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Descriptive Summary

Title: Charles Bader Papers

Dates: 1983-1990

Collection number: LP380

Creator: Charles Bader, California Legislator

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Abstract: Charles "Chuck" Bader, a Republican, served as an Assembly Member in the California legislature from 1983-1990. The Charles Bader Papers consist of 2.5 cubic feet of textual records covering the years 1983-1990. The majority of documentation covers the years 1983-1984 and 1989-1990. The collection contains one series: Bill Files, 1983-1990.

Physical location: California State Archives

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

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Acquisition and Custodial History

The California State Archives acquired the Charles Bader Papers following his final term in the State Legislature.

Biography

Charles "Chuck" Bader, a Republican, was first elected to the Assembly in 1982, representing the 65th District. This district includes a section of Pomona in Los Angeles County, parts of Ontario and Victorville, the Hesperia Community, and a large unincorporated area of

western San Bernardino County, plus Adelanto.

Assembly member Bader was born in Los Angeles on March 19, 1940, and raised in Pomona. Following his graduation from Pomona High School, he continued his education at the University of California, Los Angeles, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. Additionally, Bader has been involved in the real estate and property management business since 1967. In 1973, he formed his own company, Condominium Management Services.

Bader prepared for the Assembly by actively participating in community affairs. After serving as a Pomona city commissioner, he became the youngest councilman in Pomona's history when he was elected in 1971; he was elected vice mayor in 1974. The people of Pomona elected Bader to be their mayor in 1977 and 1979.

Assembly member Bader was well known for his expertise in the area of school construction, combining his knowledge of education and housing issues. Issues championed by Bader also include workers compensation, reforming the criminal justice system, toxic waste regulation, and mobile home regulation. Additionally, serving as Vice Chair of the Assembly Education Committee from 1985-1988 allowed Bader to play a key role shaping education policy for millions of California students.

According to the California Legislature at Sacramento (Handbooks) and the California Blue Book, Bader served on the following committees:

- Standing Committees
- Economic Development and New Technologies, 1983-1984
- Education, 1983-1990
- *Vice Chair, 1985-1988
- Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials, 1985-1990
- Finance and Insurance, 1989-1990
- Housing and Community Development, 1983-1988
- Revenue and Taxation, 1987-1990
- Ways and Means, 1985-1986

Scope and Content

The Charles Bader Papers consist of 2.5 cubic feet of textual records covering the years 1983-1990. The majority of documentation covers the years 1983-1984 and 1989-1990. The collection contains one series: Bill Files, 1983-1990. The bill files document Bader's legislative activity during his term as a member of the California State Assembly. While the bills introduced by Charles Bader include a wide array of subjects, his primary concerns included workers compensation; education; financing of school construction; and toxic waste, dairy, and mobile homes regulation.

There are several bills of note from Assembly Member Bader's first term in office. AB 1046 (1983-1984) addressed what Bader saw as a loophole in the worker's compensation system. Previous legislation (AB684, Chapter 992, 1982) allowed a broad exception to what is otherwise a "no-fault" insurance program for workers injured on the job. Bader felt that the "power-press" exception was overly broad and left employers open to unfair liabilities. This attempt to remedy the loophole in worker's compensation law did not pass during the 1983-1984 legislative session, however, it would not be Bader's last bill concerning this issue.

During the 1983-1984 session, Bader attempted to greatly alter the structure of the bureaucracy responsible for credentialing teachers. AB2486 (1983-1984) was Assembly Member Bader's effort to abolish the independent commission responsible for issuing teaching credentials and place their responsibilities under the purview of the state board of education. His main concerns were twofold: that there was no objective standard for evaluating prospective teachers, and more importantly, that the commission on teacher credentialing was shirking its statutory mandate to produce the standards. This bill made it out of the Education committee on an 8-2 vote, but the Ways and Means committee did not bring it up for a vote.

Also of considerable note is Bader's Assembly Constitutional Amendment 35 (ACA35 1983-1984). Had it passed, this sweeping change to the California Constitution would have dramatically changed how local governments interacted with the state government. Bader proposed in ACA35 to essentially make all unfunded mandates on local governments voluntary. As the law dictated at the time, localities were required to comply with and the state was obligated to fund all legislative mandated programs. However, the state did not always fund their mandates. Out of frustration for this process came the solution proposed in ACA35. This contentious issue produced voluminous correspondence and analysis, but no actual change in law; this measure failed to clear the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee.

Bader attempted again in the 1985-1986 session to remove the "power press" exception from the worker's compensation law. AB156 was a highly controversial bill and contained much correspondence from individuals and trade organizations expressing both support and opposition for this bill. This bill died in the Finance and Insurance committee without ever coming up for a vote.

AB1931 (1987-1988) responded to an ongoing problem with the Stringfellow toxic waste dump in Riverside County. Accumulated liquid toxic waste that had been leaching into the surrounding water table and bedrock was creating serious problems for the town of Glen Avon and destabilizing the surrounding area. This bill would have provided a first \$13 million to create a hydraulic system south of State Highway 60 to

stabilize the area. However, this bill failed to make it out of committee.

AB817 (Ch.1254, 1989) was a successful attempt by Assemblyman Bader to clarify existing law regarding the classification and storage of recyclable toxic waste. This bill made it easier for generators of toxic waste to transport it for consolidation and recycling.

Another highly contentious bill was Bader's AB2134 (1989-1990), which would have allowed open enrollment in K-12 schools. This controversial bill file includes numerous news clippings, a lengthy report on the impacts of parental choice and education, and a substantial amount of correspondence in support and opposition of the measure.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Bader, Charles

Education

Environmental protection

Workers' compensation

LP380:1-51 Series 1 **Bill Files 1983-1990**

Physical Description: 51 file folders

Arrangement

Bill files are arranged chronologically by legislative session and then numerically by bill number.

Scope and Content Note

Bill files were created by Charles Bader while he served as Assembly Member, 1983-1990. The files may include bill analyses, amendments and resolutions, author's statements, testimony, press releases, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and committee statements. Areas that Assembly Member Bader concentrated on include worker's compensation reform, dairy regulation, toxic waste regulation, education policy, mobile homes and local government issues. Additionally, Bader carried several bills for the County of San Bernardino and other local agencies.

1983-1984: AB211-AB3943; ACA35; ACR85; ACR125; AJR49 (25 ff) LP380:1-25

1985-1986: AB156 (1ff) LP380:26

1987-1988: AB1931 (1ff) LP380:27

1989-1990: AB294-AB4271; ACR10; ACR158 (24 ff) LP380:28-51