

Guide to the Jane Ham Legislative Papers

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Summary Information

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

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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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Arrangement

Material is arranged by topic.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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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

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

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
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
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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
DUI (Driving Under the Influence): background and response legislation for SB 83, 1980-1981	box 02
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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
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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
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
Judiciary Committee: handwritten notes, 1981	box 05
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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
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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