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LEGISLATOR PAPERS

ALBERT M. SPRADLING, JR., 1953-1976

Abstract: Papers (1953-1976) of Missouri State Senator Albert M. Spradling, Jr. (1920-2004), containing three series: General Correspondence, Bills Sponsored and Supported, and Committee Correspondence. The correspondence is arranged alphabetically first and then chronologically. The Bills Sponsored series is arranged chronologically and then by bill number. This series includes legislative information on bills supported and introduced by Spradling. The Committee Correspondence series relates to special committees and is arranged alphabetically by committee name. Spradling's files pertain to his years as a state senator from the 27th district and include telegrams, constituent correspondence, and interest group correspondence.

Extent: 8 cubic feet (16 boxes)

Physical Description: Paper

Location: Missouri State Archives; Stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Albert M. Spradling was born March 13, 1920, in Cape Girardeau, son of Albert M. and Alma M. Willer Spradling. He and Margaret Whyman were married July 9, 1943, in Tyler, Texas. She preceded him in death Nov. 19, 1998.

Mr. Spradling had been an influential lawyer in the Cape Girardeau area since 1945, served with the FBI during World War II, and served in the state senate from 1952 to 1977. He was a member of Lynwood Baptist Church.

He died at the age of 84, Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

As a Democrat he was elected to the Missouri State Senate at thirty-one years of age, and became one of the youngest senators in Missouri history. After his special election, which completed the year remaining in the term of D.W. Gilmore (who left the Senate to become circuit judge), Spradling won six more elections, and served in the Senate for twenty-five years, 1952-1977. To date he has been the only state senator (and among only a handful of legislators altogether) with service in the FBI. Senator Spradling helped change Missouri's mental health facilities from primitive to modern institutions. He also participated in legislating open meetings and freedom of information, otherwise known as the "sunshine laws." He served as one of the numerous "country lawyers" who once dominated the General Assembly, and who traditionally influenced Missouri's conservative Democratic Party legacy. Senator Spradling's career in the Missouri Legislature bridged at least two major generational eras in that body. As a freshman senator in 1952 he became friends with the senior senator Michael Kinney, whose tenure extended back to 1912. Spradling soon established his own reputation as a senator of considerable ability through his successful reform of mental health treatment in Missouri. On such a record of achievement he won the leadership position of president pro tempore for the 71st and 72nd General Assemblies, 1961-1964. During the transitional period in Missouri Democratic Party politics, when Warren E. Hearnes upset the "Establishment" Democrats by defeating Hilary A. Bush in the 1964 gubernatorial race, Spradling remained loyal to the old order. During subsequent years, when a group of more liberal Democrats (the "young turks") developed in the Senate, Spradling remained in the other, more conservative, faction. The conservatives defeated newly-elected Governor Hearnes's attempt to gain control of the Senate by electing John W. Joynt as president pro tempore and William B. Waters as majority leader for the 73rd and 74th General Assemblies, 1965-1968. In the 75th General Assembly Earl R. Blackwell emerged as the leader of the liberal faction with his successful bid for president pro tempore. A contentious legislative session followed, with the two factions regularly fighting with each other and over legislation sponsored by Hearnes. The conflict reached a climax in early 1970 when the senators voted to oust Blackwell as pro tempore, an act completely unprecedented in the history of Missouri politics

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Resources with information pertaining to Albert M. Spradling include the Missouri Historical Review of January, 2013, Cape Girardeau Missouri Lawyers at LegalDirectories.com, and the Official Manuals in the Missouri Secretary of State's Office. The biographical information above was taken from two sources: his obituary in the Southeast Missourian, and the biographical sketch on the finding aid to his personally donated microfilm collection.

SERIES

The papers of Albert Spradling are broken down into the following series:

General Correspondence, 1953-1976
Bills sponsored and supported, 1970-1976
Committee Correspondence, 1970-1976

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1953-1976

Extent: 3 cubic feet (6 boxes)

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by name and thereunder chronologically by date.

Scope and Content

Correspondence pertaining to Spradley's years in public office. Contains telegrams, personal correspondence, special interest groups, etc. Dates are only available on the original papers.

Container List

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	1	1	Abernathy - Alyen	
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	1	7	Beihle - Blair	
	1	8	Blankenship - Blumenberg	
	1	9	Bock - Boren	
	1	10	Bowers - Brady	
	1	11	Brancato - Brownlee	
	1	12	Brugger - Burke	
	1	13	Burleson - Byrne	
	1	14	Caid - Carron	
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	2	1	Chamier - Clayton	
	2	2	Cleaver - Cooke	
	2	3	Coombes - Cox	
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	2	5	Croghan - Cushman	
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	2	7	Daniel - DeKriek	
	2	8	DeLaRosa - DeWindt	
	2	9	Dickey - Douglas	
	2	10	Dowd - Drusch	
	2	11	DuBois - Dyer	
	2	12	Eachus - Entuistle	
	2	13	Erickson - Eydman	
	2	14	Fain - Fieg	

	2	15	Field – Fox	
	2	16	Francis – Fugun	
	3	1	Gaines – Gerken	
	3	2	Gerlach – Gilmore	
	3	3	Gish – Govero	
	3	4	Graham – Graves	
	3	5	Gray – Guthrie	
	3	6	Hackley – Hanschen	
	3	7	Harbin – Harwell	
	3	8	Hathorn – Heitz	
	3	9	Helsby – Heye	
	3	10	Hicks – Hodges	
	3	11	Hoefer – Holmes	
	3	12	Holt – Houx	
	3	13	Howard – Huffstutter	
	3	14	Hughes – Hyland	
	3	15	Iahn – Isenman	
	4	1	Jackson – Jameson	
	4	2	Jefferson City – Jolly	
	4	3	Jones – Jung	
	4	4	Kalberloh – Kernsdle	
	4	5	Kerpan – Kinder	
	4	6	King – Klein	
	4	7	Klueppel – Koenig	
	4	8	Koeffing – Kyd	
	4	9	Ladd – Lankford	
	4	10	Lape – Lerner	
	4	11	Leslie – Leyhe	
	4	12	Lichkenegger – Linyo	
	4	13	Litzelfelner – Long	
	4	14	Longwell – Lynxwiler	
	4	15	McAmis – McFerron	
	4	16	McGee – McKee	
	4	17	McKeever – McWilliams	
	4	18	Mackey – Matthes	
	4	19	Matthews – Meyer	
	4	20	Michael – Mills	
	4	21	Minton – Monroe	
	5	1	Monsees – Morrison	
	5	2	Morton – Myers	
	5	3	Nacy – Nelson	
	5	4	Nenninger – Nussbaum	
	5	5	O’Brien – Oldham	
	5	6	Oliver – Ozee	
	5	7	Palmer – Pentland	

	5	8	Penzel – Plumb	
	5	9	Poe – Powell	
	5	10	Prather – Pyles	
	5	11	Raddle – Redempta	
	5	12	Reed – Reischman	
	5	13	Renaud – Reihn	
	5	14	Rigdon – Roach	
	5	15	Robert – Roschke	
	5	16	Rose – Rozier	
	5	17	Rubano – Rutter	
	5	18	St. Ambrose – Sauer	
	5	19	Schade – Schnure	
	5	20	Scholes – Scott	
	6	1	Scoville – Seyer	
	6	2	Shaffer – Sikes	
	6	3	Sikeston – Slayton	
	6	4	Slinkard – Smitten	
	6	5	Sneed – Spencer	
	6	6	Spink – Spry	
	6	7	Staebel – Statler	
	6	8	Steck – Steward	
	6	9	Stiegemeyer – Strickert	
	6	10	Strickland – Stuckey	
	6	11	Sudholt – Symington	
	6	12	Talbert – Thomas	
	6	13	Thomason – Todd	
	6	14	Todt – Turner	
	6	15	Twitty	
	6	16	Uelsmann – Voshage	
	6	17	Wachter - Waltz	
	6	18	Waters – Weir	
	6	19	Weiss – Wheeler	
	6	20	White – Wills	
	6	21	Wilson – Withers	
	6	22	Wohlwend – Wynn	
	6	23	Yates – Zoellner	

BILLS SPONSORED AND SUPPORTED 1970-1976

Extent: 4.25 cubic feet (8 1/2 boxes)

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically by year and thereunder numerically by bill number.

Scope and Content

Includes various versions of the bills, committee votes, amendments, and correspondence. Two bills are only drafts that were not introduced to congress. Specific dates are only available on original papers.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	7	1	SB 1	1970
	7	2	SB 3	1971
	7	3	SB 6	1971
	7	4	SB 7	1971
	7	5	SB 8	1971
	7	6	SB 9	1971
	7	7	SB 10	1971
	7	8	SB 11	1971
	7	9	SB 15	1971
	7	10	SB 16	1971
	7	11	SB 45	1971
	7	12	SB 46	1971
	7	13	SB 63	1971
	7	14	SB 100	1971
	7	15	SB 101	1971
	7	16	SB 102	1971
	7	17	SB 111	1971
	7	18	SB 143	1971
	7	19	SB 141	1971
	7	20	SB 145	1971
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	7	22	SB 155	1971
	7	23	SB 158	1971
	7	24	SB 190	1971
	8	1	SB 216	1971
	8	2	SB 217	1971
	8	3	SB 329	1971

	8	4	SB 361	1971
	8	5	SB 362	1971
	8	6	SB 363	1971
	8	7	SJR 17	1971
	8	8	HB 288	1971
	9	1	HJR 65	1972
	9	2	HJR 80	1972
	9	3	HB 673	1972
	9	4	HB 720	1972
	9	5	HB 838	1972
	9	6	HB 1017	1972
	9	7	HB 1035	1972
	9	8	HB 1041	1972
	9	9	HB 1054	1972
	9	10	HB 1055	1972
	9	11	HB 1062	1972
	9	12	HB 1165 SCS	1972
	9	13	HB 1233	1972
	9	14	HB 1264	1972
	9	15	HB 1348	1972
	9	16	HB 1352	1972
	9	17	HB 1450	1972
	9	18	Loan bill drafted but not introduced during the 76 th General Assembly 2 nd session	1972
	9	19	Tax bill drafted but not introduced during 76 th General Assembly 2 nd session	1972
	9	20	SJR 122	1972
	9	21	SJR 23	1972
	9	22	SJR 31	1972
	9	23	SB 405	1972
	9	24	SB 406	1972
	9	25	SB 407	1972
	9	26	SB 408	1972
	9	27	SB 409	1972
	9	28	SB 410	1972
	9	29	SB 411	1972
	9	30	SB 473	1972
	9	31	SB 474	1972
	10	1	SB 496	1972
	10	2	SB 547	1972
	10	3	SB 562	1972
	10	4	SB 599	1972
	10	5	SB 619	1972

	10	6	SB 657	1972
	10	7	SB 3	1972
	10	8	SB 8	1973
	10	9	SB 9	1973
	10	10	SB 10	1973
	10	11	SB 32	1973
	10	12	SB 33	1973
	10	13	SB 34	1973
	10	14	SB 35	1973
	10	15	SB 36	1973
	10	16	SB 39	1973
	10	17	SB 54	1973
	10	18	SB 55	1973
	10	19	SB 57	1973
	10	20	SB 66	1973
	10	21	SB 89	1973
	10	22	SB 90	1973
	11	1	SB 126	1973
	11	2	SB 137	1973
	11	3	SB 138	1973
	11	4	SB 139	1973
	11	5	SB 140	1973
	11	6	SB 141	1973
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	11	12	SB 202	1973
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	11	15	SB 230	1973
	11	16	SB 231	1973
	11	17	SB 232	1973
	11	18	SB 234	1973
	11	19	SB 240	1973
	11	20	SB 276	1973
	11	21	SJR 1	1973
	11	22	HB 39	1973
	11	23	HB 61, HB 367	1973
	11	24	HB 78	1973
	11	25	HB 615	1973
	11	26	SB 383	1974
	11	27	SB 417	1974
	12	1	SB 418	1974

	12	2	SB 426	1974
	12	3	SB 427	1974
	12	4	SB 428	1974
	12	5	SB 429	1974
	12	6	SB 430	1974
	12	7	SB 448	1974
	12	8	SB 449	1974
	12	9	SB 450	1974
	12	10	SB 451	1974
	12	11	SB 452	1974
	12	12	SB 453	1974
	12	13	SB 488	1974
	12	14	SB 534	1974
	12	15	SB 535	1974
	12	16	SB 551	1974
	12	17	SB 605	1974
	12	18	SB 606	1974
	12	19	SB 630	1974
	12	20	SB 648	1974
	12	21	SB 1 Extraordinary Session	1974
	12	22	SB 69	1975
	12	23	SB 70	1975
	12	24	SB 71	1975
	13	1	SB 72	1975
	13	2	SB 73	1975
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	13	6	SB 108	1975
	13	7	SB 115	1975
	13	8	SB 116	1975
	13	9	SB 135	1975
	13	10	SB 257	1975
	13	11	SB 268	1975
	13	12	SB 269	1975
	13	13	SB 283	1975
	13	14	SB 328	1975
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	14	2	SB 330	1975
	14	3	SB 359	1975
	14	4	SB 360	1975
	14	5	SB 361	1975
	14	6	SB 379	1975
	14	7	SB 402	1975
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	14	9	SB 470	1976
	14	10	SB 471 SS SCS	1976
	14	11	SB 471	1976
	14	12	SB 472	1976
	14	13	SB 473	1976
	14	14	SB 474	1976
	14	15	SB 475	1976
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	15	1	SB 661	1976
	15	2	SB 666	1976
	15	3	SB 667	1976
	15	4	SB 684	1976
	15	5	SB 685	1976
	15	6	SB 686	1976
	15	7	SB 682	1976
	15	8	SB 706	1976
	15	9	SB 731	1976
	15	10	SB 809	1976
	15	11	SB 820	1976
	15	12	SB 850	1976
	15	13	SB 898	1976
	15	14	SB 906	1976

COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE, 1970-1976

Extent: 0.75 cubic foot (1 1/2 boxes)

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by name.

Scope and Content

Correspondence pertaining to special committees. Specific dates only available on original papers.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	15	15	Committee on Reversing State Banking Laws	
	15	16	Health Interim Committee	
	15	17	Interest – Usuary	
	16	1	Medical Information, Confidential	
	16	2	Missouri Hospital Association	
	16	3	Optometry School	
	16	4	Sales Tax	
	16	5	State Reorganization	