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Richard J. Rouse Papers, 1981-1988: Guide

COLLECTION SUMMARY

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Abstract: This collection documents the work of Richard J. Rouse, who served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1983 to 1988.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection spans the years 1983 to 1988 and includes memoranda, newspaper clippings, brochures, and forms. Also included is correspondence from constituents, unions, commissions, and organizations requesting information on particular bills or requesting help in passing or defeating various measures. The collection includes materials related to local issues, statewide concerns (such as college tuition, drunk driving, automobile insurance, and the State Health Plan), investigations conducted by the House of Representatives, and materials relating to other issues, such as vacant lots, rodents, unsafe sidewalks, and crimes.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Richard J. Rouse was born in Boston on March 30, 1954. He graduated from Cathedral High School, received a B.A from Boston State College, and acquired an M.U.R. from Boston University. He was a candidate for a M.P.A. from Harvard University. Rouse performed military service in the United States Air Force and was an Executive Support Officer in the Massachusetts Air National Guard. A Democrat, Rouse served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1983 to 1988 as a representative from Boston in Wards 7, 13, and 15; he was known for his cautious and deliberate demeanor. Rouse supported a Boston parking tax, a stronger Lemon Law, aid to non-public schools, and gay rights. He voted against increased aid to cities and towns, a handgun ban, and voter registration by mail. Rouse was on several legislative committees including Banks and Banking, Government Regulations and Rules, and Transportation (Vice Chairman). After leaving the House, Rouse served as Suffolk County Clerk for the Supreme Judicial Court.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into nine series, as follows:

Series I: Applications for Jobs, undated

Series II: Bills, 1982-1987

Series III: Community Interests, 1978-1987

Series IV: Correspondence, 1984-1988

Series V: Issues, 1982-1988

Series VI: Licensing and Zoning, 1981-1986

Series VII: Outside Activities, undated

Series VIII: Request Forms, 1981-1988

Series IX: Special Commissions, 1983-1986

Materials are arranged in chronological order within each series.

Conditions Governing Access

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Languages and Scripts

The materials are entirely in English.

Series Description and Container List

Series I: Applications for Jobs, undated

Scope and Content

This series includes job applications.

Box #	Folder #	Folder Title	Date
1	1	Applications	undated

Series II: Bills, 1982-1987

Scope and Content

This series includes correspondence from constituents, unions, commissions, and organizations requesting information on particular bills or help in passing or defeating various measures. Also included are memoranda, copies of bills, brochures, and booklets.

Arrangement

The materials are arranged chronologically.

Box #	Folder #	Folder Title	Date
1	2	General	undated
1	3	Silver-haired legislation	1982-1983
1	4-5	Gay rights legislation	undated
1	6	Miscellaneous	1983
1	7-8	Boston Fair Housing	1983
1	9	Carney Hospital	1983
1	10	Coastal zone management	1983
1	11	Credit card bill	1983

1	12	Lemon law	1983
1	13	Living will	1983
1	14	M.O.S.E.S. [Massachusetts Organization of State Engineers and Scientists]	1983
1	15-16	Prevailing wage law (2 folders)	1983
1	17	Pound seizure law	1983
1	18	Registered accountants	1983
1	19	Right to Know	1983
1	20	Savin Hill Yacht Club	1983
1	21-22	Lech Walesa Bridge (2 folders)	1983-1984
1	23-24	Voter registration (2 folders)	1983-1984
1	25	Mass. Fair Share: Miscellaneous bills	1983-1985
1	26-27	Miscellaneous bills (2 folders)	1984
1	28	Car theft	1984
1	29	Central American referendum	1984
1	30-31	Education bill (H. 6262)	1984
1	32	Education bill (H. 5704)	1984
1	33-34	Local option excise tax (2 folders)	1984
1	35-36	Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA)	1984
1	37	Workmen's Compensation	1984
1	38-40	Directory assistance charge (3 folders)	1984-1987
1	41-42	Miscellaneous bills (2 folders)	1985
1	43	Gun control	1985
1	44-45	Seat belt law (2 folders)	1985
1	46-47	Banks and Banking (2 folders)	1985-1986
1	48	Miscellaneous bills	1986

1	49-50	Abortion (2 folders)	1986
1	51	Hazardous waste	1986
1	52	Public aid to private schools	1986
1	53	Clerk pay raise	1987
1	54-58	Health care (5 folders)	1987

Series III: Community Interests, 1978-1987

Scope and Content

This series includes material on local problems, celebrations, meetings, and constituent issues

Arrangement

The materials are arranged chronologically.

Box #	Folder #	Folder Title	Date
2	59-61	MBTA (3 folders)	1978-1985
2	62	Bayside Council for Children	1983
2	63	Constituents' addresses	1983
2	64	Federated Dorchester Neighborhood Houses	1983
2	65	Nuestra Community Development	1983
2	66	Plumbers Union #12	1983
2	67	Poll workers	1983
2	68	Ronan Park	1983
2	69	Ryan Playground	1983
2	70	Shepherd House	1983
2	71	Trees on Willis Street	1983
2	72	Vacant lot restoration	1983
2	73	RJR voting records	1983
2	74	Antique shop on Pleasant Street	1983-1984
2	75	Election	1983-1984

2	76	Fields Corner Community Development	1983-1984
2	77	Neighborhood legislative discussion	1983-1984
2	78	Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corp.	1983-1986
2	79	Project Hope	1983-1986
2	80	Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association	1983-1987
2	81	Absentee ballots	1984
2	82	Billboard removal in Andrew Square	1984
2	83	Bowdoin Street Health Center	1984
2	84-85	Col. Daniel Marr Boys/Girls Club (2 folders)	1984
2	86	Democratic Committee: Wards 13 and 15	1984
2	87	DES Uphams Corner: New office opening	1984
2	88	Dorchester Shores Citizen Advisory Committee	1984
2	89	Drop A Dime	1984
2	90	Election results	1984
2	91	Kelly House apartments	1984
2	92	O'Reily School	1984
2	93	Public safety forum: Andrew Square Civic Association	1984
2	94	Questionnaires from RJR	1984-1986
2	95	South Boston parade	1984
2	96	Trimount Place	1984
2	97	Uphams Corner Board of Trade	1984
2	98	Boston Housing Authority (BHA)	1984-1985
2	99	Vacant lots	1984-1985
2	100	Andrew School site	1985
2	101	Community Art School	1985

2	102	Hazardous waste poster contest	1985
2	103	Democratic National Convention	1985
2	104	Election primary	1985
2	105	Neighborhood Development and Employment Agency	1985
2	106	Polish Constitution Day	1985
2	107-109	Colonial Provision Company (3 folders)	1985-1986
2	110	Cable television: Local	1986
2	111	Clearinghouse Properties	1986
2	112	Community meeting	1986
2	113	Dacia Block Development	1986
2	114	Housing: Local	1986
2	115	Dorchester Day Parade	1986
2	116	Flag Day	1987
2	117	St. Margaret's Hospital	1987

Series IV: Correspondence, 1984-1988

Scope and Content

This collection includes general correspondence received by Representative Rouse.

Arrangement

The materials are arranged chronologically.

Box #	Folder #	Folder Title	Date
2	118-135	Correspondence (17 folders)	1984
3	136-146	Correspondence (11 folders)	1984-1988

Series V: Issues, 1982-1988

Scope and Content

This series includes materials related to statewide concerns such as college tuition, drunk driving, automobile insurance, and the State Health Plan.

Arrangement

The materials are arranged chronologically.

Box #	Folder #	Folder Title	Date
3	147	Hazardous waste	1982-1983
3	148-150	Historic preservation	1982-1984
3	151	Auto emissions	1983
3	152	Boston Food Bank	1983
3	153	Drunk driving law	1983
3	154-155	Fuel assistance	1983
3	156	MBTA	1983
3	157	Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (P.O.W./M.I.A.)	1983
3	158	Respite care	1983
3	159	Southeast Expressway reconstruction	1983
3	160	State health plan	1983
3	161	Substance abuse	1983-1984
3	162	Commission on Elder Affairs	1984
3	163	Fort Point Channel	1984
3	164	State tuition increase	1984
3	165	Substance abuse education	1984
3	166	Waste water treatment facilities	1984
3	167	Liquor liability	1984-1985
3	168	MBTA: Project coordination	1984-1985
3	169	Rodent control	1984-1985
3	170	Auto insurance	1985
3	171	City of Boston budget	1985
3	172	Women's Campaign for Social Justice	1985

3	173	Miscellaneous	1986
3	174	Drunk driving	1986
3	175	Local aid	1987-1988

Series VI: Licensing and Zoning, 1981-1986

Scope and Content

The materials in this series relate to licensing and zoning issues.

Arrangement

The materials are arranged chronologically.

Box #	Folder #	Folder Title	Date
3	176	Miscellaneous	undated, 1981
3	177	Roseclair Street	1983
3	178	Hancock Café	1983
3	179-180	Miscellaneous	1983-1984
3	181	Hong Kong Chef Restaurant	1984
3	182	Uphams Station Tavern	1984
3	183	Miscellaneous	1985
3	184	Shannon Tavern	1986
3	185	Miscellaneous	1986

Series VII: Outside Activities, undated

Scope and Content

This series contains materials related to Rouse's activities outside of his role as Representative.

Box #	Folder #	Folder Title	Date
3	186-187	Outside activities	undated

Series VIII: Request Forms, 1981-1988

Scope and Content

This series includes official forms filled out by Rouse's staff in conducting investigations. Generally, the forms request attention to local problems such as vacant lots, rodents, unsafe sidewalks, and crimes; they are often accompanied by follow-up correspondence, thank-you notes, or lists of actions taken to resolve the problems.

Arrangement

The materials are arranged chronologically.

Box #	Folder #	Folder Title	Date
3	188-199	August 31, 1981 to April 28, 1983 (12 folders)	1981-1983
4	200-248	May 1, 1983 to November 14, 1984 (49 folders)	1983-1984
5	249-301	November 15, 1984 to October 31, 1985 (53 folders)	1984-1985
6	302	November 1, 1985 to October, 1988 (22 folders)	1985-1988

Series IX: Special Commissions, date-date

Scope and Content

This series includes materials related to the Special Commissions with which Rouse was involved.

Arrangement

The materials are arranged by commission name.

Box #	Folder #	Folder Title	Date
6	324-326	Rules Reform	1983-1985
6	327-328	Dispute Resolutions	1984-1985
6	329-330	Child in Need of Services (CHINS)	1985-1986