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Maurice A. Donahue Papers

1960-1971

19 boxes, 89 volumes (scrapbooks) (29 linear ft.)

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Massachusetts State Representative, Massachusetts State Senator, Senate Majority Leader, Senate President, and Professor of Political Science and Director of the Institute for Governmental Services at the University of Massachusetts. Papers include scrapbooks of clippings, correspondence, speeches, press releases, photographs, and memorabilia.

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Background on Maurice A. Donahue

Maurice A. Donahue was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1948 as part of its first Democratic majority. In 1950, he was elected to the Massachusetts Senate, became Senate Majority Leader in 1958, and in 1964, became Senate President, a position he held until 1971 when he took the position of Professor of Political Science and Director of the Institute for Governmental Services at the University of Massachusetts. Legislation he sponsored while in the Senate established the Willis-Harrington Commission on Education, the University of Massachusetts Boston campus and Medical School, state scholarships for needy students, commissions to improve vocational education, study problems of urban school systems, and extend educational facilities in Massachusetts.

Scope of collection

The papers reveal Donahue's shaping of his political career, his leadership of the Massachusetts Democratic party organization, and his interactions with and affect on state events and government in the 1960s. The papers include 80 scrapbooks of clippings, most relating to Donahue's Presidency of the Massachusetts Senate 1964-1970 with some dating from 1960; cards on courtesy actions for constituents; appointment calendars 1964-1971; correspondence 1964-1970; tapes of radio talks; typescript texts and recordings of speeches; films; photographs of Donahue and other Massachusetts leaders; press releases; awards, citations, plaques, memorabilia; a charcoal sketch of Donahue; and a billboard-sized poster.

Inventory

Guide: Biographical material; Correspondence

1963-1968

Box 1

Correspondence; Calendar and Nomination Papers

1969-1970

Box 2

Press Releases A-M

1964-1970, n.d.

Box 3

Press Releases M-Z; Speeches A-F

1953-1970, n.d.

Box 4

Speeches G-L

1961-1970, n.d.

Box 5

Speeches M-Z

1957-1973, n.d.

Box 6

Speeches (typescripts)

1961-1970, n.d.

Box 7

Radio Talks (typescripts)

1964-1970

Box 8

Conference on Education- Medicaid

1965-1969, n.d.

Box 9

Tapes and Films

1965-1970, n.d.

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See Appendices B and C for item lists.

Videotapes

1964-1970, n.d.

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Photographs

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Printed Materials

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Donahue Courtesy File, List of Supporters and Index to Press Releases

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See Appendix A.

Awards, Memberships, Memorabilia

1953-1970, n.d.

Box 18

See Appendices D for item list.

Awards, Memorabilia

1950-1970, n.d.

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Scrapbook

1959

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Scrapbook

1959 Nov. 4-1960 Mar. 25

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Scrapbook

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Scrapbook

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Scrapbook

1962 Aug. 23-1964 Mar. 4

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Scrapbook

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1965 Aug. 27-1965 Oct. 18

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Scrapbook

1965 Oct. 19-1965 Dec. 22

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Scrapbook

1965 Dec. 23-1966 Feb. 8

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Scrapbook

1966 Feb. 8-1966 May 30

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Scrapbook

1966 Apr. 7-1966 May 30

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Scrapbook

1966 May 31-1966 July 17
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1967 Jan. 10-1967 Dec. 26
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1967 Nov. 7-1967 Dec. 22
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Scrapbook
1968 Feb. 16-1968 Mar. 25
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1968 July 1-1968 July 30
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Scrapbook
1970 July 1-1970 July 17
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Scrapbook
1970 July 17-1970 Aug. 2
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1970 Sept. 1-1970 Oct. 1
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Scrapbook (Bellotti)
1969 July 11-1970 July 8
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Scrapbook (O'Donnell)
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Scrapbook (Sargent)
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Scrapbook (Sargent)
1969 July 3-1969 July 30
Box 78
Scrapbook (Sargent)
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Scrapbook (Sargent)
1969 Nov. 1-1969 Dec. 6
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Scrapbook (Sargent)
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Scrapbook (Sargent)
1970 Jan. 12-1970 Feb. 5
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Scrapbook (Sargent)
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Box 83
Scrapbook (Sargent)
1970 Mar. 1-1970 Mar. 21
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Scrapbook (Sargent)
1970 Mar. 21-1970 Apr. 12

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Scrapbook (Sargent)
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Scrapbook (Sargent)
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Scrapbook (Sargent)
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1970 June 4-1970 June 24
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Box 92
Scrapbook (White)
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Box 93
Scrapbook (White)
1969 Sept. 17-1969 Nov. 30
Box 94
Scrapbook (White)
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