

# Missouri State Archives

## Finding Aid 552.33

### Legislator Papers

#### Larry Thomason, 1989-1998

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*Abstract:* Materials compiled by Rep. Larry Thomason during his tenure as representative from District 163 from 1989-1998. The materials are arranged into three series: Bill Files, Committee Materials, and Correspondence.

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### Historical and Biographical Notes

From 1989 to 1998, Larry Thomason served as representative of District 163, which includes parts of Butler, Dunklin, New Madrid, and Stoddard Counties. Thomason was

born on Oct. 31, 1948 in Jefferson City, graduated from Arkansas State University with a B.S. in Communications, and served in the U.S. Army from 1971 to 1974. He married Diane Bush in 1978, and the couple had one child. Before being elected to the House of Representatives, Thomason served as Executive Director of the Kennett Chamber of Commerce.

During his years as representative, he was employed as a residential real estate appraiser. He served as Associate Director of the Missouri Industrial Development Commission in 1989 and served on the Advisory Boards of the International Business Institute of Southeast Missouri, the Dyersburg [Tennessee] State Community College, and the Lower Mississippi River Delta Commission.

A Democrat, Thomason served as majority whip for two terms, 1993-1994 and 1995-1996. He was selected as Outstanding Freshman Legislator in 1989. Committees on which Rep. Thomason served include Agriculture, Appropriations – Natural and Economic Resources, Commerce, Transportation, Legislative Research, and Motor Vehicle and Travel Regulations (chair, 1995-1996). He served as vice-chair of the Legislative Research Committee during the 1993-1994 and 1997-1998 sessions. Other special committees that he was appointed to include the House Earthquake Preparedness Committee, the Missouri Seismic Safety Commission, and the License Plates Redesign Advisory Committee.

Larry Thomason passed on Dec. 11, 2003.

## Timeline

Year	Event
Oct. 31, 1948	Birth
1989-1998	Served in Missouri House of Representatives for District 163
Dec. 11, 2003	Death

## Additional Descriptive Information

### Series

The records are organized into the following series:

Bill Files, 1990-1998  
 Committee Materials, 1989-1998  
 Correspondence, 1989-1998

## Bill Files, 1990-1998

*Extent:* 0.9 cubic feet (2 Hollinger boxes and 1 partial)

*Arrangement:* Chronological by year then by bill number

### Scope and Content

The contents of this series vary according to the bill but may contain copies of bill versions, fiscal notes, committee meeting notices, summaries, correspondence concerning the bill, news clippings, comment memos, and statement of authorship of bill drafts. The Senate bills were bills Rep. Thomason agreed to sponsor in the House or have amendments that were offered by him.

### Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
1	1	HB 1649 – Political Subdivisions: Earthquake Provisions	1990
1	2	SB 539 – Earthquake	1990
1	3	Bill Status Report	1992
1	4	HB 64 – Agriculture Research Districts	1993
1	5	HB 66 – Mandatory Insurance	1993
1	6	HB 163 – Pharmacies	1993
1	7	HB 305 – Research and Development Credits	1993
1	8	HB 306 – Wildlife Code	1993
1	9	HB 307 – Real Estate Agents	1993
1	10	HB 309 – Seismic Safety	1993
1	11	HB 573 – Motor Vehicle Registration	1993
1	12	HB 597 – Advertisement in State Publications	1993
1	13	HB 613 – Purple Paint	1993
1	14	HB 735 – Fiscal Notes	1993
1	15	HB 843 – Insurance Fraud	1993
1	16	Bill Status Report	1993
1	17	HB 1158 – Legislative Research	1994
1	18	HB 1184 – Boll Weevil Eradication	1994

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	19	HB 1185 – Motorcycle Safety	1994
1	20	HB 1187 – Commercial Vehicle Inspectors Firearms	1994
1	21	HB 1233 – Mandatory Insurance	1994
1	22	HB 1463 – Unemployment Exemption	1994
1	23	HB 1478 – Community Service for Probationers	1994
1	24	HB 1681 – Linked Deposit, State Treasurer	1994
1	25	HB 1754 – Revised Statutes	1994
1	26	HB 1783 – Joint Committees	1994
1	27	HJR 38 – Compensation for Elected Officials	1994
1	28	SB 456 – Community Service for Probationers	1994
1	29	Bill Status Report	1994
1	30	HB 110 – Boll Weevil Eradication	1995
1	31	HB 120 – Seismic Safety	1995
1	32	HB 123 – Fiscal Notes	1995
1	33	HB 127 – Legislative Documents	1995
1	34	HB 141 – Elections	1995
1	35	HB 149 – Penalty Equalization, Motorcycles	1995
1	36	HB 224 – Certificates of Vehicle Ownership	1995
2	1	HB 234 – Motor Vehicle Insurance	1995
2	2	HB 384 – Economic Development Projects	1995
2	3	HB 428 – Motor Vehicle Records	1995
2	4	HB 542 – Procedures on Joint Legislative Committees	1995
2	5	HB 612 – All-terrain Vehicles	1995
2	6	HB 730 – Insurance	1995
2	7	SB 67 – Special Titling, Motor Vehicles	1995
2	8	SB 78 – Motor Vehicles	1995

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>Date</b>
2	9	HB 815 – Publishing Legislature Documents	1996
2	10	HB 908 – Uninsured Motorist	1996
2	11	HB 932 – License Revoked	1996
2	12	HB 960 – Economic Development	1996
2	13	HB 976 – Motor Vehicle Records	1996
2	14	HB 992 – Merchandising Practices	1996
2	15	HB 1047 – Speed Limits	1996
2	16	HB 1369 – Water Patrol	1996
2	17	HCR 6 – Printing of Acts and Resolutions	1996
2	18	HB 58 – Motor Vehicle Records	1997
2	19	HB 134 – Uninsured Motorists	1997
2	20	HB 165 – License Plates	1997
2	21	HB 214 – All-terrain Vehicles	1997
2	22	HB 275 – Sheltered Workshops	1997
2	23	HB 297 – Brewers and Beer Wholesalers	1997
2	24	HB 363 – Neighborhood Improvements Districts (withdrawn)	1997
2	25	HB 551 – Neighborhood Improvement Districts	1997
2	26	HB 574 – Fee Agents	1997
3	1	HCS SB 132 – Elections	1997
3	2	HB 957 – Beer Wholesalers and Brewers	1998
3	3	HB 981 – Funds for Handicapped Workers	1998
3	4	HB 1030 – Official Language	1998
3	5	HB 1055 – Motorcycle Dealers and Manufacturers	1998
3	6	HB 1069 – Veterans License Plates	1998
3	7	HB 1131 – Meth Labs	1998
3	8	HB 1313 – Boll Weevil Eradication	1998
3	9	HB 1434 – License Plate Committee	1998
3	10	HB 1626 – Motor Vehicle Titles	1998

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>Date</b>
3	11	HB 1723 – Salvage Motor Vehicles	1998
3	12	HB 1802 – Enforce Motor Vehicle Insurance Law	1998
3	13	HB 1926 – Fiscal Notes	1998
3	14	SB 518 (Amendment)	1998
3	15	SB 583 & 645 – Common Language of the State	1998
3	16	SB 614, 696, 906, 530, 912, & 914 – Jury Trials for Actions under Missouri Human Rights Acts	1998
3	17	SB 619 – Aviation Fuel, Airport Funding (Amendment)	1998
3	18	SB 680 (Amendment)	1998
3	19	SB 813 & 864 – Aircraft and Airports	1998
3	20	SB 827 (Amendment)	1998
3	21	SB 936 (Amendment)	1998
3	22	Passed Bills	1998
3	23	Missouri Property Insurance Program, also known as the FAIR Plan	n.d.

## Committee Materials, 1989-1998

*Extent:* 1.6 cubic feet (4 Hollinger boxes, 1 oversize box)

*Arrangement:* Alphabetical by committee title

### Scope and Content

This series contains materials generated from some of the committees on which Rep. Thomason served. One such committee is the Committee on Legislative Research, of which he was a member from 1993-1998, and for which he served as vice chair in 1993-1994 and 1997-1998. These records, along with the records of the License Plates Redesign Advisory Committee and the Seismic Safety Commission, make up the bulk of this series. Records from the License Plates Redesign Advisory Committee also include license plates.

Notes: License Plates Redesign Advisory Committee Admin Files include witness information and designs. Box 7 is heavy due to license plates samples.

### Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
4	1-2	Committee on Legislative Research	1993
4	3-4	Committee on Legislative Research	1994-1996
4	5	Committee on Legislative Research	1997-1998
4	6	Committee on Legislative Research – Secretary Notes	1993-1994
4	7	Committee on Legislative Research Oversight Division	Jul. 1993- May 1994
4	8	Committee on Legislative Research Oversight Division	Jun.-Dec. 1994
4	9	Committee on Legislative Research Oversight Division	1995-1998
4	10	Committee on Legislative Research Oversight Division/Audits	1994
5	1	Committee on Legislative Research Oversight Division/Audits	1997
5	2	Committee on Legislative Research Oversight Division/Contested Field Notes	1994
5	3	House Earthquake Preparedness Committee	1989

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>Date</b>
5	4-5	License Plates Redesign Advisory Committee/Administrative Files	1995-1996
5	6-8	License Plates Redesign Advisory Committee/Design Submissions and Suggestions	1995-1996
OB1	1-4	License Plates Redesign Advisory Committee/Design Submissions and Suggestions	1995-1996
6	1-7	License Plates Redesign Advisory Committee/Design Submissions and Suggestions	1995-1996
7	1-3	License Plates Redesign Advisory Committee/License Plates Samples	
7	4	Office of Rural Health Advisory Commission	1993
7	5	Public Service Commission's Task Force on Retail Electric Competition	1998
7	6-8	Seismic Safety Commission	1994-1997



## Correspondence, 1989-1998

*Extent:* 0.9 cubic feet (2 Hollinger boxes and 1 partial)

*Arrangement:* Alphabetical by correspondent, chronological within folder.

### Scope and Content

This series contains both incoming and outgoing correspondence. The bulk of the correspondence is from Rep. Thomason's constituency and includes requests for assistance or comments on proposed legislation. Also included are weekly newsletters that Thomason sent to his constituents, correspondence between himself and other House members, and correspondence between himself and the speaker of the House.

**Box 8, Folders 7 and 9 – Constituent Letters restricted due to Social Security Numbers.**

### Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
8	1	Bootheel Caucus	Jan. 20, 1992- Apr. 6, 1998
8	2	Bootheel Youth Museum	Dec. 11, 1995- Jul. 19, 1997
8	3	Constituents' Letters	Apr. 28, 1998- Jan. 1998
8	4	Constituents' Letters	Jan. 1998-Nov. 1997
8	5	Constituents' Letters	Sep. 30, 1997- Mar. 1997
8	6	Constituents' Letters	Mar. 1997-Nov. 1996
8	7	Constituents' Letters (Restricted)	Nov. 12, 1996- Jan. 1996
8	8	Constituents' Letters	Dec. 27, 1995- Jan. 5, 1995
8	9	Constituents' Letters (Restricted)	Jan. 2, 1995- Feb. 1992
8	10	Constituents' Letters	Oct. 3, 1991- Mar. 1, 1989
9	1	Cotton Gins	1994
9	2	Cotton Producers	1993

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>Date</b>
9	3	District 163 Newsletter	1989-1993
9	4	District 163 Newsletter	1989-1993
9	5	District 163 Newsletter	1994-1998
9	6	Governor's Office	1993-1998
9	7	House of Representatives	Jan. 1990-Dec. 1994
9	8	House of Representatives	Jan. 1995-Feb. 1998
9	9	Missouri Legislative Black Caucus	Mar. 3-16, 1998
9	10	Natural Resources, Department of	1993-1997
10	1	Outgoing Secretary's Notes	1993
10	2	Speaker of the House, Correspondence to	May 12-Jul. 18, 1995
10	3	Speaker of the House, Correspondence to	May 12-Jul. 18, 1995
10	4	St. Francis Project	1997