
Inventory of the Robert Cline Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Robert Cline papers,

Date (inclusive): 1971-1980

Collection number: See series descriptions

Creator: Cline, Robert

Extent: 6 cubic feet

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Abstract: Robert Corde Cline, a Republican, was first elected to the State Assembly in 1970 and served until 1980. Bills introduced by Cline cover a wide array of subjects including tax cuts, the death penalty, completion of the Simi-San Fernando Valley Freeway, education standards, and special education.

Physical location: California State Archives

Language: English

Access

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Acquisition Information

The California State Archives acquired the Robert Cline Papers following his Assembly term.

Processing Information

The California State Archives received the Robert Cline Papers over a number of years and archives staff arranged them at various times. Therefore, the physical arrangement of the records does not necessarily follow the inventory's order.

Biography

Robert Corde Cline, a Republican, was first elected to the State Assembly in 1970. He represented the 64th Assembly District in Los Angeles County. In 1976, the district number changed to the 37th Assembly District and included the Northern San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita Valley and eastern Ventura County.

Robert Cline was born in San Francisco in 1933. He received a Bachelor's degree in 1955 from the University of California at Berkeley and a Master's of Business Administration in Finance from the same institution in 1960. Cline was a veteran of the United States Army and a Financial and Tax Consultant by profession. He married Betty C. Robison and they had two children, Bruce and Caren.

Cline was a member of the San Fernando Valley Business and Professional Association, the Kiwanis, the Canoga Park Chamber of Commerce and the Van Nuys Jaycees. From 1962-1969, he was a member of the Republican County Central Committee, served on the Republican State Central Committee from 1962-1970, and was active in the West Valley Republicans. Other affiliations include the Episcopal Church, the San Fernando Valley Boy Scout Council, and the YMCA. Cline was also a trustee of the Los Angeles City Community College District from 1969 until 1971, serving as the Vice President in 1969 and the President in 1970.

According to the California Legislature at Sacramento (Handbooks), he served on the following committees:

- Standing Committees
- Constitutional Amendments
- *Vice Chairman, 1971
- Education, 1971-1974
- Energy and Diminishing Materials, 1975
- Finance and Insurance, 1973-1974
- Governmental Organization, 1971-1978
- Human Resources, 1979-1980
- Intergovernmental Relations, 1977
- Public Employees and Retirement, 1979-1980
- Revenue and Taxation, 1972-1976
- Rules, 1980
- Urban Development and Housing, 1971-1972
- Water, 1976-1977
- Water, Parks and Wildlife, 1978

Scope and Content

The Robert Cline Papers consist of 6 cubic feet of records reflecting Cline's activities during his time as an Assembly Member. The records contain Assembly bill files, 1971-1980; subject files, 1971-1978; and newsletters, 1973-1980.

Bills introduced by Cline cover a wide array of subjects including tax cuts, the death penalty, completion of the Simi-San Fernando Valley Freeway, education standards, and special education. Subject files include background information for possible legislation and focus on such topics as community colleges and student code of conduct; Medi-Cal; freeways and highways; and California's water supply. Newsletters and press releases give a snapshot view of constituents' issues, highlight Cline's concerns, and document his efforts to address such issues. These files, together with the proposed legislation files, illustrate the foundations of the legislative process.

Arrangement

The Robert Cline papers are arranged into 3 series: bill files, subject files, and newsletters.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been associated with these materials in the Archives' automated public access system (currently in development, June 2004).

Subjects

Cline, Robert

California--Legislature--Assembly

California Community Colleges

Water--Law and legislation - - California

Folder See LP Series 1. **Bill Files, 1971-1980**

numbers below

Physical Description: 74 file folders

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically by session and numerically bill number.

Scope and Content Note

Bill files created by Robert Cline may include bill analyses, amendments, conflict statements, correspondence, position statements, author's statements, press releases, newspaper clippings, background information, and reports. Bill introduced by Cline cover many issues including the education of Autistic children (AB3574, 1973) and the highway system within his district (ACR58, ACR93, ACR94; 1975). In 1978 Cline introduced Assembly Joint Resolution 72, which requested that Congress reject President Carter's proposal to sell warplanes to Saudi Arabia and Egypt while at the same time limiting the number of planes sold to the State of Israel.

1971 AB213-AB2762; ACA38, ACA63; ACR83-ACR170;HR42 (9ff) LP163:236-244

1972 AB111-AB2241; ACA30 (6ff) LP163:245-250

1973-1974 AB6-AB3046 (7ff) LP163:251-257

1973-1974 AB3047-AB4224; ACA72; ACR20-ACR198; AJR82 (5ff) LP176:225-229

1975-1976 AB6-AB4535; ACA15; ACR58-ACR94 (20ff) LP176:230-249

1977-1978 AB2-AB3630; ACA9-ACA41; ACR92, ACR128; AJR72, AJR98 (10ff) LP176:250-259

1979-1980 AB5-AB3400; ACA6-ACA49; ACR121; HR49 (17ff) LP187:197-213

Folder See Appendix A Series 2. **Subject Files, 1971-1978**

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Physical Description: 68 file folders

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by subject heading.

Scope and Content Note

Subject files created by Robert Cline may contain correspondence, reports, newspaper clippings, newsletters, press releases, speeches, opinions, photographs, and background materials. They relate to the general areas of proposed and pending legislation, community activities, and district affairs. Several large photographs show Cline with Governor Ronald Reagan, his wife, and at work in the Legislature. Also included are Cline's daily appointment books and office guest book. See Appendix A in master finding aid at the California State Archives for a complete list of subject file headings.

Folder LP187:21 Series 3. **Newsletters, 1973-1980**

Physical Description: 1 files folder

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically by date.

Scope and Content Note

Each newsletter sent out by Cline contains a brief article on what he considered to be important issues of the time. Newsletters also include proposed legislation, a list of committees he served on, and questionnaires for constituent feedback. Newsletters for 1971 and 1972 are arranged with the subject files.

1973-1980 Newsletters and Questionnaires (1ff) LP187:214