement for senior citizens, 1972 to 1986	box 01
Assembly standing committee list and record, 1972 to 1986	box 01
Roll call and voting records, 1972 to 1986	box 01
Senate Bill 601 (creation of the Consolidation Committee in Clark County and related topics) with supporting materials, 1972 to 1986	box 01
Selected significant legislation, 1975	box 01
Bill proposal (the allocation of the number of taxicabs by the Taxicab Authority), 1972 to 1986	box 01
Legislative session 1976	
Assembly Bill 454 (regulations for the Nevada Lobbying Disclosure Act), 1976	box 01
Un-numbered bill proposal, 1976	box 01
Voter questionnaire and voting records, 1976	box 01
Legislative session 1977	
Assembly Bill 13 (allows private investigators licensing board to place licenses in inactive status and eliminates bond requirement in such cases), 1977	box 01
A. B. 14 (requires Nevada Industrial Commission to pay interest on advance cash premiums paid by employers), 1977	box 01
A. B. 21 (department of highways are required to show distances in miles and kilometers on new and replaced highway signs), 1977	box 01
A. B. 45 (relating to an arraignment: the attorney needs to be present when the defendant makes a negotiated plea), 1977	box 01
A. B. 62 (relating to real property and the requiring notification to the owner when a lien has been recorded), 1977	box 01
A. B. 135 (relating to the escheat of certain dormant deposit accounts), 1977	box 01
A. B. 184 (relating to the state group insurance program. No cost for state employees for disability insurance), 1977	box 01
A. B. 272 (provides for review and approval of administrative regulations by the legislative department of state government), 1977	box 02
A. B. 292 (provides tax exemption for certain property used to conserve or produce energy), 1977	box 02
A. B. 304 (provides alternative system of property tax relief to senior citizens without regard to income and other extensive revisions to Senior Citizens Property Tax Assistance Act), 1977	box 02
A. B. 315 (prohibits issuance of bench warrant for arrest of person who was not operator of vehicle and did not personally sign traffic citation, except in certain circumstances), 1977	box 02

A. B. 475 (revises land division laws), 1977	box 02
A. B. 508 (requires one of Nevada's commissioners on Western Interstate Commission for higher education to be a member of state legislature), 1977	box 02
A. B. 514 (regulations on hunting) and supporting material, 1977	box 02
A. B. 593 (creation of the McCarran International Airport Study Committee), 1977	box 02
A. B. 593 (Clark County Airport Authority) newspaper clippings, 1977	box 02
A. B. 606 (changes maximum amount of compensation which may be used to determine industrial insurance premiums), 1977	box 02
Assembly Joint Resolution 9 (proposed constitutional amendment to permit tax exemption for conservation or production of energy from renewable natural resources), 1977	box 02
Assembly Concurrent Resolution 14 (directs legislative commission to study feasibility of conducting legislative review of existing and future regulations of agencies of executive branch of state government), 1977	box 02
A. J. R. 31 (memorializes Civil Aeronautics Board to expedite its consideration of other carriers for Las Vegas-Reno passengers air service), 1977	box 02
A. C. R. 34 (directs legislative commission to study extent of unclaimed property in Nevada), 1977	box 02
Assembly bills sponsored by Assemblyman Robinson, 1977	box 02
Legislative program, submitted by the Nevada State American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations for the consideration of the Trade Union Movement of Nevada, 1976 to 1977	box 02
Legislative roll call record, 1977	box 02
Letters of commendation, 1977	box 02
Bill proposals, 1977	box 02
Legislative correspondence, 1977	box 02
Legislative roll call, booklet, and correspondence, 1977	box 02
Newspaper clippings and related photographs, 1977	box 02
Non-numbered proposed bill, 1977	box 02
Legislative session 1978	
Bill proposals, 1978	box 02
Correspondence, 1978	box 02
Failed child abuse bills, 1978	box 02
Legislative session 1979	

Assembly Bills 85 (Unclaimed Property Act) and supporting material, 1979	box 02
A. B. 754 (requiring of certain counties to create an airport authority), 1979	box 02
A. B. 836 (taxicab regulations), 1979	box 02
Assembly Joint Resolution 2 (proposed to amend Nevada Constitution to prohibit state income tax) and supporting material, 1979	box 02
Bill proposal (licensing and regulation of barbers and beauticians), 1979	box 02
A. J. R. 6 (right to bear arms) and supporting material, 1979	box 03
Bill summaries, 1979	box 03
Bills sponsored by Senator Don Ashworth, 1979	box 03
Legislative correspondence, 1979	box 03
Legislation dealing with the state regulations of the Nevada State Bar and the subsequent acquisition of a law school in Nevada, 1979	box 03
Legislative roll call record, 1979	box 03
Legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Robinson, 1979	box 03
"Summary of Legislation" book, 1979	box 03
"A Summary For City of Las Vegas Residents" book, 1979	box 03
Letters of commendation, 1979	box 03
Model Adult Protective Services Act and supporting material, 1979	box 03
Newspaper clippings and press release, 1979	box 03
Senate Bill 48 (property tax relief for the elderly), supporting bills, which were not passed, and supporting material, 1979	box 03
Speaker organization material, 1979	box 03
Sponsor list for 1979 Legislative session and legislative notes, 1979	box 03
Legislative session 1980	
Bills sponsored by Assemblyman Robinson and supporting material, 1980	box 03
Correspondence, 1980	box 03
Voter questionnaire, 1980	box 03
Voter questionnaire and tabulation of results, 1980	box 04
Voter questionnaire and results, 1980	box 04
Assembly Bill 475 (changes fees for licensing and administrative fines chargeable by Nevada State Board of Optometry), 1980	box 04
Legislative session 1981	

"A Look at the Record: The Sixty-first Session of the Nevada State Legislature" book, 1981	box 04
Bill paid statement, 1981	box 04
Bills sponsored by Assemblyman Robinson, 1981	box 04
"Index and Tables", "Assembly History", and "Senate History" books, 1981	box 04
Letters of commendation, 1981	box 04
Legislative issues, 1981	box 04
Legislative roll call, 1981	box 04
Legislative correspondence and other materials related to bills passed and vetoed, 1981	box 04
Minutes and budget materials of the Interim Finance Committee, 1981	box 04
Legislative memoranda and correspondence, 1982	box 04
"Nevada Statistical Abstract" book by Governor's Office of Planning Coordination State of Nevada, 1981	box 04
Newspaper clippings, 1981	box 04
Photograph of Nevada Home Builders Association reception, 1981 February	box 04
Legislative roll call record, 1981	box 05
Senate Bill 101 (loan interest rate limitation removal), 1981	box 05
S. B. 695 (act relating to mortgage companies; amendments to provisions of the law governing those companies; and providing other matters properly relating thereto), 1981	box 05
"Secretary/Manager Report" book (Nevada chapter), 1981	box 05
Senate Commerce and Labor Committee (A. B. 38 discussion), 1981	box 05
"Statistical Supplement to Legislative Districts for the State of Nevada" booklet, 1981	box 05
"Summary of Legislation" book, 1981	box 05
Vetoed bills during the 61st Legislative session, 1981	box 05
Legislative session 1983	
Bills sponsored by Senator Robinson, 1983	box 05
Labor vote, 1983	box 05
"Legislative Handbook: The State of Nevada Employees Association Proposals to the 1983 Nevada Legislature", 1983	box 05
Legislative roll call record, 1983	box 05
Name plate "Senator R. E. Robinson", 1983	box 05

Legislative session 1984	
Newspaper clippings (legislative issues), 1984	box 05
Senate Concurrent Resolution 49 (depository institution material), 1984	box 05
Senate Concurrent Resolution 49 (depository institutions and interim committee material), 1984	box 05
Legislative session 1985	
Bill drafting requests, assignments, and related materials, 1985	box 05
Bills sponsored by Senator Robinson, 1985	box 05
Correspondence with 99th Congress, 1985	box 05
Correspondence referring to Senator Robinson's change of affiliation from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party, 1985	box 05
Desk calendar, 1985 February to 1985 April	box 05
Legislative roll call record, 1985	box 05
Letters of commendation and endorsements, 1985	box 05
"Military History Magazine", 1985	box 05
Correspondence from businesses and citizens to Dr. Robinson concerning legislation, 1985	box 06
Newspaper clippings, 1985	box 06
Newspaper clippings (legislative issues regarding Nevada), 1985	box 06
Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor and S. B. 404 material, 1985	box 06
Senate bills and Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor minutes, 1985	box 06
Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor; Robert E. Robinson-Chair, 1985	box 06
Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor supporting material, 1985	box 06
"Senator's Handbook" (Nevada Legislature, 63rd Session), 1985	box 06
Legislative session 1986	
"Bulletin No. 87-28: Study of Laws, Regulations and Policies Which Affect Financial Institutions" book, 1986	box 06

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Campaign materials, 1972 to 1982

Physical Description: 1.94 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)

Physical Description: 1.63 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The campaign materials series (1972-1982) series is comprised of Robinson's campaign material, including financial disclosures, press releases, advertisements, and correspondence with voters.

Arrangement: Material is arranged chronologically by campaign year.

Title/Description	Containers
Campaign 1972	
Endorsement letters, 1972	box 07
Fundraising materials, 1972	box 07
Letters of commendation, 1972	box 07
Newspaper clippings, 1972	box 07
Volunteer lists, 1972	box 07
Campaign 1974	
"Official Returns of the Primary and General Election" books, 1974	box 07
Bills paid, 1974	box 07
Financial disclosures, 1974	box 07
News releases, 1974	box 07
White copies of thank you letters sent from Assemblyman Robinson to supporters, 1974	box 07
Campaign 1976	
"Official Returns of the General Election of 1976" and "Official Returns of the Primary Election of 1976" booklets, 1976	box 07
Contributors to the campaign, 1976	box 07
Correspondence, 1976	box 07
Declaration of candidacy, 1976	box 07
Endorsement in the newsletter, "Citizens for Private Enterprise", 1976	box 07
Financial disclosures, 1976	box 07
Fliers of various opponents for candidacy, 1976	box 07
Pamphlets and letters, 1976	box 07
Newspaper clippings, 1976	box 07
Press releases, 1976	box 07
Questionnaire and endorsements, 1976	box 07
Campaign 1978	
"Affidavit and Declaration of Campaign Contributions" form, 1978	box 07
"Official Returns of the Primary Election" book, 1978	box 07

Correspondence, 1978	box 07
Endorsements, 1978	box 07
Financial disclosures for general election, 1978	box 07
Financial disclosures for primary election, 1978	box 07
Fundraising materials, 1978	box 07
Letters of commendation, 1978	box 07
Pamphlets, letters, and notes, 1978	box 08
Newspaper clippings, 1978	box 08
Publicity materials, 1978	box 08
Campaign 1980	
Correspondence, 1980	box 08
Endorsements, 1980	box 08
Financial disclosures (1st report), 1980	box 08
Financial disclosures (2nd report), 1980	box 08
Financial disclosures (3rd report and final report), 1980	box 08
Interview (copy), 1980	box 08
Letters of commendation, 1980	box 08
Newspaper clippings, 1980	box 08
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Pamphlets and notes, 1980	box 08
Photos of Robinson campaign, 1980	box 08
Publicity materials, 1980	box 08
Publicity materials for campaign opponents, 1980	box 08
Questionnaire and endorsements, 1980	box 08
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Campaign contribution (check and receipt), 1982	box 08
Catalogs, 1982	box 08
Correspondence, 1982	box 08
Endorsements, 1982	box 08
Financial disclosures, 1982	box 09

Financial disclosures (2nd report), 1982	box 09
Financial disclosures (3rd report), 1982	box 09
Pamphlets and notes, 1982	box 09
Newsletters, 1982	box 09
Newspaper clippings, 1982	box 09
Polls and election material, 1982	box 09
Public questionnaire and endorsements, 1982	box 09
Publicity materials for Assemblyman Robinson, 1982	box 09
Publicity materials for campaign opponents, 1982	box 09

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Personal files, 1970 to 1986

Physical Description: 1.30 Cubic Feet (2 box)

Physical Description: 1.08 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The Personal files series (1970-1986) is comprised of documents relating to Robinson's civic and professional activities in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Arrangement: Material is arranged by subject and then alphabetically.

Title/Description	Containers
Personal files	
Biographical information about Dr. Robert Robinson, 1970 to 1986	box 10
"The Official Politicians Joke Book" and handwritten jokes, 1970 to 1986	box 10
Civic and optical information, 1970 to 1986	box 10
Clark County Rotary involvement, 1970 to 1986	box 10
Gulf War information (map and newspaper clippings), 1970 to 1986	box 10
Letters of commendation, 1970 to 1986	box 10
Correspondence between Lieutenant Governor Ed Fike and Dr. Robinson regarding the proposal for silver chips being used at casinos, 1970 to 1986	box 10
Newspaper clippings, 1970 to 1986	box 10
Newspaper clippings (concerning fellow legislators), 1970 to 1986	box 10
Past Exalted Ruler's Association of Elks Lodge, 1970 to 1986	box 10
Photographs (unidentified), undated, approximately 1970 to 1986	box 10
Photograph of Western Shrine Association Convention: Ladies Fashion Show, 1969 May	box 10

Public relations, 1970 to 1986	box 10
Subject files	
Assembly bills and resolutions with Robinson as the prime sponsor, 1970 to 1986	box 10
"Assembly Standing Rules" and "Joint Rules" handouts, 1980	box 10
Campaign materials (printed and unprinted), 1970 to 1986	box 10
Legislative committee (depository financial institutions), 1970 to 1986	box 10
"The Legislative's Commissions Subcommittee to Study Laws, Regulations and Policies Which Affect Depository Financial Institutions" material, 1984	box 10
Energy research, 1970 to 1986	box 11
"Nevada Legislative Manual 1979" booklet for Assemblyman Robinson, 1979	box 11
"Nevada Legislative Manual 1981" booklet for Assemblyman Robinson, 1981	box 11
"Nevada Legislative Manual 1983" booklet for Senator Robinson, 1983	box 11
"Nevada Legislative Manual 1985" booklet for Senator Robinson, 1985	box 11
Pamphlets and notes, 1970 to 1986	box 11
Photograph (unidentified), approximately 1970 to 1986	box 11
Testimonials, 1970 to 1986	box 11
Desktop flags and flag stand, approximately 1970 to 1986	box 11

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