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LEGISLATOR PAPERS

JOHN W. CAUTHORN, 2001-2007

Abstract: Papers (2001-2003) of Missouri State Senator John W. Cauthorn (1946-), including correspondence and committee files.

Extent: 1.2 cubic ft. (3 Hollinger boxes)

Physical Description: Paper

Location: MSA Stacks 43A/2/6

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Access Restrictions: No special restrictions.

Publication Restrictions: Copyright is in the public domain for state publications and for correspondence to and from Cauthorn in his official capacity. Researchers bear sole responsibility for following applicable copyright laws.

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Born December 11, 1946, in Audrain County, John W. Cauthorn served as a Republican in the Missouri State Senate (2001-2007) from District 18. He attended Truman State University in Kirksville and served in the National Guard for six years.

Elected in 2001 in a special election, Senator Cauthorn was re-elected the following year. He chaired the Government Accountability and Fiscal Oversight Committee and also served on the Small Business, Insurance and Industrial Relations Committee; the Ways and Means Committee; and the Agriculture, Conservation, Parks and Natural Resources Committee.

In January of 2005, Cauthorn co-sponsored Senate Bill 10 which required the controlled access and tracking of certain cold and allergy medicines, key ingredients in the production of methamphetamine, and stiffened the penalties for those convicted in the production and distribution of the drug. Governor Matt Blunt signed the Combat Meth Act into law in June 2005.

SERIES

The papers of John W. Cauthorn are broken down into the following series:

Correspondence, 2001-2002

Committee Files, 2003

CORRESPONDENCE FILES, 2001-2002

Extent: 0.8 cubic ft. (2 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

Incoming and outgoing constituent correspondence comprise the bulk of the series. Three legislative efforts generated the most response: budget reductions for mental health services and facilities affecting disabled citizens and sheltered workshops; budget reductions for Medicaid and other senior services; and proposed legislation capping the amount of interest payday loan establishments may charge their customers. Proponents and opponents created identical (robo) letters for bulk mailing campaigns. Senator Cauthorn's staff created robo letters and mailing lists in response. In each instance, only a sample letter and response were retained.

Additional concerns expressed by constituents include offers of campaign assistance, congratulations, support for legislation, and thank you letters from children; abortion, human cloning, Planned Parenthood, and stem cell research; the constitutionality of allowing parochial and private school children to ride public school buses, funding for public education, and accountability for home schooling and testing; child support problems and funding for the Department of Family Services; animal care, abuse, and dog breeding; the rising cost of energy and the need for a comprehensive energy policy; Consumer Credit Protection Act and the legal limit of wage garnishment; and the state of Missouri's roads, highways, and transportation system. Citizens also spoke out about prison and sentencing reform, the sale of public utilities, increases in property rates, and the unionization of state employees.

Additional information sent by the constituent pertinent to the subject of the correspondence includes newspaper clippings, petitions, newsletters, and statistics.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Year	Contents
43A/2/6	1	1	February 1-19, 2001	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	1	2	February, 20-28, 2001	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	1	3	March 1-12, 2001	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	1	4	March 13-30, 2001	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	1	5	April 1-9, 2001	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	1	6	April 10-19, 2001	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	1	7	April 20-29, 2001	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	1	8	April 30, 2001	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	1	9	May 1, 2001	Constituent correspondence

43A/2/6	1	10	May 2-13, 2001	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	1	11	May 14-31, 2001	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	1	12	June-July 2001	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	1	13	August 1-15, 2001	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	1	14	August 16-31, 2001	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	1	15	September-October 2001	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	1	16	November 2001	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	1	17	December 2001	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	2	1	January 7, 2002	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	2	2	January 8-31, 2002	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	2	3	February 2002	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	2	4	March 1-7, 2002	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	2	5	March 8-19, 2002	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	2	6	March 19, 2002	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	2	7	March 21-29, 2002	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	2	8	April 1-8, 2002	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	2	9	April 9-11, 2002	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	2	10	April 12-30, 2002	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	2	11	May 2002	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	2	12	June-September 2002	Constituent correspondence
43A/2/6	2	13	October-December 2002	Constituent correspondence

COMMITTEE FILES, 2003

Extent: 0.4 cubic ft. (1 Hollinger box)

Arrangement: Chronological by date of bill hearing and thereunder by bill number

Scope and Content

This series consists of records from the Government Accountability and Fiscal Oversight Committee. Folders may include correspondence from legislators requesting a hearing for a specific piece of legislation, research correspondence, talking points, descriptions, news releases, committee meeting minutes, committee roll call and votes, lists of legislation to be considered and summaries of contents, hearing schedules and actions taken, witness appearance forms, fiscal notes, estimate worksheets denoting impacts on state funds, and fiscal analysis.

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43A/2/6	3	1	January 2003
43A/2/6	3	2	February 2003
43A/2/6	3	3	March 1-10, 2003
43A/2/6	3	4	March 13-19, 2003
43A/2/6	3	5	March 31, 2003
43A/2/6	3	6	April 3-9, 2003
43A/2/6	3	7	April 10-15, 2003
43A/2/6	3	8	April 17-28, 2003
43A/2/6	3	9	May 1-6, 2003
43A/2/6	3	10	May 7-14, 2003