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Legislator Papers

James N. Riley, 1972-1992

Abstract: This collection is composed of materials gathered by Representative James N. Riley. Included are bills sponsored by Riley, fiscal notes, materials indicating legislative intent, incoming and outgoing correspondence, committee materials, news clippings, reports, and out-state statutes.

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Historical and Biographical Notes

Born July 19, 1943 in Richmond Heights, James N. Riley was educated at Clayton High School, Southeast Missouri State University and Washington University and worked as a licensed journeyman plumber and real estate representative. He married Merry Sandra Milewski on February 27, 1965. The couple had two sons.

Riley, a Democrat, was first elected to the Missouri House of Representatives from District 88 in 1972 and was re-elected every year through 1980. In 1982, he was elected to the House from District 89 and again was re-elected continuously through 1990. The *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* named Outstanding Legislator in 1980.

Rep. Riley chaired the Employment Security and Fair Practices Committee from 1977-1978, the Consumer Protection Committee from 1979-1990, and the Labor Committee during his final term from 1991-1992. He served on several other committees during his tenure as representative, including Local Government and Related Matters, of which he was vice chair in 1975-1976, Revenue and Economics, Urban Affairs, Commerce, and Government Organization. Riley passed away in 2009.

Timeline

Year	Event
July 19, 1943	Birth
1972-1980	Elected to the Missouri House of Representatives for District 88
1982-1992	Elected to the Missouri House of Representatives for District 89
2009	Death

Additional Descriptive Information

Bibliography

Ahrens, Steven N. ed. *Official Manual of the State of Missouri 1991-1992*. Jefferson City: Missouri Secretary of State Office, 1992.

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Series

The records are organized into the following series:

Bill Files, 1977-1982

Correspondence, 1979-1982

House Consumer Protection Committee Bill Files, 1982-1983

House Consumer Protection Committee Records, 1979-1984

Bill Files, 1977-1982

Extent: 1.2 cubic feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement: Chronologically by year then by bill number

Scope and Content

This series contains materials relating to bills sponsored by Representative Riley during the years 1977-1982. Contents of bill files vary, but may contain copies of bill versions, fiscal notes, legislative intent, roll call votes, outstate statutes, news clippings, testimony from hearings, and correspondence concerning the bills.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
1	1	HJR 21 – Revenue Bonds	1977
1	2	HB 331 – Revenue Bonds	1977
1	3-4	HB 331 – Supplemental Materials	1977
1	5	HB 344 – Electricity Rates	1977
1	6	HB 345 – Liquor Licenses	1977
1	7	HB 707 – Employment Security	1977
1	8	HB 888 – Utility Lifeline Rates	1978
1	9	HB 889 – Public Service Commission	1978
1	10	HB 890 – Major Energy Facilities Siting Act	1978
1	11	HB 912 – Emergency Powers	1978
1	12	HB 1127 – Sales Tax Exemptions	1978
1	13	HB 1128 – State Salaries	1978
1	14	HB 1129 – Liquor Licenses	1978
1	15	HB 1433 – Public Service Commission	1978
1	16	HB 1527 – Employment Security	1978
1	17	HB 1528 – Employment Security	1978
1	18	HB 1529 – Employment Security	1978
1	19	HB 185 – Liquor Licenses	1979
1	20-21	HB 186 – Public Service Commission	1979

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
2	1	HB 187 – Saving and Loan Association Withdrawals	1979
2	2	HB 195 – Relocation Assistance	1979
2	3	HB 417 – Auto Repair	1979
2	4	HCS HBS 545, 21 & 485 – Utilicare – Heating Assistance	1979
2	5	HB 681 – Litter Reduction and Recycling	1979
2	6	HB 732 – Consumer Credit	1979
2	7	HB 817 – Missouri Health and Educational Facilities – Bonds	1979
2	8	HB 1030 – Public Service Commission – Copy Fees	1980
2	9	HB 1043 – Auto Repair	1980
2	10	HB 1044 – Merchandising Practices – Litigation	1980
2	11	HB1091 – Public Service Commission – Compensation	1980
2	12-14	HBs 1177, 1570, & 1589 – Utilicare	1980
2	15	HB 1400 – Missouri Motor Vehicle Times Sales Law	1980
2	16	HB 1506 – Motor Vehicle Odometer Disclosures	1980
2	17	HB 1560 – Income Taxation of Individuals	1980
2	18	HB 1561 – Bank Holding Companies	1980
2	19	HB 1636 – Regulate Invention Development Services	1980
2	20	HB 1673 – Relocation Assistance	1980
2	21	HB 1819 – Election of Mayor and Councilmen in Certain Cities	1980
2	22	HB 97 – Regulate Invention Development Services	1981
2	23	HB 203 – Motor Vehicle Repair	1981
2	24	HB 204 – Public Service Commission – Copy Fees	1981

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
3	1	HB 205 – Regulation of Credit Unions	1981
3	2	HB 210 – Bank Holding Companies	1981
3	3	HB 226 – Motor Vehicle Odometer Disclosures	1981
3	4	HB 230 – Relocation Assistance	1981
3	5	HB 297 – Regulation of Certain Business Organizations	1981
3	6	HB 445 – Permits for Public Accounting	1981
3	7-11	HBs 492 & 282 – Regulation of Utilities Corporations	1981
3	12	HB 838 – Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Services	1981
3	13	HB 1181 – Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Services	1982
3	14	HB 1282 – Title Insurance Policies	1982
3	15	HB 1304 – Energy Resource Emergency	1982

Correspondence, 1979-1982

Extent: 0.1 cubic feet

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

Rep. Riley's incoming and outgoing correspondence from 1979-1982. These include a request to co-sponsor a bill, constituent complaints and requests for investigations into services, requests for assistance from constituents, letters of appointments to committees, and requests for office improvements.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
4	1	Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence	1979-1982

House Consumer Protection Committee Bill Files, 1982-1983

Extent: 0.2 cubic feet (1 partial Hollinger box)

Arrangement: Chronological then by bill number, with House preceding Senate

Scope and Content

Materials relating to bills assigned to the House Consumer Protection Committee during the 82nd General Assembly, 1st Regular Session, with one exception which was assigned during the 81st General Assembly, 2nd Regular Session. Rep. Riley served as chairman of this committee from 1979 through 1990.

Contents of the bill files vary, but may include meeting notices, press releases, requests for hearings, committee votes, correspondence from constituents, legislative intent, testimony, bill versions and amendments, witness appearance forms, and requests for placement on consent calendar.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
4	2	SB 724 – Usury Rates	1982
4	3	HB 27 – Accountant Continuing Education	1983
4	4	HB 100 – Real Estate Licenses	1983
4	5	HB 115 – Public Counsel Fund	1983
4	6	HB 137 – Rural Electric Cooperatives	1983
4	7	HB 204 – Joint Municipal Utility Commissions	1983
4	8	HB 242 – Public Service Commission	1983
4	9	HB 244 – Cable Television	1983
4	10	HB 314 – Cable Television	1983
4	11	HCS for HB 323, 402, & 429 – Heating Financial Assistance	1983
4	12	HB 323 – Heating Financial Assistance	1983
4	13	HB 402 – Utilicare	1983
4	14	HB 428 – Utilicare	1983
4	15	HB 429 – Heating Financial Assistance	1983

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
4	16	HB 441 – Public Service Commission	1983
4	17	HB 464 – Utility Charges	1983
4	18	HB 484 – Insurance Agent Licensing and Regulations	1983
4	19	HB 540 – Automobile Warranties	1983
4	20	HB 738 – Vending Machines	1983
4	21	HB 756 – Plain Language Contracts	1983
4	22	HB 772 – Utility Rates	1983
4	23	HB 793 – Public Service Commission	1983
4	24	SB 43 – Health Insurance	1983
4	25	SB 51 – Reorganization Act of 1974	1983
4	26	SB 92 – Building Ordinances	1983
4	27	SB 231 – Accountant Continuing Education	1983
4	28	SB 401 – Public Service Commission	1983

House Consumer Protection Committee Records, 1979-1984

Extent: 0.1 cubic feet (1 partial Hollinger box)

Arrangement: Alphabetical then chronological

Scope and Content

Contains lists of bills assigned to committee, committee membership lists, committee procedures, out-state legislation, and incoming and outgoing correspondence.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
4	29	Bills assigned to committee	1983-1984
4	30	Committee procedures	
4	31	Illinois Electronic Funds Transfer Authority Bills	1979
4	32	Incoming Correspondence	1979-1984
4	33	Outgoing Correspondence	1979-1984