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Finding Aid RG 552.31

Legislator Papers

Marvin E. Proffer, 1962-1986

Abstract: Papers of state representative Marvin E. Proffer, the majority of which focus on the Select Interim Committee on Tax Reform, 1973-1983 (bulk date, 1981).

Extent: 1 cubic ft. (2.5 Hollinger boxes).

Record Description: Paper.

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Administrative Information

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Historical and Biographical Notes

Marvin E. Proffer was born on February 3, 1931, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to Marvin W. and Alta Proffer. He graduated from Cape Central High School in 1949 and from Southeast Missouri State University in 1953, which he attended on a football scholarship. In 1954, Proffer graduated from the University of Missouri with a Master of Education degree. From 1954-1955, Proffer served in the United States Army.

Upon his return from the Army, Proffer was elected to the city council of Jackson in Cape Girardeau County and served for five years. In 1962, Proffer, a Democrat, was elected as a state representative for the 156th District (Jackson, Missouri) and served until 1986. In the latter years of his service, he served as Chairman of the House Budget Committee from 1981 to 1986 and as the co-chair of the Select Interim Committee on Tax Reform in the early 1980s. After retirement from the legislature in 1986, Proffer became a lobbyist for Southeast Missouri State University and the Missouri Port Authority.

Proffer and his first wife, Marilyn Wilson have three children: Robert Kirk, Marian Louise, and James Kent. After his divorce, Proffer remarried to Donna Lohse and moved to St. Louis in 1988. Proffer passed away on March 27, 2019 in Oakville, Missouri.

Timeline

Year	Event
1931	Proffer was born on February 3.
1949	Proffer graduated from Cape Central High School in Cape Girardeau.
1953	Proffer graduated from Southeast Missouri State University with a bachelor's degree in education.
1954	Proffer earned his master's degree in education from the University of Missouri-Columbia.
1954-1955	Proffer served in the United States Army.
1955	Proffer was elected to the Jackson City Council.
1962	Proffer was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives.
1981-1986	Proffer chaired the House Budget Committee.
1986	Proffer concluded his final term in the Missouri House of Representatives.
1988-2006	Proffer served as a lobbyist for Southeast Missouri State University and the Missouri Port Authority.
2019	Proffer passed away on March 27.

Additional Descriptive Information

Bibliography

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Related Material

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Series

The records are organized into the following series:

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News Releases, 1981
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Bill Files, 1973-1986

Extent: .2 cubic ft. (.5 Hollinger box)

Arrangement: Bill number

Scope and Content

The Bill Files series includes copies of annotated bills, packets from conferences related to bills, and correspondence related to bills.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
1	1	House Bill 29	C. 1984
1	2	House Bill 383	C. 1973
1	3	House Bills 1087 and 1088	1982-1984
1	4	House Bill 1088	1978
1	5	House Bill 1182	1986
1	6	House Bill 1637	1981
1	7	House Bill 1690	1982
1	8	House Bill 1718	1982
1	9	Senate Bill 8	1983
1	10	Senate Bill 805	1982
1	11	Senate Joint Resolution 31	1984

Correspondence, 1981

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

Includes correspondence from 1981.

Container List

Box	Folder	Date
1	12	1981

News Releases, 1981

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

Includes news releases from 1981.

Container List

Box	Folder	Date
1	13	1981

Select Interim Committee on Tax Reform, 1981-1983

Extent: .6 cubic ft. (1.5 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Scope and Content

Proffer served as co-chair of the Select Interim Committee on Tax Reform. This committee was tasked with studying the entire Missouri tax system, including all funding sources and ways funds were dispersed after collection. It was established on July 8, 1981. This series focuses on studies, meetings, and research material used by the committee.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
1	14	Committee List	July 8, 1981
1	15	Department of Revenue Report: Inheritance Tax Section	February 18, 1982
1	16	Department of Social Services, Division of Finance Narrative and Schedules Receipts	April, 1983
1	17	Property Tax Report	1981
1	18	Re-Assessment of Property Taxes	1981
1	19	Sales Tax Comparison Study	August 22, 1978
1	20	Sales Tax on Services: A Report Digest	1978
1	21	Subcommittee to Income Tax	1981
1	22	Subcommittee on Motor Vehicle Taxes	1981
1	23	Subcommittee on Other Taxes	1981
1	24	Subcommittee on Sales Tax, Chairman Al Nilges-Virginia Allen Testimony	1981
1	25	Subcommittee on Sales Tax Reform	1981
2	1	Summary of Testimony of State Agencies	August, 1981
2	2	Tentative Out State Meetings (Schedule)	1981
2	3	Testimonies	1981
2	4	Transcript: C.A.R.L	August 11, 1981
2	5	Transcript: Cash Management	C. 1981
2	6	Transcript: Committee Meeting	November 24, 1981
2	7	Transcript: Corrections	August 11, 1981

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
2	8	Transcript: Department of Natural Resources	October 19, 1981
2	9	Transcript: Director of Revenue	September 23, 1981
2	10	Transcript: General	November 11, 1981
2	11	Transcript: General	November 12, 1981
2	12	Transcript: Higher Education	August 11, 1981
2	13	Transcript: Independence	August 19, 1981
2	14	Transcript: Interim Tax Study	September 3, 1981
2	15	Transcript: Mental Health	August 13, 1981
2	16	Transcript: Missouri Public Expenditure Survey	August 19, 1981
2	17	Transcript: Office of Administration and Highway and Transportation	C. 1981
2	18	Transcript: St. Joseph	September 15, 1981
2	19	Transcript: Social Services	August 12, 1981
2	20	Transcript: Subcommittee on Sales Tax	November 9, 1981

Subject Files, 1978-1983

Extent: .2 cubic ft. (.5 Hollinger box)

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Scope and Content

The Subject Files series contains topical files on various committees and state departments and research for legislation.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
3	1	Budget Interim Committee Proposal	1981
3	2	Cash Management, Lockboxing	1982-1984
3	3	"Lock Box" Amendment	1978
3	4	Mental Health, Department of, 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan	1981
3	5	Mental Health, Department of, Fiscal Year Statistics Ending June 30, 1983	June 30, 1983
3	6	Missouri House of Representatives Interim Committee-Missouri Tax System	1981
3	7	Natural Resources, Department of	1981
3	8	Newspaper Clippings, Missouri Fiscal Crisis, January-December, 1981	January, 1982
3	9	Omnibus Tax Reform Package	1982
3	10	Petition to Amend Article X of the Constitution of Missouri	1981
3	11	Unclaimed Property, Admin, Etc.	1984