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## Inventory of the Frank P. Belotti Papers

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Frank P. Belotti Papers,

**Date (inclusive):** 1957-1972

**Collection number:** See series descriptions

**Creator:** Belotti, Frank P.

**Extent:** 10 cubic feet

**Repository:** California State Archives  
Sacramento, California

**Abstract:** Frank P. Belotti, Republican, was a State Assembly Member, 1951-1972. Bills introduced by Belotti cover a wide array of subjects including agriculture, education, environmental conservation, and land use.

**Physical location:** California State Archives

**Language:** English

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### Acquisition Information

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The California State Archives acquired the Frank P. Belotti Papers following his final Assembly term.

### **Alternative Forms of Material Available**

Some of the bill files are available on microfilm at the California State Archives.

### **Biography**

Frank P. Belotti, Republican, was a State Assembly Member, 1951-1972. His 1st Assembly District included Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino Counties. Following redistricting in 1962, his District included Lake County. After the 1966 reapportionment, Belotti represented the 2nd Assembly District, which included parts of Humboldt, Mendocino, and Sonoma Counties.

Belotti was born on January 3, 1898 and established residence in California in 1924. Prior to that time he attended business college in Massachusetts and graduated from Dodges Institute of Railway Accounting and Telegraphy in Valparaiso, Indiana. He studied Business Administration at the University of Valparaiso. Before entering politics, he made his living as a telegraph operator until 1926 when he became a fur farmer near Eureka. Belotti married Delphine Moranda of Ferndale in 1934.

In addition to politics, Frank Belotti was also a member of the Humboldt County Planning Commission; Past President of the Eureka Kiwanis Club; and Past Master of the Humboldt Grange. Belotti was a member of the Moose Association, Commonwealth Club, Redwood Empire Association, Wool Growers, and the Farm Bureau Federation. He was also the Director of the California Marine Parks and Harbors Association.

Frank Belotti was elected to the State Assembly in 1950. He served in the Assembly through 1972, when he died in office on November 30, 1972. Belotti sponsored legislation concerned with improving highways, education, flood control and water conservation, district and county affairs, the logging and lumber industry, fish and game, and agriculture.

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

- Standing Committees
- Agriculture, 1951; 1965-1972
- Constitutional Amendments, 1951-1953
- \*Chair, 1953
- Conservation, Planning, and Public Works, 1955-1957
- Education, 1953-1955
- Fish and Game, 1955-1957
- \*Chair, 1955-1957
- Livestock and Dairies, 1953-1963
- \*Chair, 1959-1963
- Natural Resources and Conservation, 1971-1972
- Retirement, 1971-1972
- \*Vice Chair, 1971-1972
- Transportation and Commerce, 1951-1967
- Water, 1959-1965; 1969
- Ways and Means, 1953-1972
- Joint Committees
- Fairs Allocation and Classification Committee, 1969-1972
- \*Chair, 1969-1972

In addition, as a member of the Legislature, Belotti was a senior member of the Wildlife Conservation Board.

### **Scope and Content**

The Frank P. Belotti Papers consist of 10 cubic feet of records reflecting Belotti's activities during his time as an Assembly Member. The records contain Assembly bill files, 1957-1972; office correspondence files, 1959-1972; and committee papers, 1957-1970. The bill files in the collection document Belotti's activity during the latter period of his service in the California State Legislature (bill files for 1951-1956, 1958, 1960, and 1966 were not transferred to the Archives). Bills introduced by Belotti cover a wide array of subjects including agriculture, education, environmental conservation, and land use. The office correspondence generated by Belotti's legislative interests makes up the office correspondence series of the collection. Invitations and thank you letters that Belotti received and sent while in office are also included in the office correspondence files. Belotti retained some hearing transcripts and working papers from several of the committees on which he

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served. These committee papers make up the third series in this collection.

**Arrangement**

The Frank P. Belotti Papers are arranged into three series: bill files, office correspondence files, and committee papers.

**Indexing Terms**

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

**Subjects**

Belotti, Frank P.

California - - Legislature - - Assembly

Educational - - law and legislation

Environmental policy

**Other Finding Aids**

A prior finding aid for the Frank Belotti Papers exists and is available at the California State Archives.

Folder See LP Series 1. **Bill Files, 1957-1972**  
numbers below

**Physical Description:** 86 file folders

**Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically by legislative session, then numerically by bill number.

**Scope and Content Note**

Bill files created by Frank Bellotti may include bill analyses, amendments, conflict statements, correspondence, position statements, author's statements, press releases, newspaper clippings, background information, and reports. Bill files from the following years were not transferred to the California State Archives: 1951-1956, 1958, 1960, and 1966.

1957: AB3-AB3942, ACA's, ACR's, HR's (10ff) LP63:1-10 MF

1958: Newspaper Clippings, Press Release Coverage (2ff) LP63:11-12

1959: AB68-AB2805, ACR12-ACR106, HR's (7ff) LP63:13-19 MF

1961: AB3-AB2799, ACA's, ACR's, AJR's, HR's (6ff) LP63:20-25 MF

1962: ACR4-ACR21, AJR9-AJR10, HR23-HR100, SCR6, AB27X, AB32X, HR22X, HR66X, HR14XX (2ff) LP63:26-27 MF

1963: AB45-AB2418 (8ff) LP63:28-35 MF

1963: AB2556-AB3058, ACR's, HR's, ACR9X, HR77X-HR97X (4ff) LP64:1-4 MF

1964: AB171X, ACR17X-ACR44X, HR10X-HR363X (2ff) LP64:5-6 MF

1964-1965: Legislative Papers: Disaster Correspondence and Legislation (1ff) LP64:15

1965: AB3-AB3199, ACR8-ACR88, AJR10-AJR21, HR74-HR581, ACR3XX, HR56XX, HR88XX (8ff) LP64:7-14 MF

1967: AB115-AB2529, ACR13-ACR97, AJR's, HR's (5ff) LP64:16-20 MF

1968: AB47-AB1787, ACR's, HR's, (6ff) LP64:21-26 MF

1969: AB3-AB1974, ACR's, SJR's HR's (7ff) LP64:27-33 MF

1970: AB4-AB2459, ACR's AJR's, HR's (7ff) LP64:34-40 MF

1971: AB114-AB2637, ACR's, AJR's, HR's (7ff) LP65:1-7 MF

1972: AB263-AB2246, ACR's (4ff) LP65:8-11 MF

Folder See master Series 2. Office Correspondence Files, 1959-1972  
finding aid for LP  
numbers

**Physical Description:** 96 file folders

**Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically by subject title and chronologically by year.

**Scope and Content Note**

Office correspondence files created by Frank Belotti include communications received and sent from constituents, legislators, legislative advocates, special interest groups regarding proposed and pending legislation, operations of state and local government, local conditions, etc. During processing, these correspondences were removed from subject files and, in most cases, only samples of a particular subject file were retained.

The district correspondence included in this series generally contains the same types of records found in the office correspondence files except for covering an earlier period. When the Archives received the district correspondence files, they were arranged in an incomplete numerical file system without a key index.

See Appendix A in master finding aid at the California State Archives for a complete list of subject file headings.

Folder LP67:15-32 Series 3. **Committee Papers, 1957-1970**

**Physical Description:** 18 files folders

**Arrangement**

Arranged by committee title.

**Scope and Content Note**

Committee papers consist of hearing transcripts and committee working papers from some of the committee's on which Belotti served. (indexed separately).

1961-1962: Assembly Interim Committee on Livestock and Dairies (5ff) LP67:15-19

1964: Assembly Interim Committee on Agriculture (6ff) LP67:20-25

1968: Joint Committee of Fairs Allocation and Classification (1ff) LP67:26

1959-1963: Assembly Standing Committee on Livestock and Dairies. (1ff) LP67:27

1957: Assembly Interim Committee on Transportation and Commerce (1ff) LP67:28

1964, 1969-1970: Ways and Means Committee (3ff) LP67:29-31

1958: Joint Legislative Budget Committee (1ff) LP67:32