

## Silvio O. Conte Papers

1950-1991

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### Collection overview

Massachusetts State Senator for the Berkshire District, 1950-1958, and representative for Massachusetts's First District in the United States Congress for 17 terms, 1959-1991, where he made significant contributions in the areas of health and human services, the environment, education, energy, transportation, and small business. Spanning four decades and eight presidents, the papers offer an extraordinary perspective on the major social, economic, and cultural changes experienced by the American people. Includes correspondence, speeches, press releases, bill files, his voting record, committee files, scrapbooks, travel files, audio-visual materials and over 5,000 photographs and slides.

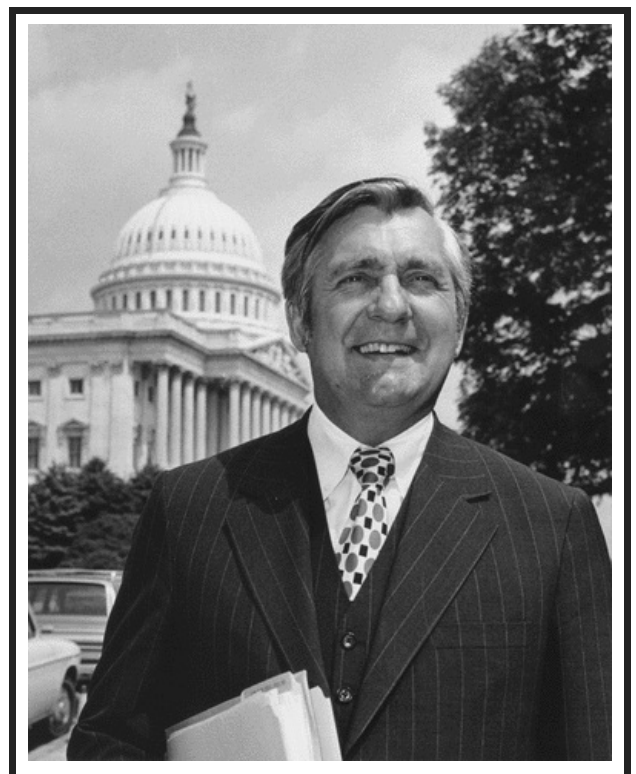
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### Background on Silvio O. Conte

A moderate New England Republican, Silvio O. Conte represented the 1st District of Massachusetts in Congress in the U.S. House of Representatives for over 30 years. The son of Italian immigrants who had settled in Pittsfield, Mass., Conte was born on Nov. 9, 1921, and was a product of the local public schools. After service in the Navy during the Second World War, he used the G.I. Bill to earn undergraduate and law (1949) degrees from Boston College.

Returning to his home in Western Massachusetts after completing his education, Conte set up practice in the law, but almost immediately dove into politics. In a district in which Democrats held the edge, he ran as a Republican, after being frozen out by local Democratic insiders, and easily won election to the state Senate on his first try in 1950. Over the next eight years, he instilled himself as an influential member of the committees on the Judiciary,



*Silvio O. Conte, 1973*

Public Welfare, Towns, and Juvenile Delinquency, chairing the Committees on Judiciary, Conservation, Constitutional Law, and Insurance.

With the retirement of long-term representative John Heselton in 1958, Conte ran for, and won, election to the U.S. House as representative of the First District, which covered much of western Massachusetts. In his first term in office, he secured a place on the powerful House Appropriations Committee and its Subcommittee on the Treasury and Post Office and Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Conte won a reputation during his sixteen terms in office as a fierce advocate for his constituents and for bringing home the proverbial bacon. His record of success included securing a succession of lucrative defense contracts for General Electric in his home town of Pittsfield and driving federal support for the establishment of the polymer research center at UMass Amherst that now bears his name.

Throughout his career, Conte enjoyed a down to earth reputation and he seemed to most observers to love the legislative process and the opportunity to improve the lives of his constituents and to harness the power of the federal government to the needs of the American people. Described as an affable, extroverted, cigar-chomping liberal, he was truly an independent in politics. He and his Democratic friends Tip O'Neil, Edward Boland, and Ted Kennedy forged a powerful and effective bloc in Washington, and Conte often stood up against the extremism then growing within his party. Domestically, his ability to deliver the meat and potatoes policies that benefited his constituents was coupled with a broader liberal agenda that sought to balance fiscal prudence against federal support for the common good. A consistent supporter of civil rights legislation, he marched with Martin Luther King at Selma in 1965, opposed calls for a constitutional amendment to prohibit school busing in the early 1970s, and he was an original sponsor of the ill-fated H.R. 700, Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1985. He earned the distinction of becoming the first member of the Massachusetts delegation to speak out against the war in Vietnam in 1968, and late in his career, he became one of only three Republicans who voted to deny President Bush authorization to use force to repel Iraqi troops from Kuwait.

Conte's independence and instinctive moderation also pitted him against members of his party who sought to dismantle or defund social programs and international aid. "Being on this [Republican] side of the aisle," he once said, "has allowed me to do a lot of good, whereas over there, I'd be just another vote." An early and enthusiastic supporter of the legislation that authorized establishment of the Peace Corps, his record included leadership in establishing the Public Broadcasting Service and sponsorship of one of the largest emergency supplemental bills ever approved by Congress, the Conte Africa Supplemental, which provided \$800 million for famine and disaster relief. At home, he supported federal funding for student aid, Head Start, and other educational initiatives and perhaps most famously, he advocated strongly for environmental conservation and preservation. Among his most notable legislative accomplishments, he co-authored the North American Wetlands Conservation Act and was instrumental in passage of the landmark Clean Air Act of 1990. His impact on federal health policy and support for scientific research was equally profound.

Although his political power and effectiveness never waned, Conte was often out of step with the Republican mainstream, particularly in the latter years of his career. "I like Ronald Reagan," he wrote, "but this party is

getting carried away with its crazy ideology. They think I'm a 'dumb Dago,' but they're wrong. And someday this country will pay a price for the programs they're cutting." His popularity in his district was unmatched. Conte won each of the 17 congressional elections in which he took part, often winning more than seventy percent of the vote. In the late 1980s, however, his health began to deteriorate. Already hampered by severe arthritis, Conte contracted prostate cancer, but was committed to remaining in office. Surgery in 1987 and other treatments were ultimately unsuccessful. Following two surgical attempts to remove a blood clot on his brain, Conte died in the naval hospital at Bethesda, Maryland, on Feb. 8, 1991, aged 69. In addition to the Conte Polymer Research Center at UMass Amherst, he leant his name to projects as diverse as the National Archives Center and West Side Elementary School in Pittsfield; Building 49 at the National Institutes of Health; the 36,000 acre Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge that protects the Connecticut River Watershed; and a nature trail in Hadley, Mass.

## **Conte Chronology**

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### **1921**

Born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts on November 9th to Ottavio and Lucia (Lora) Conte.

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### **1940**

Following graduation from Pittsfield Vocational High School worked for a time as a machinist at General Electric Co. and later in the press room of the Berkshire Eagle.

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### **1942**

Enlisted in the Navy and served from 1942 to 1944 with the Seabees in the Southwest Pacific during World War II.

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### **1947**

Married the former Corinne Duval on November 8th.

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### **1949**

Graduated from Boston College Law School in June.

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### **1950**

In November was elected to the Massachusetts State Senate for the first of four successive terms. Served on the Committees of Judiciary, Public Welfare, Towns and Juvenile Delinquency. Was Chairman of the Committees on Judiciary, Conservation, Constitutional Law and Insurance.

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### **1954**

Received the Young Man of the Year Award from the Massachusetts Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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### **1958**

Elected to the United States House of Representatives defeating Professor James M. Burns of Williams College by a decisive margin.

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### **1959**

Named to the powerful Appropriations Committee and its Subcommittee on the Treasury and Post Office and Subcommittee on Foreign Operations.

Traveled to Southeast Asia to inspect the Mutual Security Program (foreign aid) operations. Cosponsored an Area Redevelopment Bill that would provide federal funds on a loan basis to finance industrial development projects to areas with chronic unemployment.

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### **1960**

Delegate to the Republican National Convention. Five new towns - Amherst, Hadley, Hatfield, Northampton and Easthampton - were added to the First District as a result of redistricting.

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### **1961**

Cast a deciding vote that changed the make-up of the House Rules Committee to enable President Kennedy to move his legislative agenda through Congress. Legislation to establish a Cape Cod National Seashore was signed into law. As an original co-sponsor, worked for over two years to enact this measure. Voted enthusiastically in favor of legislation authorizing the establishment of the Peace Corps. House adopted Conte amendment to Peace Corps bill prohibiting members of Peace Corps from serving in any country where they may be subjected to discrimination.

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### **1962**

Won re-election by a wider margin than any other Republican incumbent who faced opposition. Urged approval of sponsored bill, House Joint Resolution 479, intended to protect the golden and bald eagles from extinction. Introduced an amendment to eliminate the use of occupant and boxholder mailing privileges of Members of Congress.

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### **1963**

Named by Republic of Italy to the rank of Commendatore of the Order of Merit for his work in support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Introduced legislation that would create a National Economic Conversion Commission, its mission to minimize changes in defense spending on the economy. Cast crucial Appropriations Committee vote in support of President Johnson's foreign aid package, bucking Democratic Chairman Otto Passman.

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### **1964**

Denounced by extremists at the Republican National Convention held in San Francisco for outspoken opposition to the John Birch Society. Received the nomination of both the Republican and Democratic parties in bid for re-election to Congressional seat. Cosponsored immigration and naturalization reform legislation. Conte bill would liberalize policies and overhaul the quota system.

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### **1965**

Appointed a member of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission on February 1st. Named to the Joint Commission on the Coinage when that body was authorized under the Coinage Act of 1965. One of first members of

Congress to support the creation of the Medicare and Medicaid Programs.  
Marched along with Martin Luther King, Jr. on historic march to Selma,  
Alabama.

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### **1966**

Eliminated quota on residual oil imports to the East Coast. Supported the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Began serving on the Small Business Committee and held ranking minority seat from 1969 to 1978.

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### **1967**

Helped to establish public broadcasting by voting for the Public Broadcasting Act.

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### **1968**

Spoke out against Vietnam War before Pittsfield Area Council of Churches, becoming first member of Massachusetts delegation to oppose the war. As member of the Republican presidential convention's platform committee, publicly opposed nomination of Spiro Agnew as Vice-President, preferring George Romney of Michigan.

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### **1969**

Introduced first bill ever to eliminate the oil import quota system that had been instituted in 1959. Appointed to Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation.

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### **1970**

Wrote law creating Amtrak to preserve passenger rail travel. Won re-election unopposed for the fourth election in a row. Voted against supersonic transport (SST) despite widespread support in First District.

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### **1971**

Secured assignment on Health, Education and Welfare Subcommittee and relinquished seats on Subcommittees on Foreign Operations and Treasury, Postal Service. Became ranking minority member of Transportation Subcommittee. In April held first annual trout derby on Onota Lake, Pittsfield.

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### **1972**

Voted against a constitutional amendment which would prohibit the busing of school children to achieve racially balanced schools. Cosponsored the Fair International Trade Act of 1972 to modernize existing law regarding the regulation of

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### **1973**

Named co-chairman of the newly organized New England Congressional Caucus. Reappointed to the Foreign Operations Subcommittee, after two-year hiatus. Awarded honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from the University of Massachusetts. Obtained initial grant to fund the Five College free bus system.

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**1974**

Demanded immediate Congressional investigation into effect of aerosol sprays on the ozone layer. Introduced amendment to Foreign Aid bill to limit funds to Cambodia.

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**1975**

Traveled to the Middle East with Congressional delegation. Met with Israeli and Egyptian leaders. Cosponsored legislation to study feasibility of establishing a nationally sponsored cross-country bicycle trails system. Sponsored successful amendment to bar expenditure of \$122.9 million for further production of the F1-11F fighter bomber. Satirized Emergency Farm Price Support Bill by proposing

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**1976**

Broke a House-Senate deadlock on the abortion issue, by writing compromise language to prohibit federal funding

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**1977**

Traveled to China as part of congressional delegation.

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**1978**

Created with House Speaker Tip O'Neill, low-income home energy assistance program, (LIHEAP).

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**1979**

Became ranking minority member of the House Appropriations Committee and ranking minority member on the Legislative; Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education; and Transportation subcommittees. Gave up seat on Foreign Operations subcommittee. Appointed by Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill, Jr. to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Supported the passage of the Alaska Lands legislation which provided for the preservation of millions of acres of wilderness in Alaska. Released final report of the New England Energy Congress. Sponsored by the New England Congressional Congress, of which Conte was co-chairman, the report addressed 22 energy conservation bills, many of vital concern to oil-dependent New England.

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**1980**

The Small Business Development Center opened at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Played a leading role in obtaining federal funds necessary to start program. Introduced legislation for a nuclear freeze.

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**1981**

Kept Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee open with joint-use agreement. Prevailed in the decade-long fight against the Dickey-Lincoln water project in Maine with the deauthorization of project. Traveled to Australia and New Zealand as part of a Congressional delegation.

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**1982**

The Small Business Innovation and Development Act passed. Had sponsored and supported for past five years through legislative initiative as a member of the House Committee on Small Business. Joined the Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues. (Formerly the Congresswomen's Caucus)

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### **1983**

Cosponsored the first \$5 million for AIDS research. Donned a pig's snout and ears on the House floor to denounce pork-barrel projects and specifically to fight the Garrison Diversion Project in North Dakota. Was the second Paul Hoffmann Lecturer at the United Nations in New York. Voted against funding for MX missiles in Appropriations Committee vote. Ultimately approved by 30-26 vote.

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### **1984**

Introduced H.R. 5175 to impose a nine-month moratorium on large oil company mergers.

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### **1985**

The Conte Africa Supplemental was signed into law. It provided \$800 million for famine and disaster relief and was one of the largest emergency supplemental bills ever approved by Congress. Traveled to the Soviet Union as a member of first Congressional delegation to meet with Mikhail Gorbachev. Urged Soviet leader to halt nuclear arms race. An original sponsor of H.R. 700, Civil Rights Restoration Act. Act was ultimately defeated by pro-life groups.

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### **1986**

Helped to prevent the construction by the U.S. Air Force of the highly unpopular Radio Relay Tower.

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### **1987**

Underwent surgery for removal of cancerous growth in prostate gland. In the wake of

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### **1988**

Won passage of cosponsored plant-closing legislation. Announced support for own party presidential candidate George Bush over Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis. Announced a \$300,000 Health and Human Services grant to the Holyoke Health Center to combat high infant mortality rates.

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### **1989**

Coauthored the landmark North American Wetlands Conservation Act, which provided up to \$25 million annually for wetland and waterfowl habitat preservation and restoration. Spoke at dedication of the Silvio O. Conte Forum, the new Athletic Arena, Boston College on February 19. Obtained \$2 million grant for Smith College in Northampton. Won enactment of resolution to declare the 1990s

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## **1990**

Reelected to 17th term with 78 percent of the vote. Announced allocation of funds through amendment on Treasury, Postal Service Appropriations Bill for move of the Regional United States Fish and Wildlife Service Office to the Amherst area. Through same amendment allocated funds to build a New England Regional Archives of the National Archives in Pittsfield. In February introduced bill H.R. 3977 Antarctica Protection and Conservation Act, the first bill to increase protection for the Antarctic environment and prevent mineral exploitation. Established an educational foundation to assist graduating First District high school students attend a college of their choice. Passage of the Clean Air Act, the culmination of a decade-long fight to stop acid rain. Had signed on as the first Republican sponsor of new clean-air and acid-rain legislation. Appointed by President to sit on Budget Summit, as one of eleven members of the House. Worked out a proposal to keep the federal deficit on a declining track. Attended dedication of the Silvio O. Conte Anadromous Fish Research Center, Turner's Falls capping twenty-four-year effort to bring Atlantic salmon back to Connecticut River. Introduced amendment to farm bill limiting government subsidies to \$100,000 per farmer and banning farmers from collecting multiple subsidies. Although amendment went down in defeat, succeeded in limiting subsidies to \$250,000 per farmer. Through position on Subcommittee on Transportation restored popular Montrealer service from Washington to Montreal with service through Amherst and obtained \$139 million to set up high-speed Boston-New York Rail service. Broke with President Bush in voting against constitutional amendment banning burning of U.S. flag. Singled out by the Citizens Against Government Waste as one of four representatives most accomplished at garnering grants for his state and district.

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## **1991**

On January 12th submitted last big vote as one of only three Republican members of Congress to deny President Bush the authority to use force to repel Iraqi troops from Kuwait. In honor of career-long efforts to restore the Connecticut River and to complete the work begun, passage of H.R. 794 was completed which named the fish and wildlife haven along the Connecticut River the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, only the second such designated refuge in the country. Died February 8th at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland of complications caused by cancer.

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**1959-1991**

House Appropriations Committee (Ranking Minority Member of Full Committee, 1979-91)

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**1959-1971, 1973-1979**

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations

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**1959-197**

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, General Government

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**1969-1991**

Subcommittee on Transportation, (Ranking Minority Member 1979-91)

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**1971-1991**

Subcommittee on Health, Education & Welfare (1971-1979)\* (Ranking Minority Member 1979-1991)

**Note**

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\*Committee was restructured in 1980

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**1979-1991**

Subcommittee on Legislative (Ranking Minority Member 1979-1991)

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**1966-1991**

Small Business Committee (Ranking Minority Member 1969-1979);  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (1980-1991)

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**Towns in Conte's District****State Senate District 1950-1958**

- Berkshire County : Adams, Alford, Becket, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Dalton, Egremont, Florida, Hancock, Hinsdale, Lanesborough, Lenox, Mount Washington, New Ashford, North Adams, Peru, Pittsfield, Richmond, Savoy, Stockbridge, Washington, West Stockbridge, Williamstown, Windsor

**First Congressional District, 1958-1962**

- Berkshire County: Adams, Alford, Becket, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Dalton, Egremont, Florida, Great Barrington, Hancock, Hinsdale, Lanesborough, Lee, Lenox, Monterey, Mount Washington, New Ashford, New Malborough, North Adams, Otis, Peru, Pittsfield, Richmond, Sandisfield, Savoy, Sheffield, Stockbridge, Tyringham, Washington, West Stockbridge, Williamstown, Windsor
- Franklin County: Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Hawley, Heath, Leverett, Leyden, Monroe, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Rowe, Shelburne, Shutesbury, Sunderland, Warwick, Wendell, Whateley
- Hampden County: Blandford, Chester, Granville, Holyoke, Montgomery, Russell, Southwick, Tolland, Westfield
- Hampshire County: Belchertown, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Pelham, Plainfield, Southhampton, Westhampton, Williamsburg, Worthington
- Worcester County: Athol, Petersham, Phillipston, Royalston, Templeton

**First Congressional District, 1962-1966**

- Removed:
  - Hampshire County: Belchertown
- Added:
  - Hampshire County: Amherst, Easthampton, Hadley, Hatfield, Northampton

#### **First Congressional District, 1966-1971**

- Added:
  - Hampden County: Agawam, West Springfield, Worcester County, Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree, Oakham, Rutland

#### **First Congressional District, 1971-1981**

- Removed:
  - Franklin County: Orange, Worcester County, Athol, Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree, Oakham, Petersham, Phillipston, Royalston, Rutland, Templeton
- Added:
  - Hampshire County: Belchertown, Granby, South Hadley, Ware

#### **First Congressional District, 1981-1991**

- Added:
  - Franklin County: Orange
  - Worcester County: Athol, Petersham, Phillipston, Royalston, Templeton, Winchendon

## **Scope of collection**

In the book *Congress and Its Members* Congressional scholars Roger Davidson and Walter Oleszek discuss the "dual nature of Congress," observing that "there really are two Congresses. One of these is Congress as a lawmaking institution - the Congress of textbooks, of how-a-bill-becomes-a-law...There is also a second Congress...it comprises men and women of diverse backgrounds...whose electoral fortunes depend less upon what Congress produces as an institution than upon the support and goodwill of voters hundreds of miles away."<sup>1</sup> This duality is revealed throughout the Silvio O. Conte Congressional Papers - from the vast array of bill files, position papers, mark-ups for consideration, reports, and floor statements, to the constituent mail, Conte speeches delivered throughout the district, returned constituent questionnaires, and the hundreds of photographs of Conte with his constituents.

The Silvio O. Conte Congressional Papers, 1950-1991 document Conte's public service first as Massachusetts State Senator for the Berkshire District, 1950-1958 and primarily as representative for Massachusetts's First District in the United States Congress for 17 terms, 1959-1991, where he made significant contributions in the areas of health and human services, the environment, education, energy, transportation, and small business.

The collection comprises 575 linear feet of those files maintained by Conte and his staff in Washington, D.C. and in the two district offices in Pittsfield and Holyoke (most of which is casework with restricted access), including correspondence, speeches, press releases, bill files, his voting record, committee files, scrapbooks, travel files, audio-visual materials and over 5,000 photographs and slides. The papers have been divided into five subgroups delineating broad functional areas of a congressional office: Personal/Political/Official; Legislative; Press Relations/Media Activities; Constituent Services; Office Administration. Each subgroup has been further divided into series based on file format and type of activity documented. Detailed descriptions of each of these 27 series

are included in this guide.

There are folder title lists - which serve as primary subject access to the materials - for each series, although several have been omitted from this guide because of excessive length. The series excluded are: Legislative Subject Files, General Subject Files, Bills Files and item-level lists of VIP Correspondence, Speeches, Press Releases, Audio-Visual materials, and Photographs. These lists are available to researchers in the Special Collections and University Archives Reading Room.

The State Senator series (Subgroup I, Series 2), documents Conte's beginnings as a politician. Divided into speeches, correspondence, campaign and subject files spanning 1950-1958, this valuable series illustrates issues central to 1950s politics on the national and state level. Other early files of significance exist in the Travel series (I, 3) which feature Conte's handwritten notes and taped recordings with his personal accounts of the inspection tours of U.S. foreign aid programs in Africa and Southeast Asia during the 1960s that he participated in as a member of the Foreign Operations Subcommittee (see also Audio-Visual series, III, 6).

The bulk of the collection is contained in the two series identified as House Appropriations Committee Files (II, 3a-3m) and Legislative Subject/Correspondence files (II, 6a-6b). The Appropriations Committee Files reveal Conte's powerful position as ranking minority member of that committee from 1979-1991, a position that gave him a vote on all thirteen subcommittees. Although official committee records remain in Washington, D.C., housed in the Center for Legislative Archives, documentation of much of the work done by aides as they monitored the appropriations process and gathered information that Conte needed to make informed decisions remained within the collection. Although Conte served on the Small Business Committee from 1965-1991 and was very active in crafting legislation and providing vigorous support to small businesses in the First District, few files remain in this collection to document his influential role. Within the House Appropriations Committee Files, the Subcommittees on Interior and Health and Human Services are the largest of the subseries and cover areas in which Conte took a passionate personal interest and was an established leader in Congress.

The Health and Human Services Files (II, 3h.2) document Conte's largely successful efforts to continue full funding to the National Institutes of Health for biomedical research; and to support programs such as the low income home energy assistance program, (LIHEAP) and family planning centers in Western Massachusetts.

An ardent conservationist and outdoorsman, Conte fought for 10 years for passage of stringent acid rain legislation, and his efforts to clean up the Connecticut River and restore the Atlantic salmon to it are manifest in the Subcommittee on Interior Files (II, 3g). Within the General Budget subseries (II, 3a) are Conte's handwritten notes regarding periodic meetings (1983-1989) he attended at the White House with cabinet members, the Republican leadership, and the President as well as notes on his participation in the Budget Summits of 1987 and 1990. His attendance reveals his important position as ranking minority member of the Appropriations Committee and his recognized ability for bipartisan compromise.

While supporting most large-scale social spending requests, Conte established himself as a fiscal conservative in other areas. A colorful figure with a penchant for theatrics, his vocal denunciations sometimes took the form of

satirical poems or pranks. The later years of his longstanding crusade to limit the size of farm subsidies are documented in the Subcommittee on Agriculture Files (II, 3i). The Energy and Water Subcommittee files (II, 3d) reveal his opposition to water projects such as the Garrison Diversion project in North Dakota and the Dickey-Lincoln Dam project, both of which he viewed as environmentally damaging boondoggles. The Department of Energy Files (II, 3h.2), a segment of the Subcommittee on Interior Files, document his efforts to kill the Synthetic Fuels Corporation which he had accused of "bankrolling the pet projects of the fat-cat oil barons."

The Legislative Subject/Correspondence Files (II, Series 6) reflect Conte's early assignments on the Treasury-Postal Service & Foreign Operations Subcommittees and contain mostly constituent correspondence and the office's response. Issues documented include the invasion of Cambodia, the Vietnam War, Watergate, the Civil Rights movement, communism, firearms control, abortion, the Equal Rights Amendment, oil import quotas, the energy crisis, and federal aid to education.

Davidson and Oleszek make the observation that "Members of Congress . . . depend upon the support of their electorate in order to serve. In turn, they are expected to understand and promote the views of constituents and to serve as their links with the federal government."<sup>2</sup> Two sections of the collection that illustrate this reciprocity are the Press Relations/Media Activities and Constituent Services subgroups. Conte kept in touch with his constituents by mail, by public appearances, and by radio and television appearances. The Speeches, Press Releases, Radio and Television Transcripts, and Newsletters series document this function. Maintained by staff more carefully than most other parts of the collection, the series offer valuable synopses of Conte's political career.

A large portion of the Audio-Visual materials (III, Series 6) consists of audio recordings of Conte's weekly radio show. Most of the 16mm films consist of Conte's five minute television programs, often condensed versions of the radio show, which aired mainly during 1959, 1961 and 1967-1968. Included here is an audio recording of a 1958 testimonial dinner honoring Conte's election to Congress; a 1967 film of an interview with John W. Lederle, President of University of Massachusetts; and an audio recording of the 1987 fund raiser for the endowment of the Silvio O. Conte chair at the University of Massachusetts.

Research strategies should be formulated carefully and researchers should keep in mind that there is substantial overlap of topical coverage and information is widely dispersed throughout this large collection. A good example of this is Conte's fight against oil import quotas. Because New Englanders are highly dependent on oil for heating fuel the quotas adversely affect them by causing oil prices to rise. Conte began his vocal opposition in his first year in Congress when the Eisenhower administration instituted the quota system. He continued to fight for free trade with regard to oil throughout his career. Discussion of his continuing efforts can be found within the Floor Statements series in the form of a compilation by staff of all floor remarks Conte made regarding oil import quotas and fees spanning the years 1959-1984; this issue is also documented in the staff-compiled Oil Notebooks located in the Issue Books/Briefing Books series. His efforts to inform his constituents of his activities are reflected in the Speeches, Press Releases, Radio and Television Transcripts, and Newsletters. Documentation of the legislative initiatives he sponsored exist in the Bill Files, Voting Record, and all the way up to the 1990 Budget Summit notes filed in the Appropriations Committee Series, which document Conte's efforts to block Senator Lloyd Bentsen's proposal to reinstate the quotas to increase revenues. And finally, constituents' opinion

on this topic can be found in the Legislative Subject/Correspondence Files and annual constituent questionnaires.

Aside from the study of legislation, public policy debates, and the relationship between Congressman and his constituents, the Conte Papers are a history of the times in which he served. Spanning four decades and eight presidents, the papers offer an extraordinary perspective on the major social, economic, and cultural changes experienced by the American people.

## Footnotes

1. Davidson, Roger H. and Oleszek, Walter J., *Congress and Its Members*, 4th ed. (Washington, DC 1994)
2. Ibid.

## Inventory

### Subgroup I. Personal, Political, Official

#### Series 1: Biographical Files

1965-1991

1 box, 1.25  
linear ft.

**Contents:** The Biographical Files provide background on Conte's life and political career. This series has been artificially created by drawing from other series within the collection. Materials within folders in this series are arranged chronologically and include biographical sketches generated by aides; feature articles on Conte; transcripts of interviews; guest lists and notes regarding both of Conte's well-known annual celebrations the Labor Day Atlantic salmon party (1985-1989) and his birthday party (1983-1986) at the Botanical Gardens in Washington, D.C. There are also obituaries and several folders containing news clippings with substantive biographical content. This series contains a compilation of the famed rhymes he recited on the House floor and a few of his published writings. Tax returns from 1959 to 1975, and a few cards and notes from family members round out this key series.

Articles on Conte	1965-1990	6 folders	Box 1
Articles, Features			
Massachusetts Wildlife	1974 Nov.- Dec.		Box 1
"Ham of the House," Audubon	1986 Jan.		Box 1
"Silvio O. Conte, His Own Man," The Berkshires Magazine	1989-1990		Box 1
"The Autumn of the Patriarch," Berkshire Magazine	1990 Nov.		Box 1
Obituaries and Commemorations, SOC	1991 Feb.	15 folders	Box 1
Congressional Record, H.Res. 76, Expressing Sorrow of the House on the death of Silvio O. Conte	1991 Feb.		Box 1
Eulogies, by Hon. Thomas (Tip) O'Neill, Jr. and Hon. Robert Michel	1991 Feb.		Box 1
Biographical Sketches			
Interviews			
WGBY-TV Interview	1977		Box 1
WMAL-Radio, June	1977		Box 1
Westinghouse Broadcasting Meeting, WBZ-TV	1977		Box 1

C-Span "American Profiles, Notes	1989 Nov.	Box 1
Boston Globe Interview, Persian Gulf War	1990 Feb.	Box 1
Issues and Interviews	1985	Box 1
Issues and Interviews	1995	Box 1
Poems and Published Writings	undated	Box 1
Roast, SOC, materials on	1990	Box 1
Family, Miscellaneous		Box 1
Income Tax Returns	1959-1975	Box 1
Guest Lists and Mailing lists	1984-1990	Box 1
Alaskan Salmon Party	1985-1988	Box 1
Birthday Party, SOC's	1987-1990	Box 1
Awards, received by SOC	1961-1990	Box 1
Awards, background material		

## **Series 2: State Senator Files**

**1950-1958**

**9 boxes,  
11.25 linear  
ft.**

**Contents:** The State Senate Files document Conte's eight-year tenure as a Massachusetts State Senator representing the Berkshire District. This series makes possible insight into Conte's formative years as a politician and public servant. The files reflect Conte's early involvement in what would become his major career interests: health and human services, education, the environment, and transportation. As a State Senator he served on more committees than had any other member of the state Legislature, and was the youngest legislator, in the history of the Commonwealth, to serve as chairman of the important Committee on Insurance.

This series documents his extensive involvement in legislative and investigative committees and his correspondence with constituents. Included in the nine boxes are campaign materials, correspondence, speeches, and subject files.

The one box of campaign materials is arranged in chronological order according to campaign year. Files for each campaign include addresses, correspondence with constituents and colleagues, newspaper clippings, endorsements, and campaign expenditures. Senator Conte's campaign addresses are particularly useful in revealing his political convictions as well as issues central to 1950s politics.

The four boxes of correspondence are the largest group of files within the State Senator series and reveal his diligent attention to his district's concerns and his dedication to serving his constituency. The correspondence, comprised of both incoming and outgoing letters, is almost entirely constituent-oriented with nearly one quarter of the correspondence consisting of general requests made by constituents, all of which were dutifully completed. The files are arranged both alphabetically by the name of the correspondent and by general subject.

Perhaps more than any other group of files in this series, Conte's speeches reveal his personality and opinions. Conte's speeches were candid, often humorous, and suggest that he was not afraid of difficult fights. The box of speeches is arranged in alphabetical order by subject or location of speech. Often folders contain more than one speech made on a single subject.

The subject files consist of three boxes and are arranged alphabetically. Each subject file contains an assortment of materials including correspondence, background material, newspaper clippings and Conte's handwritten notes. Most of the files pertain to legislation or committee activity. Prominent issues reflecting public sentiment during the 1950s McCarthyism, the Cold War and defense spending, unions, and the push for public works are recurring themes. During his years as a State Senator, Conte was particularly well known for his investigative work into mismanagement of union health and welfare trust funds; for authoring legislation establishing accident and health insurance for all state, city, town, and county employees, the first such law in the United States; and for introducing a bill outlawing communism in Massachusetts.

Also well documented in the subject files is his interest in the environment, evidenced in his work as chairman of the Conservation Committee and illustrated by his repeated efforts to obtain new state conservation and recreation areas.

His efforts to curb juvenile delinquency and his investigations of such health insurance agencies as Blue Cross and Blue Shield foretold his future vigorous support for health and social service programs in Congress. Conte also received attention for his vehement opposition to Governor Foster Furculo's proposal to establish the first sales tax in Massachusetts.

Included in the subject files are five folders of newspaper clippings provided by a newsclip service to which Conte subscribed. The clippings are extremely useful in obtaining background information on Conte's legislative and campaign activities.

The variety of subjects represented shows the diversity of Conte's interests, ranging from farming legislation to foreign affairs, and from an investigation of Gypsy Moths to authorship of a "Witches Bill" which exonerated the final eight victims of the Salem Witch Trials. Many topics represented in the subject files also appear in the State Senate speech files.

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License Requests	1957-1958		Box 5
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Auto Insurance	1953-1956		Box 7
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Boy's Club	undated		Box 7
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Women Prisoners Conditional Placement Bill	1954		Box 7
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<b>Note:</b> SEE: Water Supply			
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Insurance Committee		7 folders	
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Judiciary Committee	1957		Box 9
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<b>Note:</b> SEE ALSO: Youth Service Board			
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Natural Resources			Box 10
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Natural Resources Department	1954		Box 10
<b>Note:</b> SEE ALSO: Conservation Committee			
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<b>Note:</b> SEE ALSO: Health and Welfare Trust Fund			
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Note: **SEE: Conservation Committee**

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### Series 3: Travel Files

1959-1985

2 boxes, 2.5  
linear ft.

**Contents:** The Travel Files is one of the few series in the collection to reveal at length Conte's own thoughts and impressions. These appear in the handwritten letters and taped recordings he sent to his staff while he traveled. This series contains itineraries, correspondence, background materials, transcripts of personal reports, newsclippings, press releases, thank-you notes, and speeches. The files are arranged chronologically and total two boxes.

Many of Conte's early trips stemmed from his service on the House Appropriations Committee and its Subcommittee on Foreign Operations. The trips were often inspection tours of America's foreign aid programs to developing nations. The most complete files concern Conte's six week tour of Africa and Europe in 1961, accompanied by his good friend and fellow committee member Robert Michel R-IL, and constitute nearly one-half of this series. Here Conte offers interesting commentary on topics ranging from industrialization, agricultural practices, and political structures to descriptions of the climate and local customs. On that 1961 trip Conte made a stopover in Berlin. There he witnessed the flow of East German refugees into West Germany and the hardships endured by the German people as a result of the official separation of the city of Berlin by the construction of the Berlin Wall. His personal accounts of these events and others exemplify his concern for human rights and help to explain his strong support for well-funded foreign assistance programs to developing nations.

Although primarily known for his activism on the domestic front, Conte also played an international role by representing the United States when dealing with foreign leaders. His forays into diplomacy are documented in the China and Soviet Union files. The efforts of the Carter and Reagan administrations to improve Sino-American relationships are reflected in the files on the China Trips in 1977 and 1983. In 1985 Conte was a member of the first Congressional delegation to meet with the Soviet Union's leader Mikhail Gorbachev. As Tip O'Neill said in his eulogy of Conte: "I don't know how many places we went around the world together, but Sil could ask the leader of a nation the most pertinent question that would have taken a diplomat two years to ask. He could get to the point."

Conte occasionally made taped recordings while traveling and these audiotapes are included in the collection often accompanied by a typed transcript. The trip to Africa and Europe in 1961 is especially well documented with audiotapes and transcripts for nine different countries.

**Related material:** Additional series that document Conte's travels include the Speeches, Press Releases, Radio & TV Files, Newsletters, Photographs, and Audio-Visual Materials.

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Belgium; England; Hungary; Ireland	1979	2 folders	Box 12
China; Singapore; Hong Kong; Japan	1983	10 folders	Box 12
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#### **Series 4: VIP Correspondence**

**1967-1991**

**3 boxes, 3.75  
linear ft.**

**Contents:** The VIP Correspondence series consists of three boxes of incoming correspondence designated by Conte or his staff for inclusion in a special "VIP" album. For preservation reasons all letters have been removed from the albums and placed in acid free folders.

Most frequent correspondents in the VIP series include: James A. Baker III, Charles E. Bennett, William Brock, Jimmy Carter, Lawrence Coughlin, Elizabeth Dole, Michael Dukakis, Vic Fazio, Gerald Ford, Edward Kennedy, Robert Michel, James C. Miller III, Tip O'Neill, Leon Panetta, Ronald Reagan, Donald Regan, George Shultz, Olympia Snowe, David Stockman, and Jamie Whitten.

Although designated "VIP" by Conte's staff, many of the letters are routine they reflect the networking activities and daily interaction among members of Congress. There are notes thanking fellow members of Congress for small gifts (often home-state products), thank-yous for co-sponsorship of a bill or resolution, Dear Colleague letters, and occasionally a more substantive letter discussing an important national or local issue.

The preponderance of letters from such individuals as David Stockman, White House Budget Director; James C. Miller III, Director of the Office of Management and Budget; and President Ronald Reagan document the major reworking the national budget sustained during the Reagan presidency and underscores the administration's need for Conte's cooperation as the ranking Republican on the House Appropriations Committee in order to implement "Reaganomics." These letters illustrate the growing urgency of the federal budget deficit as a potent political issue by the 1980s.

**Note:** An alphabetical index to letters is available in Special Collection and Archives Reading Room.

#### **Series 5: Campaign Files and Issue Books**

**1960-1990**

**4 boxes**

**Contents:** Over the course of 17 congressional elections Conte won both party nominations three times and ran unopposed eight times and often won elections by 70% of the vote or more. Full-fledged campaigns were seldom necessary.

The files for each campaign include Conte's official candidacy announcements, correspondence expressing support or congratulations to Conte, information on the Republican party campaign fundraisers and national platform, and Conte's campaign newspaper, The Conte Record.

The later campaign files (1978-1990) contain the so-called Issue Books, which were prepared by Conte's staff to provide detailed, factual summaries of Conte's recent (usually in the last Congress) legislative accomplishments and his stance on important campaign issues.

**Related material:** Other series that relate to campaigns include the Scrapbooks, Issue Books/Briefing Books, Biographical Files, and Speeches.

Files regarding Conte's first Congressional campaign in 1958 can be found in the State Senate series.

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Republican Clubs and Regional Committees	1967-1968		Box 16
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 Issues Symposium 1986 Box 19


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 Press Releases and Statements 1986 Box 19


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 Thank-yous 1985-1986 Box 19


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 Voting Record, 99th Congress Box 19


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 Weiner, Robert 1986 Box 19


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 1988 Campaign 1988 6 folders Box 19


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 Campaign Finance Reform 1988 Box 19


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 Candidacy Announcement 1988 Feb. Box 19


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 The Conte Record 1988 Nov. Box 19


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 Issue Book for 1988 Campaign 2 folders Box 19


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 Issues Symposium 1988 Box 19


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 National Education Association Candidate Questionnaire, 1988 and 1990 Campaign 1989-1990 25 folders Box 19


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 General 1989-1990 2 folders Box 19


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 Arden, John 1990 Box 19


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 Candidacy Announcement 1990 Sept. Box 19


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 The Conte Record 1990 Nov. Box 19


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 Endorsements 1990 Box 19


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 Favor Cards 1989 Box 19


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 Issue Book for 1990 Campaign 16 folders Box 19


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 Priorities for 102nd Congress Box 19


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 101st Congress Successes Box 19


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 Abortion; Agriculture Box 19


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 Budget; Campaign Finance Box 19


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 Cable TV; Defense Box 19


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 Education; Energy Box 19


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 Environment; Flag Burning Box 19


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 Foreign Policy; Health Box 19


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 Housing; Human Services; Labor Box 19


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 NEA; S&L "Mess;" Box 19


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 Senior Citizens Box 19


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 Small Business; Box 19


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 Economic Statistics; Trade Box 19


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 Transportation; Veterans Box 19


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Cutting Waste		Box 19
Berkshire County		Box 19
Franklin County		Box 19
Hampden County		Box 19
Hampshire and Worcester Counties		Box 19
Issues Symposium	1990	Box 19
Pat's List of Campaign Workers	undated	Box 19
Talking Points	undated	Box 19

<b>Series 6: Invitations/Daily Schedules</b>	<b>1959-1991</b>	<b>10 boxes, 12.5 linear ft.</b>
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**Contents:** The 10 boxes in this series consist of accepted invitations and daily schedules. The original size of this series was reduced by sampling. Whenever possible daily and weekly summary sheets of Conte's appointments were retained. Arranged chronologically, this series reveals the sheer volume and diversity of requests made on the Congressman's time.

<b>Series 7: Scrapbooks</b>	<b>1950-1990</b>	<b>42 over-sized boxes</b>
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**Contents:** The 80 scrapbooks in this collection cover Conte's eight years in the State Senate as well as every year Conte was in Congress. Compiled by staff, the majority of the scrapbooks comprise news clippings in which Conte's name appears. There are also campaign scrapbooks from the years 1952, 1954, 1958, 1960 (2), 1964, 1968, 1970, 1974, 1976, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, topical scrapbooks on the 1976 Republican presidential primary, the 1976 election, the 1980 election, the Fall 1987 budget appropriations process and three scrapbooks documenting the annual congressional baseball game for the years 1973-1974 and 1977-1979.

### Series 8: Memorabilia

**Contents:** There is a small amount of memorabilia contained in Series 8. Items include a model General Electric power transformer, a framed Treasury check payable to the University of Massachusetts, and House of Representatives cufflinks. There are numerous campaign pins, bumper stickers, and fliers.

A few of the many plaques and awards Conte received over the years can be found here as well. These have been listed below in chronological order.

Certificate of Appreciation to Conte from Kiwanis Club of Pittsfield, MA	1955 Dec.	Box 19
Scroll and signing pen commemorating passage of state legislation to regulate water usage for City of Pittsfield	1955 July	Box 19
Framed letter to Conte from Secretary of State Dean Rusk	1961 Oct.	Box 19
Plaque from "Organization of Executive Departments and Federal Agencies	1964	Box 19
Autographed program of play "An Evening's Journey to Conway, MA" by Archibald MacLeish	1967	Box 19
First Day of Issue of Susan B. Anthony Stamp Ceremony in Adams, MA	1970 June	Box 19
Framed photograph of Robert C. Wood, President of University of Massachusetts, Governor Frank Sargent and Conte, for 1970 Campaign.	1970	Box 19
Framed letter to Conte from Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe	1972 Sept.	Box 19
Republican National Convention Delegate Log Book (3 copies), and Delegate Pass (2 copies)	1972	Box 19

Framed SOC Press Release re: Veto of 1975 Emergency Farm Price Support Bill	1975 May	Box 19
American Revolution Bicentennial Commemorative Medal	1976	Box 19
Framed letter to Conte from President Jimmy Carter	1979 June	Box 19
Framed letter and Commemorative pen to Conte from President Jimmy Carter	1979	Box 19
Framed photograph of Carl Yastremski and Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill	1979	Box 19
Framed letter to Conte from President Jimmy Carter	1980-06-22	Box 19
Framed photograph of Conte receiving first Annual Award for Distinguished Public Service in Support of National Family Planning Programs		Box 19
Dedication of the Silvio O. Conte Medical Research Center, Boston University School of Medicine, Program and Invitation	1985 Oct. 20	Box 19
Plaque of Washington Post article on SOC	1987 May 20	Box 19
Appreciation gift to Conte from Loret Miller Ruppe, Peace Corps, for "being a leader of peace"	1987 Oct. 23	Box 19
Framed copy of receipt from the Hampshire Community Action Commission for "helping everyone in Hampshire County stay warm."	1987 Nov. 25	Box 19
Framed U.S. Treasury Check payable to UMass for \$250,000 for Polymer Research Center		Box 19
Trout Unlimited, Trout Conservation Award for Distinguished Service		Box 19
Framed letter to Conte from Nancy Reagan		Box 19
Association of Community College Trustees Award to Conte	1989 Feb.	Box 19
Invitation to dedication of Silvio O. Conte Forum, Boston College	1989 Feb. 18	Box 19
Framed letter to Conte from Senator Ted Kennedy	1990 Feb. 23	Box 19
Framed photograph of Conte with Jacques Cousteau and copy of Antarctic Protection Act	1990 Apr. 30	Box 19
Signed proclamation of "Decade of the Brain" by Sec. of HHS John Sullivan.	1990 July 26	Box 19
Plaque with aerial photograph of UMass Amherst Campus given to Conte in appreciation "for all that has been done" from Students Advocating Financial Aid, (SAFA) UMass Amherst	undated	Box 19
Award to Conte from Head Start of Franklin County, "in honor of a decade of service"	undated	Box 19
Framed letter to Conte from Senator Ted Kennedy	undated	Box 19
Framed photograph of Conte with Pope John Paul II	undated	Box 19
Framed photograph of Conte with Robert Michel, House Minority leader	undated	Box 19
Framed photograph of Conte and Tip O'Neill in front of Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. Library, Boston College	undated	Box 19
General Electric Model Power Transformer	undated	Box 19
Various pins, buttons, coins, cufflinks, flags, stickers, and campaign paraphernalia	undated	Box 19

## Subgroup II. Legislative

### Series 1: Voting Record

1959-1991

2 boxes, 2.5  
linear ft.

**Contents:** The Voting Record contains printed summaries of Conte's votes in Congress. In addition to the record supplied each member by the House Clerk, this series also includes vote analyses supplied by special interest organizations such as the Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and the Farmer's Union. From the 86th to 89th Congresses there are charts comparing Conte's vote with the votes of House and Senate leadership and the GOP; and from the 87th to 91st Congresses there are useful summaries that provide a synopsis of the bill's intent and the rationale for Conte's vote.

Beginning with the 99th and continuing through to the 102nd congress the more voluminous Clerk-produced "Legislative Activity Guides" replace the smaller Roll Calls. To supplement these guides there are "Legi-Slate" reports for the 98th and 99th congresses. These reports were obtained for members by the Congressional Research Service using a commercial on-line database and are simply a compilation of all votes by the congressman for that particular session, with a short explanation of the bill.

SOC's Voting Record	1959-1966		Box 30
86th-89th Congresses, Votes Charted by Issue	1959-1966	2 folders	Box 30
86th-91st Congresses, Attendance Record	1959-1970		Box 30
86th Congress 1st and 2nd Session	1959-1960		Box 30
87th Congress		4 folders	
1st and 2nd Session	1961-1962		Box 30
Bill Summaries, Vote Justification	1961		Box 30
2nd Session, Bill Summaries, Vote Justification	1962		Box 30
2nd Session, Explanation of SOC Votes	1962		Box 30
88th Congress		3 folders	
1st Session	1962		Box 30
2nd Session	1964		Box 30
2nd Session, Comments on Voting Record	1964		Box 30
89th Congress		3 folders	
1st Session	1965		Box 30
2nd Session	1966		Box 30
2nd Session, Comments on Voting Record	1966		Box 30
90th Congress, 1st Session	1967		Box 30
90th Congress, 2nd Session	1968		Box 30
91st Congress		5 folders	
1st Session	1969		Box 30
1st Session, Vote Justification and Comparison Charts			Box 30
1st Session, Comments on Record			Box 30
2nd Session	1970		Box 30
2nd Session, Vote Justification and Comparison Charts			Box 30
92nd Congress, 1st Session	1971		Box 30
92nd Congress, 2nd Session	1972		Box 30
93rd Congress, 1st Session	1973		Box 30
93rd Congress, 2nd Session	1974		Box 30
94th Congress, 1st Session	1975		Box 30
94th Congress, 2nd Session	1976		Box 30
95th Congress, 1st Session	1977		Box 30
95th Congress, 2nd Session	1978		Box 30
96th Congress, 1st Session	1979		Box 30
96th Congress, 2nd Session	1980		Box 30
97th Congress, 1st Session	1981		Box 31
97th Congress, 2nd Session	1982		Box 31
98th Congress, 1st Session	1983		Box 31
98th Congress, 2nd Session	1984		Box 31

## Legi-Slate Congressional Vote Files

4 folders

98th Congress, 1st Session	1983	Box 31
98th Congress, 2nd Session	1984	Box 31
99th Congress, 1st Session	1985	Box 31
99th Congress, 2nd Session	1986	Box 31
99th Congress, Legislative Activity Guides		5 folders
1st Session	1985	Box 31
1st Session	1985	Box 31
1st Session, with Vote Summary and Index	1985	Box 31
2nd Session	1986	Box 31
2nd Session, with Vote Summary and Index	1986	Box 31
100th Congress, Legislative Activity Guides		4 folders
1st Session	1987	Box 31
1st Session, with Vote Summary and Index	1987	Box 31
2nd Session	1988	Box 31
2nd Session, with Vote Summary and Index	1988	Box 31
101st Congress, Legislative Activity Guides		5 folders
1st Session	1989	Box 31
1st Session, with Vote Summary and Index	1989	Box 31
2nd Session	1990	Box 31
2nd Session	1990	Box 31
2nd Session, Vote Summary and Index		Box 31
102nd Congress, 1st Session, Legislative Activity Guide	1991	
Comments on Voting Record, Internal Memos and Constituent Correspondence	1959-1964	Box 31

**Series 2: Bills of Legislation****1959-1991****23 boxes,  
28.75 linear  
ft.**



**Contents:** This series represents Conte's staff's efforts to maintain files on the bills sponsored or cosponsored by Conte. The bills are arranged in chronological order by Congress. Except for the first two Congresses in which Conte served the 86th and 87th covering the years 1959-1963, and the 96th and 97th Congresses which cover 1979-1982 each bill is in an individual folder and arranged by the assigned number.

Exceptions to the folder level arrangement include the 86th Congress, which consists of one folder containing a list of Conte sponsored legislation, and the 87th Congress, which consists of two folders for each session, each containing a list of Conte-sponsored legislation along with a printed bill. Other exceptions to folder level arrangement by bill number can be found in the 96th and 97th Congresses (1979-1982), which have computer generated "Legislative Profiles" produced by the House Office of the Clerk. The profiles summarize bills sponsored or cosponsored by Conte under broad topic.

The contents of the folders vary depending on which staff member maintained the files. Many of the files contain printed bills and drafts of bills, reports, statements, correspondence from constituents, members of congress and lobbyists, press releases, newsclippings and Congressional Record tear sheets; other files contain only a copy of the printed bill.

All types of legislative proposals: bills, both public and private; House Resolutions; House Joint Resolutions; and House Concurrent Resolutions are included and have been arranged in that order. Within each type the folders have been arranged numerically. There are numerous private bills interspersed among the public that pertain to individual matters, such as claims against the government, immigration and naturalization cases, and land titles.

Prominent issues reflect Conte's interests and committee assignments. There is much legislation in the areas of small business, farm subsidy reforms, social security, medicare, clean air and conservation, energy issues especially concerning oil import quotas and trade.

There is overlap within the collection and other series that are likely to have information supplementary to this series include the Legislative Subject/Correspondence Files, Floor Statements and Appropriations Committee Files.

**Note:** The complete folder-title list for this series has not been included in this guide owing to its great length. It is available in the Special Collections and University Archives Reading Room.

**Series 3: House Appropriations Committee    1973-1991    84 boxes, 105 linear ft.**

**Contents:** Series 3, House Appropriations Committee Files, consists of the files created and maintained by the minority staff assistants who helped Conte to meet the responsibilities of his position as ranking minority member of the Appropriations Committee.

This series does not fully cover Conte's Appropriations Committee activities. Prior to Conte becoming ranking minority member in 1979, most appropriations-related materials were filed by his staff in the Legislative Subject/Correspondence files.

The files span the 1970s through 1991, and contain documentation of many of Conte's favorite issues and important legislative initiatives. In addition to a subseries for each subcommittee, there are also subseries for General Budget Files, Correspondence, and Markup Books.

Several of the subseries have been further divided. The Interior Subcommittee files have been subdivided into four segments: Acid Rain files, Department of Energy files, Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (MBCC), and Tim Shea Subject Files. The Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee files have been further divided into Health and Human Services (HHS) files and Education and Labor files and the one box of materials on the Joint Commission on the Coinage has been placed under Treasury-Postal Service Subcommittee files.

There are no files on the Legislative Subcommittee or the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary.

The General Budget Files represent files not directly related to any one subcommittee but created as a result of Conte's leadership role and expertise in the appropriations process.

Subseries 3I, Markup Books, consists of the background information compiled by staffers in their effort to monitor Subcommittee Appropriations bills. The typical markup book consists of a looseleaf binder containing budget justification tables, correspondence from lobbying groups, committee recommendations, report language, and floor statements.

Subseries 3m, two boxes, Appropriations Correspondence, consists of copies of minority staff assistants' outgoing correspondence, filed by the name of the staff member within chronological periods.

<b>Subseries a: General Budget Files</b>	<b>1982-1990</b>	<b>3 boxes, 2.5 linear ft.</b>
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**Arrangement:** The files have been arranged chronologically except for the last box, which contains the Budget Summit notes for 1987, 1990, and the White House Notes, 1983-1989.

**Contents:** These files cover general appropriations issues not related to specific subcommittee bills. This includes Office of Management and Budget proposals and overviews, deficit reduction agreements and supplemental and urgent appropriations bills. Notable files in this series include Conte's notes (some with accompanying typed transcripts prepared by office staff) on the meetings he attended as a participant in the Budget Summits of 1987 and 1990. The summits called together cabinet members, leadership in congress, and the president to work out solutions to the budget deficit crisis. Some of the notes have typed transcripts to accompany them. Also of interest are typed transcripts of his notes taken during meetings at the White House spanning 1983-1989. Though other topics were discussed in the White House meetings, topics predominantly pertained to budget issues.

**Related material:** Related series include VIP Correspondence and Scrapbooks.

Fiscal Year 1980, Fithian Amendment	1979 July		Box 55
Fiscal Year 1980, H.R. 7325 Supplemental Appropriations Bill			Box 55
Fiscal Year 1981 Budget Statement			Box 55
Fiscal Year 1983		1 folder	
Office of Management and Budget, Budget Presentation, FY83	1982-02-09		Box 55
Fiscal Year 1983, Report to the Budget Committee	1982-03-15		Box 55
Fiscal Year 1983, Bipartisan Recovery Budget Committee	1982-05	2 folders	Box 55

Fiscal Year 1984

5 folders

Budget Resolution, House Republican Conference	1983 Mar.	Box 55
Continuing Resolution	1983 June-Sept.	Box 55
Engineering Facilities, Boston University/University of New Mexico	1982-1984	Box 55
1st Supplemental Bill, H.R. 3959	1983 Nov.	Box 55
2nd Supplemental Bill, H.R. 6400	1984 Aug.	Box 55
Fiscal Year 1985		9 folders
Mid-Session Budget Review, Office of Management and Budget	1984 Aug. 15	Box 55
Continuing Resolution		3 folders
Aug-Sep 1984		Box 55
Sep-Oct 1984		Box 55
OMB Position	1984 Sept.	Box 55
Deferrals of Budget Authority	1985 Mar.	Box 55
Supplemental Bill, H.R. 2577		4 folders
Administration (E.X.O.P.) Position	1985 May-June	Box 55
Rules	1985 June	Box 55
Conference Committee	1985 May-July	Box 55
Conference Committee, Amendments	1985 June	Box 55
Fiscal Year 1986		5 folders
Budget Presentation, OMB Dir. Stockman	1985 Feb. 7	Box 55
Budget Outline for Editorial Meeting with Berkshire Eagle	1985 Feb. 9	Box 55
Budget Proposal, First Budget Resolution FY86, Sen. Dominici	1985 Mar. 5	Box 55
Budget Proposal for FY86, Mar 15 Report	1985 Mar.	Box 55
Urgent Supplemental, H.R. 4515, Conference Committee	1986 Mar.-June	Box 55
Fiscal Year 1987		4 folders
Budget Resolution	1986 May	Box 55
Supplemental Bill H.R. 1827 and Conference Notes	1987 Apr.-June	Box 55
Section 302B, Budget Allocations	1987 May	Box 55
Fiscal Year 1988		5 folders
Gramm, Rudman, Hollings Conference Agreement	1987-09	Box 55
Gramm, Rudman, Hollings Report/Budget Sequester	1987 Oct.	Box 55
Continuing Resolution Conference Notes, H.J. Res. 395	1987 Oct.-Dec.	Box 55
Continuing Resolution Rescissions, OMB Action	1988 Mar.	Box 55
Inert Sales, Helium Reserves	1987 Jan.	Box 55
Fiscal Year 1989		10 folders
Overview Hearing, Testimony, Questions	1988 Feb.-Mar.	Box 55
Section 302B Allocations	1988 June-Sept.	Box 55
Gramm, Rudman, Hollings Deficit Reduction	1988 Aug.	Box 55
Supplemental Appropriations, including H.R. 705, Anti-Drug Appropriations	1989 Jan.-May	Box 55

SOC Substitute Amendment	1989 Apr.		Box 55
Drug Funding Amendment	1989 June		Box 55
Floor Action	1989 Mar.-May		Box 55
Office of Management and Budget Position	1989 June		Box 55
Conference Committee	1989 June		Box 55
Conference Notes	1989 June		Box 55
Fiscal Year 1990		9 folders	
Pres. Reagan Budget Overview	1989 Jan.		Box 56
Pres. Bush Budget Overview	1989 Feb.		Box 56
Pres. Bush Budget Amendments	1989 Mar.		Box 56
Budget Agreement, Bipartisan Scorekeeping Guidelines	1989 Apr.		Box 56
Dept. of Defense Stockpile Issues	1988-1989		Box 56
Sequestration Effects	1989		Box 56
Section 302B Allocations	1989 June		Box 56
Supplemental Appropriations	1990 Mar.		Box 56
Supplemental Appropriations, Conference Committee/Report	1990 July-Aug.		Box 56
Fiscal Year 1991		16 folders	
Pres. Bush Budget Overview, Requests	1990 Jan.		Box 56
Federally Funded R&D Centers, Dept. of Defense	1990 Mar.		Box 56
Budget Sequester Summit	1990 July-Sept.		Box 56
Continuing Resolution	1990 Sept.- Oct.		Box 56
Continuing Resolution Speeches			Box 56
Mid-Session Budget Review	1990 July		Box 56
Reconciliation	1990		Box 56
Sequestration, Summit	1990 July-Sept.		Box 56
Sequestration, Dept. and Agency Plans	1990	3 folders	Box 56
Sequestration Report	1990 Sept.	8 folders	Box 56
First, Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth, and Final Draft, and Cover Letter	1990 Sept.		Box 56
Budget Process Reform Act, H.R. 3929	1986-1990		Box 56
Budget Freeze Proposal, Office of Management and Budget	1985 Jan.		Box 57
Budget Rescission Bill, Senate Version	1985 Feb.		Box 57
Budget Reform Bill	1989 Apr.-Oct.		Box 57
Budget Summit Notes	1987	3 folders	Box 57
Budget Summit Final Agreement	1987 Nov.		Box 57
Budget Summit Notes	1990 May- Sept.	10 folders	Box 57
White House Meeting Notes	1983-1989	5 folders	Box 57
<b>Subseries b: Subcommittees on Defense and Military Construction</b>	1977-1988	2 boxes, 2.5 linear ft.	

**Arrangement:** Files for both subcommittees are combined because the files were maintained by the same individual, contain similar subject matter, and were kept in the same physical space. The folders are filed alphabetically under "Appropriations Bills," then chronologically by fiscal year.

**Contents:** The files for both the defense and military construction subcommittees of the House Appropriations Committee were maintained by minority staff assistant George Allen, and later by Charles (Chinch) Wollerton and by legislative assistant Patrick Larkin.

Materials in this series are typically correspondence from contractors, constituents, and government agencies, Dear Colleague letters, and internal memos, and especially reflect First District concerns. District defense industries from large General Electric and Smith & Wesson to small Kollmorgen sought Conte's support, as did local defense installations like Westover AFB. From national concerns like Arms Control, SDI ("Star Wars") and the MX Missile to First District controversy over noise from Westover Air Force Bases's C-5A transport planes or the proposed construction of two unpopular communications systems (one in Amherst, the other in Hawley). This series reveals Conte's interest in and influence over defense issues most significantly through the appropriations process.

AEGIS Ships, Naval Guided Missiles	1987		Box 58
Anti-Satellite Defense Systems (A.S.A.T.)	1985-1987		Box 58
Appropriations (Defense Authorization Acts)		14 folders	
Defense Appropriations, Subcommittee Hearings, Testimony, Questions, FY84	1983		Box 58
Defense Markup, Subcommittee, FY84	1983		Box 58
Defense Authorization Act, FY85	1984		Box 58
Defense Authorization Act, S. 1160, FY86	1985		Box 58
Defense Authorization, Amendments, FY86	1985 June		Box 58
H.R. 1748, Defense Authorization Act, FY88-89		7 folders	
Bill Material	1987	2 folders	Box 58
Amendments	1987 Sept.-Oct.		Box 58
Dear Colleague Letters	1987 Apr.-Apr.	3 folders	Box 58
Conference Committee	1987 Sept.-Dec.		Box 58
H.R. 4264, Defense Authorization Act FY89		2 folders	
Dear Colleague Correspondence	1988		Box 58
Lobbying Correspondence	1988		Box 58
Arms Control		15 folders	
Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty	1987-1988		Box 58
Arms Control, General	1987		Box 58
Arms Control, H.J.Res., Statements, Correspondence	1980-1985		Box 58
Congressional Research Service Articles (ABM, SALT)	1981-1982		Box 58
Nuclear Freeze		7 folders	
Comprehensive Act	1985		Box 58
General Information	1982-1984		Box 58
H.J. Res. 521, (SOC Bill), 97th Cong.	1982	2 folders	Box 58
H.J. Res. 2, (SOC Bill), 98th Cong.	1983		Box 58
H.R. 434, (SOC Bill), 98th Cong.	1982-1983		Box 58
Nuclear Freeze Rally	1983 Mar.		Box 58
Nuclear Test Ban, H.J.Res. 3	1983		Box 58
Nuclear Test Ban, H.R. 12, (Schroeder)	1987		Box 58
SALT II	1987 Jan.-Apr.		Box 58
SALT II Limitations, Dicks and Green Amendments	1987 Mar.		Box 58
Army Education Program Legislation	1980 Apr.-June		Box 58
Bomber, Manned	1980-1984		Box 58
Ballistic Missile Defense	1980 Nov.		Box 58
Barnes Airport, Westfield, MA	1986-1988		Box 58
Barnes Airport, Westfield, MA, Air National Guard	1979-1981		Box 58

Base Closings	1987-1988		Box 58
Bradley Fighting Vehicle	1985-1986		Box 58
Bradley Fighting Vehicle	1986-1987		Box 58
Buy American, Machine Tools	1986 Aug.-Dec.		Box 58
Buy American, Specialty Metals	1982		Box 58
C-5A Simulator	1987 July-Aug.		Box 58
Catch 62	1981 Mar.-Apr.		Box 58
CHAMPUS, (Health Program)	1980-1987		Box 58
Civil Defense	1979-1982		Box 58
Civilian Technicians Program	1980-1984		Box 58
Civilian Technicians Program	1987		Box 58
Defense Consultants	1985 Feb.		Box 58
Defense Contracting, FY78-FY80			Box 58
Defense Contractors		18 folders	
General Electric		4 folders	
Dual Sourcing, SSN 688	1987 Nov.		Box 58
KC-135 R, Tanker Aircraft	1987 Sept.- Oct.		Box 58
General Electric Notes, Layoffs	1988 Feb.-Mar.		Box 58
PT (Power Transformer)	1988 Nov.-Dec.		Box 58
Grumman, A6F Aircraft	undated		Box 58
K & M Electronics, West Springfield, MA, Night Vision	1980 May-June		Box 58
Kollmorgen, Northampton, MA	1987 May-June		Box 58
Massa Sonar, Coast Guard	1987 July-June		Box 58
McDonnell-Douglas, CX-C-17, Transport Aircraft	1981 Nov.-June		Box 58
Pratt & Whitney, RTM-322, T800, Jet Engines	1987 Oct.		Box 58
Raytheon, Sparrow and Patriot Missiles	1987 May-Oct.		Box 59
Savage Industries	1988 Feb.-Mar.		Box 59
Sematech	1987 Nov.-May		Box 59
Sippican, Sonobouy, n.d.	1987		Box 59
Smith & Wesson		4 folders	
9mm Pistol Competition w/Beretta	1981-1988	3 folders	Box 59
Price List	1986-1987		Box 59
Defense Industrial Base Revitalization, H.R. 5540, SOC Bill	1982 Mar.-Oct.		Box 59
DIVADS [Division Air Defense System]	1982-1983		Box 59
Draft Registration		4 folders	
Floor Action, Testimony, Correspondence	1980 Mar.		Box 59
Draft Registration Vote, Background	16-Apr-80		Box 59
National Youth Service Bill	1979 Feb.		Box 59
Selective Service	1980-1982		Box 59
F/A 18 Hornet (Aircraft)	1981-1982		Box 59
GWEN (Ground Wave Emergency Network) Towers	1987 Mar.- 1988 Oct.		Box 59
Hawley, MA, Air Force "Antenna Farm,"	1985 Mar.-July		Box 59
Jobs With Peace, H.Res. 46	1982 Nov.- 1983 Apr.		Box 59
Lincoln Laboratory (Hanscom Air Force Base, MA)	1987 May-Dec.		Box 59
Manpower, Officer Retention	1978-1987		Box 59
Maps, SE Asia, Vietnam	1967-1979		Box 59
Massachusetts Defense Industry	1980-1984		Box 59
Midgetman Missile	1987-1988		Box 59
MILAN Anti-Tank Weapon	1986		Box 59
Military Case Information	1977		Box 59

Military Reform Caucus	1983		Box 59
Military Spouses, Bills	1982		Box 59
MX Missile		6 folders	
1980-1981			Box 59
H.Res. 113, Scowcroft Commission Report	1983		Box 59
1982-1983			Box 59
Correspondence Against	1985		Box 59
MX/SDI Lobbying Correspondence, FY89	1988 Apr.-May		Box 59
MX/SDI Dear Colleague Correspondence, FY89	1988 Feb.-May		Box 59
Natick R & D, Natick, MA	1987		Box 59
National Guard, Massachusetts	undated		Box 59
Navy, Procurement Requirements	1979-1981		Box 59
Nerve Gas (Binary Munitions)	1980-1983		Box 59
Neutron Bomb	1981		Box 59
Nuclear Weapons, Theater (Tactical)	Mar-82		Box 59
Nurses, Flight Nurses at Westover AFB, MA	1987 Aug.- Sept.		Box 59
National Peace Academy	1981-1982		Box 59
Peace Tax Fund	1986		Box 59
Personnel, Leave	1980		Box 59
Procurement, FY84	1983		Box 59
Procurement Conference, Invitations	1984 Aug.- Sept.		Box 59
Procurement Information, Tables, FY85	1984		Box 59
Procurement, Northeast-Midwest Coalition	1981-1983		Box 59
ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps), MA	1980		Box 59
Research and Development	1987		Box 59
Retirement	1984-1985		Box 59
Silver Stockpile	1986		Box 59
SDI (Strategic Defense Initiative)	1987 Mar.-Nov.		Box 59
<i>Note:</i> SEE ALSO: MX Missile			
Trident II, Submarine Based Missile	1987 Oct.		Box 59
University Research Initiative	1987-1988		Box 59
Veterans Administration		4 folders	
New G.I. Bill of Rights, H.R. 1085	1987 Jan.-Mar.		Box 59
Background Information, Correspondence	1987 Jan.-Nov.	2 folders	Box 59
Veterans' Outreach Centers	1986-1987		Box 59
Video Synchronizer	1986 Nov.-Dec.		Box 59
Watertown, MA Arsenal	1984-1986		Box 59
Westover AFB, MA, C5A Flights, Constituent Correspondence	1987 Jan.-May		Box 59
Westover AFB, MA, Contracting Out	1985 Oct.- 1986 Feb.		Box 59
Wollerton, Chinch, Personal	1979		Box 59
X-Ray Stepper	1987		Box 59
<b>Subseries c: District of Columbia Subcommittee</b>	1982-1989	1 box, 1.25 linear ft.	
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**Contents:** The files relating to the Subcommittee on Energy and Water of the House Appropriations Committee contain materials relating to passage of specific appropriation bills and supplementals as well as to subjects of both one-time and ongoing interest. These subjects include the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), which provided federally funded employment through energy and water related projects and the Conte-sponsored "Buy American" provisions for government procurement contracts, particularly aimed at helping General Electric obtain contracts to provide generating equipment to hydroelectric plants. (Files related to JTPA can also be found in the L-HHS-ED Subcommittee files, Labor and Education subseries.) The appropriations bills are arranged chronologically by fiscal year and subject files follow in alphabetical order.

Also of interest are several files on individual hydroelectric projects, notably the Garrison project in North Dakota and the Dickey-Lincoln Lakes School project in northern New England, which illustrate Conte's efforts to balance clean energy production with the potentially devastating consequences of dam building to wetlands, conservation areas, and wildlife. Conte's dual concern for environmental and fiscal issues is also apparent in his opposition to the Clinch River breeder reactor and the Superconducting Super Collider (SSC) projects. Many of the projects overseen and funded by the Subcommittee on Energy and Water were once the province of the now defunct Subcommittee on Public Works. For this reason some material in these files, generated during the latter part of the 1970s, may seem out of place here. Another issue outside the province of the Subcommittee on Energy and Water is the Synfuels debate. This Department of Energy issue relates to the Interior Subcommittee. Nevertheless, several folders of Synfuels material appear in this series.

In general, these files consist of materials relating directly to markup and passage of appropriations bills, including (but not limited to) floor statements, hearing materials, amendments, conference notes, staff memos and correspondence from colleagues, constituents and lobbying groups. Subject files contain correspondence of the types just mentioned, staff memos, newsclippings, and some printed materials from lobbying groups.

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**Contents:** The files in this series document Conte's role as ranking minority member of the House Appropriations Committee, his position as an ex officio member of the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, and his commitment to human rights.

Arranged alphabetically by folder title, the files include correspondence, memoranda, news clippings, and legislative reference material. Much of the correspondence, and most of the policy research, was conducted by Jim Fairchild, minority staff assistant, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, 1980-1990; Bob Goudie, Conte's legislative assistant from 1983-1987, who was extensively involved in the formulation of Conte's policies regarding Central America; and Ed Gresser, legislative assistant to the Congressman in 1989.

Conte's interest in foreign affairs can be attributed to, in part, his service on the Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee in the 1960s. During that time he undertook a number of trips through Africa. (Files related to these subjects can be found in the Legislative Correspondence/Subject Files, Travel Files and Audio-Visual materials).

The files most often deal with problems within Africa, the Soviet Union, and Central American countries and cover a variety of issues including world hunger, human rights, refugees, international debt, trade and tariffs.

A large number of files in this series concern foreign aid appropriations. Other files concern human rights issues of interest and concern to Conte, unrelated to appropriations. Still others represent a synthesis of appropriations and human rights issues, such as those instances in which funding or aid is tied to human rights records. Of particular interest are the files on Conte's involvement in funding for the government of El Salvador and the Nicaraguan rebels. The Congressman often took positions on these issues that opposed the positions of the Republican administration. His commitment to fighting for human rights is demonstrated by his involvement in a number of cases concerning individuals such as Argentinean journalist Jacob Timmerman and ethnic groups such as Soviet Jewry and starving populations in Sub-Saharan Africa.

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**Contents:** Congressman Conte championed the interests of his district by seeking funding for First District projects in the appropriations phase, and represented those interests as an intermediary between constituents and the bureaucracy once a grant application was filed or a project under way.

The HUD subcommittee files document Conte's efforts, through his influence on the appropriations committee, to strengthen the economy of Western Massachusetts and to assist the elderly and low-income residents of Western Massachusetts through a myriad of housing and community development grants. Most of the files in this six box subseries relate to the appropriations of monies for programs such as Urban Development Action Grants (UDAG), Housing Development Action Grants (HODAG), Community Development Block Grants, funding for public works projects, housing for the elderly, and other HUD-related grants.

The contents here include correspondence, memoranda, news clippings, legislative reference materials, notes, speeches, and federal grant applications. The files are arranged alphabetically by folder title. Most of the files are under the first town or city for which the project was intended. There are also several files relating to the annual HUD-IA appropriations bill.

As a long-time supporter of public housing, Conte was extensively involved in procuring federally funded, low-income housing projects and developments in his district. As a result, he often found himself in the position of being a mediator between low-income constituents in need of affordable housing and those constituents who were opposed to housing projects in their neighborhood. Towns most often mentioned are: Pittsfield, Holyoke, Northampton, Greenfield, and North Adams.

Congressman Conte's interest in the environment and his concern for the homeless are evident in his legislative and constituent correspondence regarding the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), two of the several independent agencies within the HUD subcommittee's jurisdiction. There are several files regarding EPA projects in the First District, most of which relate to water pollution control and wastewater treatment. Other independent agencies represented in these files include the Veterans Administration, NASA, and the National Science Foundation.

The staff members most frequently represented in correspondence and memoranda are Gayl Mileszko and Mary Silveira, with assistance from Peter Gossens, James Ogsbury and James Kulikowski, all minority staff assistants.

Researchers should note that many subjects are to be found in a mixture of Appropriations Bills, Independent Agency, and First District Town or City files. This is due to the fact that many projects, such as a sewage treatment plant, may be requested by a town, funded by a HUD grant, and monitored by the EPA.

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**Contents:** The subject files reveal Conte's interest in environmental and conservation issues. Subjects of national importance include Antarctic preservation, wetlands acquisition, prevention of development of Matagorda Island, Texas, the last untouched barrier island and home of the whooping crane, and other National Wildlife Refuges, and the North American Waterfowl Conservation Act. Issues more specifically related to Interior concerns in Massachusetts' First District include the files on the restoration of the Atlantic salmon and striped bass to the Connecticut River through projects like the Northeast Anadromous Fish Lab in Turners Falls and the Sunderland holding station, obtaining federal Clean Water Act funds for Massachusetts, and Appalachian Trail relocation plans for the Berkshire County towns of Tyringham and Sheffield. For his many years of hard work and dedication to preserving the environment he was honored by many environmental organizations including the Sierra Club and the Audubon Society.

Despite Conte's interest in environmental and interior issues, he served only as an ex officio member of the Subcommittee on Interior, a position granted by his status as ranking minority member.

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Because the commission works closely with the Interior Department and because there are Interior Department documents interspersed throughout the MBCC files, this small group of files has been placed with Subcommittee on Interior files. The one box of MBCC files consists of a small assortment of program agendas, minutes, correspondence, hearing testimonies, and Interior Department press releases.

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**Contents:** Conte was an outspoken proponent of federal funding for education. He successfully fought against proposed spending cuts year after year to ensure adequate student loans and grants to college students and vocational and adult education grants. The Labor and Education subcommittee files were maintained by minority staff assistant James Kulikowski and later by Peter Gossens and document only a very small portion of Conte's significant achievements in education and labor related appropriations. Additional information on education and labor issues can be found in the Legislative Subject/Correspondence series. Unlike some other Appropriations Subcommittee files, a separate legislative subseries for Appropriations bills has not been created. Instead, these folders have been filed alphabetically under "Appropriations Bills," then chronologically by fiscal year.

Aside from the material dealing with Appropriations bill markup and passage per se the salient subject matter here is First District educational grant proposals. The Holyoke Magnet Middle School and North Adams State College TRIO (programs for students from disadvantaged backgrounds) Grants are two noteworthy examples of Conte's efforts to obtain grant monies for his district. There is a small file on the proposed Polymer Science Center at the University of Massachusetts and files on other grants and programs; information regarding default rates for the Guaranteed Student Loans program and the successful passage of a Conte sponsored bill to increase handicapped education funds for Massachusetts. There is some information on the Job Corps and Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA); additional material on the JTPA exists in the Energy and Water files. (II, 3d).

Conte was also concerned about shortages in the availability of well-trained healthcare workers and provided program funding to aid individuals seeking an education in the health sciences and the institutions that provide the training. The files concerning his efforts in this area are in the part 2. HHS subcommittee files.

In general, these files consist of materials relating directly to markup and passage of appropriations bills, including floor statements, hearing materials, amendments, conference notes, staff memos and correspondence from colleagues, constituents and lobbying groups. Subject files contain correspondence of the types just mentioned, staff memos, and newsclippings.

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**Contents:** In 1971 when Conte actively sought and obtained a seat on the subcommittee on Health, Education and Welfare (and in so doing relinquished his seats on the subcommittees on Foreign Operations and Treasury, Postal Service) he commented that "health, education and welfare deals with the quality of our lives and will play an even stronger role as the country prepares to move from a war economy to peacetime pursuits."

Eight years later Conte became ranking minority member of the House Appropriations Committee and, by his choice, ranking minority member of the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (as it became known in 1980).

The HHS files consist of 15 boxes of materials which include correspondence from agency officials, fellow members of congress, constituents, community organizations, lobbying organizations and non-profit agencies and foundations; speeches; floor statements; memoranda; and background information.

Conte focused a great deal of his energy and attention on the L-HHS-ED subcommittee appropriations process, becoming a recognized leader in national health policy and social service programs. He consistently fought successful battles against attempts by the administration to dismantle and cutback on the number of HHS programs and was effective in reordering spending priorities to benefit these programs.

His emphasis on funding for biomedical research is revealed in the files on the National Institutes of Health, Cancer, and Mental Health that document his work to increase funding for research into diseases such as cystic fibrosis, diabetes, arthritis, birth defects, AIDS, cancer, and Alzheimer's. His belief in the need for more research into mental illness and neuroscience is revealed in the files pertaining to a resolution he sponsored to designate the 1990s as the "Decade of the Brain." Issues affecting the elderly and the poor are documented in the files on Medicare, Medicaid, catastrophic health care, and various outreach programs. Issues affecting children and adolescents are well documented here with files on legislation concerning child abuse and runaway youths, teenage mothers, infant mortality rates, Child Welfare Resource Centers, lead poisoning prevention programs, and maternal and child health programs.

The voluminous files on the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program are testimony to his strong advocacy for continued full funding of this program amid massive budgets cuts during the Reagan administration and gave him the nickname "father of low-income fuel assistance."

The abortion and family planning files reflect his anti-abortion stance while also documenting his major support for federal funding of family planning facilities. There is much correspondence from both pro-choice and anti-abortion lobbyists and family planning center administrators. His active opposition to repeated efforts to eliminate funding to family planning centers earned him several awards over the years, among them a distinguished public service award in 1981 from the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Council.

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The largest group of files in this subseries is the "Railroads" file. Of particular interest to Conte were the Northeast Corridor rail project; the Montrealer line that traveled through Amherst; the Berkshire Scenic line; and the development of high-speed rail service. The Railroad files contain mostly constituent correspondence. Other correspondents include members of Congress and Federal agency officials mostly from the Interstate Commerce Commission, Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Railway Administration, and the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. Jeffrey Jacobs, minority staff assistant for the Subcommittee on Transportation from 1983-1987, maintained the bulk of these files.

Within the files on railroads is a group of files on Guilford Transportation Industries. Guilford owned Maine Central, Boston and Maine, and the Delaware and Hudson railroads, which were plagued by labor disputes, safety violations, and service complaints which adversely affected workers, employers and shippers in Mr. Conte's district over a period of years. Extensive records on Guilford were maintained by Mr. Conte's staff revealing his repeated intervention on behalf of his constituents.

Files pertaining to the Coast Guard user fee contains constituent correspondence, with unusually emotional tone. Although Conte was committed to full funding for the Coast Guard, he was unwilling to provide that funding at the cost of increasing the budget deficit. His solution was to propose a user fee to be paid annually by boaters who rely on the Coast Guard's services. This proposal generated an outcry of protest from boaters, nationally and locally. In spite of the unpopularity of this measure with a very vocal group of voters, Conte attempted (unsuccessfully) to pass his user fee year after year, from 1986 to 1989.

The correspondence in the files provides the researcher with interesting examples of correspondence received by members of Congress, and illustrates Conte's willingness to pursue policy objectives in the face of substantial voter opposition. The Coast Guard files were maintained separately by the office staff, suggesting the importance of this issue.

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**Subseries k-1 Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, General Government (T/PO)** 1981-1990 1 box, 1.25 linear ft.

**Contents:** Conte was a logical choice for appointee to this commission when it was created under the Coinage Act of 1965. As ranking minority member of the Subcommittee on Treasury-Post Service and an strong advocate for reform to the coinage system, Conte was the leading spokesman in the House for the elimination of silver from the subsidiary coins.

This subseries contains newsclippings, press releases, testimonies, statements, correspondence, committee reports, and bills relating to the so-called "silver issue," and the Coinage Act of 1965. The Act was passed in response to a multi-year coin shortage throughout the country as a result of several factors: a post-World War II population explosion, an increase in the use of coin-operated machines throughout the economy, and speculators hoarding coins.

Conte was an original designer of the Act which provided for minting of dimes and quarters from nonprecious metals, the first fundamental change to be made in the coinage system since 1792.

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<b>Subseries I: Markup Books</b>	<b>1973-1990</b>	<b>4 boxes, 5 linear ft.</b>	

**Contents:** Markup books are the working files of the minority staff assistants compiled in the effort to monitor various appropriations bills. The typical markup book, categorized by subcommittee appropriation bill and organized by fiscal year, consists of a binder containing budget justification tables, correspondence from lobbying groups, committee recommendations, memoranda, report language and floor statements regarding the bill under subcommittee consideration.

Because much of the material contained in the Markup books is available for research in The Center for Legislative Archives, the repository for the official records of Congress, only a sample has been retained here.

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<b>Subseries m: Appropriations Correspondence</b>	<b>1984-1991</b>	<b>2 boxes, 2.5 linear ft.</b>	
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**Arrangement:** The files have been arranged alphabetically within chronological periods.

**Contents:** This two-box series contains copies of outgoing correspondence sent by Conte's staff and concerns the following appropriations subcommittees: Labor-HHS-Ed, Interior, Defense and Agriculture, Energy and Water.

There are also many letters concerning issues of general interest such as foreign policy, the environment, trade, education, and the budget deficit.

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#### Series 4: Floor Statements

1959-1990

3 boxes

**Contents:** This series represents the office staff's efforts to maintain files of Conte's remarks on the floor as printed in the Congressional Record.

The files are arranged chronologically and there are no floor statements prior to 1965. There is one folder for the years 1965-1966. Beginning in 1967, the files become more numerous with a folder for each month. From 1975 to 1990 there are item lists for each year except 1976 and 1979. These lists have been filed at the beginning of the box.

Lists by subject cover the years 1981-1982 and include three valuable compilations as well: "Farm Subsidies," 1969-1972; "Petroleum Issues," 1959-1984; and "Agricultural Bills," 1968-1978. Documented here is Conte's outspoken opposition to oil import quotas and farm subsidies throughout his career which resulted in the introduction of much legislation.

**Related material:** Conte's floor remarks can be found scattered throughout many of the other series including Legislative Subject Files, Committee Files, and Speeches, and have been reprinted in Press Releases and Radio Transcripts.

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### Series 5: Briefing Books/Issue Books

1959-1984

1 box, 1.25  
linear ft.

**Contents:** Series 5, Briefing Books/Issue Books, one box, is a small series consisting of materials compiled for quick reference on key issues of concern to Conte and his constituents. Compiled sporadically by staff, the typical briefing book is an indexed compilation of materials focusing on a particular subject. The files have been arranged chronologically and materials include correspondence, floor statements, press releases, op-ed articles, newsclippings, speeches, and data sheets.

Notable compilations include a Farm Subsidies Book, 1973; two Oil Notebooks with accompanying item-level lists from 1959-1973, and a related Energy Issues Book, 1971-1973; and a Peace Record generated in response to the Vietnam War containing a summary of Conte's votes in Congress on issues concerning defense appropriations, foreign aid, and military campaigns in Vietnam. The Nuclear Freeze briefing book, 1982, documents Conte's actions in Congress regarding the move to nuclear disarmament.

For ease of access and preservation reasons, the books have been disassembled and items placed in acid-free folders.

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### **Series 6: Legislative Subject/Correspondence Files**

**1959-1991**

**106 boxes,  
132.5 linear  
ft.**

**Arrangement:** The Legislative Subject/Correspondence Files comprise one of the largest series in the collection. It consists of 106 boxes and has been divided into two subseries: Subseries a, the "7,000" Files, contains files spanning 1959-1979, that were assigned a 7,000 number by office staff. The original office filing system has been retained with the folders arranged alphabetically by topic or by agency or department that the issue pertained to; and, except for the first four years of Conte's service in Congress (1959-1963), are grouped in one-year periods mirroring the sessions of Congress.

**Contents:** A large percentage of the files contain constituent correspondence, often with Conte's outgoing response attached; other correspondents include congressional colleagues, state and local officials, agency officials, and lobbyists. Also contained within these files are printed bills; committee reports; press releases; floor remarks, newsclippings and background materials.

Topics reflect Conte's early committee assignments on the House Appropriations Committee and its subcommittees on Foreign Operations and Treasury-Postal Service (1959-1971) and later assignments on the subcommittees on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education (1971-1991) and Transportation (1973-1991) and to a smaller degree, the less visible Small Business Committee (1965-1991).

Topics of national issues reflected here include the Watergate Hearings, invasion of Cambodia, federal aid to education, the threat of communism, labor legislation, federal tax revisions, human rights, restrictions on importation of oil, gun control, civil rights legislation, appropriations for the Supersonic Transport, Roe vs. Wade, the Russian wheat deal of 1974, veterans legislation and the Vietnam War. There is a good deal of overlap in this series with similar topics and materials to be found in the General Subject Files and Bill Files.

Among several issues in this series that generated large amounts of constituent letters is H.R. 17735, a bill calling for a ban on interstate mail order sale of firearms and ammunition and introduced in response to the assassination of Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr., and John F. Kennedy.

By the mid 1970s the files are overrun with constituent correspondence. This series ends in 1979 when Conte's office adopted a computerized correspondence system to handle the rapidly increasing amounts of mail. From that time on, most of the constituent correspondence which had been filed either in this series, or in its parallel series, General Subject/Correspondence, would be filed in numerical order according to an automated correspondence system.

Subseries b: Legislative Issues, consists of post-1980 files maintained and passed down among several legislative assistants. The nine boxes of files are arranged alphabetically and relate to issues of international, national, state and local interest.

Documented here is Conte's opposition to humanitarian aid to the Nicaraguan Contras, and the 1983 Immigration Reform Act, which focused on immigration and refugee policies. There is considerable attention paid to international trade policies as reflected by the files on the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 and the Export-Import Bank.

Issues of national interest documented here include abortion, the budget deficit, and education funding as well as Conte's well-publicized battle to defeat honey subsidies and loans during the late 1980s. There are many topics pertaining to Massachusetts and the First District. Especially well documented is the Clay-Conte-Ford Plant Closing Bill, which sought to mandate advanced notice to plant workers in the event of lay-offs and to provide assistance to displaced workers. Other First District issues addressed include the excessive air traffic of C-5 transport planes from the Westover Air Force Base, grants to local housing authorities, and Conte's efforts to provide funding for Amtrak, Pioneer Valley Railways, and other railway corporations.

There are several files on the Pittsfield General Electric plant documenting Conte's efforts to protect jobs by generating manufacturing opportunities and by obtaining contracts for the plant. Related to those efforts are files pertaining to the Phalanx Liquid Propellant defense system and to airplane engine manufacturing. Protection of jobs is apparent in the 1984 files which discuss the strong "Buy American" provisions Conte advocated for government procurement of electric transformers.

There are files on environmental issues such as hazardous waste in Williamstown and Millers Falls, and animal and wetlands conservation efforts throughout Western Massachusetts.

**Note:** As is the case with the Bill files, the complete folder title list for this series is not in this guide owing to its long length. It is available in the Special Collections and University Archives Reading Room.

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## **Subgroup III. Press Relations and Media Activity**

## Series 1: Speeches

1958-1991

5 boxes, 5  
linear ft.

**Contents:** Conte's speeches reflect his thoughts, opinions and philosophy. Here are documented Conte's public views on a wide variety of issues of importance to 20th-century America.

Conte's rigorous schedule of public appearances is revealed here; he appeared before professional associations, unions, church and civic groups, fraternal organizations, and veterans groups. He attended dedications, receptions, inductions, groundbreaking, commencements, and many other special events.

The five boxes of speeches are arranged chronologically and usually contain the official text of Conte's address. Sometimes there are annotated drafts of speeches as well as background information and correspondence related to the occasion. Also included here are floor statements and some campaign speeches. Most are identified by location of speech.

1958-1967	83 folders	Box 250
1968-1973	63 folders	Box 251
1974-1980	78 folders	Box 252
1981-1986	69 folders	Box 253
1987-1991	49 folders	Box 254

## Series 2, Press Releases

1965-1991

7 boxes, 8.75  
linear ft.

**Contents:** The seven boxes of Press Releases provide highlights of Conte's political career, legislative activities, honors and awards, and also serve as a useful summary of federal grants and projects procured by Conte for the First District.

**Note:** There are extensive chronological item-level lists for both Speeches and Press Releases available in Special Collections and University Archives.

1950-1962	49 folders	Box 255
1963-1966	53 folders	Box 256
1967-1973	81 folders	Box 257
1974-1976	45 folders	Box 258
1977-1984	96 folders	Box 259
1985-1988	48 folders	Box 260
1989-1991	27 folders	Box 261

## Series 3: Radio and Television Transcripts

1959-1990

3 boxes, 3.75  
linear ft.

**Arrangement:** This three-box series is arranged chronologically

**Contents:** Much of the material in this series consists of radio show transcripts. The weekly 15-minute radio programs were taped in the House recording studio and mailed to radio stations in the First District.

Titled "This Week in Washington," "Congressional Report," and "Report from Washington" at various times, the radio programs are an excellent source of information on Conte's legislative initiatives and the current issues facing the First District, Congress, and the nation. The programs offer background histories of long-standing issues and detailed accounts of the appropriations process while illustrating the day-to-day operations on Capitol Hill. Transcripts range from as far back as Conte's freshman year in Congress and up to October 1990.

Conte frequently conducted interviews on the show. Interviewees were typically fellow members of Congress or federal department officials.

The few television files contain transcripts of programs from 1959; and background information and correspondence on various television interviews and special programs spanning 1960-1990.

Many of the radio shows exist in audiotape and audiocassette recordings (Audio-Visual Series). Often, Conte's radio shows, television programs, and speeches were reprinted as press releases. Thus, there is considerable overlap among the three series: Speeches, Press Releases and Radio & TV Transcripts.

Radio Shows	1959-1969	63 folders	Box 262
Radio Shows	1970-1979	65 folders	Box 263

**Series 4: Newsletters****1959-1990****1 box**

**Arrangement:** Arranged chronologically.

**Contents:** With a folksy, informal style Conte updated his readers on his activities in Congress; the introduction of new legislation; current issues facing Congress and the First District and Conte family news. The newsletters in this series cover Conte's entire congressional career from 1959 to 1990 with 1971 missing.

Topics covered in the newsletters include: the Civil Rights Bill, farm subsidies, social security, foreign policy, medicare, trade, the energy crisis, acid rain, wildlife preservation, foreign aid, defense spending, wage and price controls, and federal aid to education. He often reported on recent trips taken, such as a trip to China (1977) and the Soviet Union (1985). There are newsletters devoted solely to Vietnam (1967) and the proposed impeachment of President Nixon (1974).

The newsletters also contain the tabulated results of Conte's annual First district questionnaire.

**Series 5: Photographs****1950-1990****29 boxes,  
14.5 linear ft.**

**Contents:** This series provides a photographic record of Conte's public service. There are over five thousand mostly black and white photographs and slides spanning four decades. The majority of photographs are of Conte posing with visiting First District constituents. Here are located photographs taken during his travels particularly in South East Asia (1959), Africa (1961), China (1977), Latin America (1978), and Hungary (1979); photographs of special events; with members of Congress, the Cabinet, Presidents, and other VIP's; and family photographs. There are slides of the annual Congressional baseball game and of the trip to the Soviet Union in 1985. Several photograph albums were disassembled and sleeved with the original order retained.

**Note:** There is a chronological list of identified photographs in the collection available in Special Collections and University Archives as well as a database with additional subject and name indexing.

**Series 6: Audio-Visual Materials****1958-1991****4 shelves, 12  
linear ft.**

**Contents:** Series 6, Audio-Visual materials, includes a diverse range of formats and consists of audiotapes, audiocassettes, videotapes, and films.

A database, searchable by format, subject, name, and date has been created for all audio-visual materials and is available in Special Collections and University Archives.

Audio recordings

1958-1991

229 items: 85  
audiotapes,  
134 cassettes

**Contents:** The audio recordings are in both audiotape and cassette form and span the dates 1958-1991. Many document Conte's travels to Africa and Germany in 1961; Indonesia and Thailand in 1966; and Israel and Egypt in 1975. The trip to the Middle East in 1975 features recordings of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzak Rabin, Defense Secretary Shimon Peres and Egyptian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Ismail Fahmy. Also well documented is a Conte-sponsored 1976 Western Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce symposium, a 1980 Energy Symposium, 1980 at UMass; and the biennial Issues Symposium from 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, and 1990.

There are many recordings of Conte's weekly radio shows spanning 1961-1990; there are assorted campaign spots; various appropriations hearings, and several interviews.

Included here is a recording of a 1958 testimonial dinner honoring Conte's election to Congress with Dr. Frank Boyden, Judge Francis Quirico and former Speaker of the House Joseph Martin speaking on Conte's behalf; and a 1987 fundraiser for the endowment of the Silvio O. Conte Chair at the University of Massachusetts with guest speaker former President and long-time friend of Conte's Gerald Ford, Vice President George Bush, and Senator Edward Kennedy. There is Conte's reaction to the Watergate Hearings; and a 1987 statement on the closing of the General Electric Corp.'s Power Transformer Plant in Pittsfield. Numbers in parentheses at the end of the title signify multiple tapes.

Conte Campaign spots	1958	Box 264
Testimonial for Conte in Winning Congressional Seat	1958 Dec.	Box 264
Campaign 1960	1960	Box 264
Conte Campaign Spots (5)	ca.1965	Box 264
ABC Special "The Slandered American"	ca.1965	Box 264
Radio Show: Guest Secretary of Labor, Arthur Goldberg	1961 May	Box 264
Radio Show: Africa: Nigeria	1961 Nov.	Box 264
Radio Show: Africa: Nigeria	1961 Nov.	Box 264
Radio Show: Africa: Morocco	1961 Nov.	Box 264
Radio Show: Africa: Liberia	1961 Nov.	Box 264
Radio Show: Africa: Health Conditions	1961 Dec.	Box 264
Radio Show: Africa: South Africa	1961 Dec.	Box 264
Radio Show: Africa: Congo	1961 Dec.	Box 264
Radio Show: Africa: Congo	1961 Dec.	Box 264
Radio Show: Africa: Kenya	1961 Dec.	Box 264
Radio Show: Berlin, Germany	1961 Dec.	Box 264
Radio Show: West and East Berlin, Germany	1961 Dec.	Box 264
Africa Trip Report: Morocco	1961 Nov.	Box 264
Africa Trip Report: Nigeria	1961 Dec.	Box 264
Africa Trip Report: Congo	1961 Dec.	Box 264
Africa Trip Report: Liberia and Nigeria	1961 Dec.	Box 264
Africa Trip Report: Liberia	1961 Dec.	Box 264
Africa Trip Report: Congo, South Africa	1961 Dec.	Box 264
Africa Trip Report: Liberia	1961 Dec.	Box 264
Africa Trip Report: South Africa	1961 Dec.	Box 264
Africa Trip Report: Kenya	1961 Dec.	Box 264
Order of Sons of Italy, 48th Annual Convention	1962	Box 264
Conte Statement on Foreign Aid Bill, 1964	1963	Box 264
"Steve Allison Show," Washington, D.C., Conte as guest host (2)	1964 Feb.	Box 264
Radio Show: Military Bases	1963 Mar.	Box 264
Radio Show: Treasury-Postal Service Bill, 1965	1964	Box 264
Radio Show: Library Aide; Title 1	1964	Box 264
Conte Statement on North Adams Hospital, WBRK	1966 Feb.	Box 264
Thailand Report	1966	Box 264
Indonesia Report	1966	Box 264
Radio Show: Guest Lawrence O'Brien, Postmaster General	1967 Apr.	Box 264
Radio Show: Red Sox Carl Yastremski Honored	1968 Jan.	Box 264
Conte's Announcement of Candidacy	1968 July	Box 264

Campaign Spot	1968	Box 264
"Opinion", Conte Interview, WSBS-Great Barrington	1970 Apr.	Box 264
Conte Interview: Public Service and Congress	1971 Mar.	Box 264
"Washington Profile" Conte Interview with Sue Schiffer	1971 July	Box 264
Georgetown Forum: "Why a House Committee on Captive Nations?"	1971	Box 264
Holyoke Gasoline Shortage Hearings (2)	1973 Mar.	Box 264
Conte Interview with Lyman Brainerd, University of Massachusetts Global Studies	1974 June	Box 264
Conte Statement on Vote to Impeach President Nixon (3)	1974 Aug.	Box 264
Tom Manning, Democratic Candidate First District	1974 Aug.	Box 264
Conte Interview with Fred Weiss, University of Massachusetts: Watergate; Nuclear Energy; Campaign Financing	1974	Box 264
Conte Statement on Energy Crisis	1974	Box 264
President Ford's Conte Endorsement	1974	Box 264
Radio Show: Guest: John W. Warner, Chief of Bicentennial	1975 Mar.	Box 264
Western Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce Symposium	1975 Apr.	Box 264
Washington, D.C. (8)	1975 Apr.	Box 264
Israel-Egypt Trip: Israeli Minister of Defense, Shimon Peres (2)	1975 Apr.	Box 264
Israel-Egypt Trip: Speaker of Egyptian People's Assembly, Engineer Saed Merei	1975 Apr.	Box 264
Israel-Egypt Trip: Egyptian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Ismail Fahmy	1975 Apr.	Box 264
Israel-Egypt Trip: Israeli Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin (2)	1975 Apr.	Box 264
Israel-Egypt Trip: Egyptian Prime Minister Abdel Hegazi	1975 Apr.	Box 264
Israel-Egypt Trip: President of Egyptian Parliament Interview	1975 Apr.	Box 264
Egyptian Prime Minister Interview	1975 Apr.	Box 264
"Overseas Mission" American University, Conte Interview	1975 July	Box 264
Press Conference, President Ford's Nomination in MA (2)	1975 Nov.	Box 264
Radio Show: Small Business; Federal Bureaucracy	1975 Dec.	Box 264
Kodiak Island Trip	1975 Aug.	Box 264
Conte Speech to Berkshire Chamber of Commerce	1976 Feb.	Box 264
Radio Show: Guest: Dr. Theodore Cooper; Swine Flu	1976 Apr.	Box 264
Western Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce Symposium (6)	1976 Apr.	Box 264
Radio Show: Poland Trip	1976 May	Box 264
Radio Show: Public Works Employment Bill	1976 Aug.	Box 264
McColgan-O'Brien Democratic Primary Debate	1976 Aug.	Box 264
Conte Statement on gas prices	1976 Sept.	Box 264
Conte Campaign Spot	1976 Oct.	Box 264
Conte-McColgan Debate	1976 Oct.	Box 264
Ford-Dole Presidential Campaign	1976 Oct.	Box 264
Lesotho, Africa Trip: African-American Conference	1976 Dec.	Box 264
Radio Show: Guest: Rep. Jim Blanchard	1977 Apr.	Box 264
Conte Interview, League of Women Voters	1977 Apr.	Box 264
National Chamber of Commerce Interview, "High Cost of Keeping Your Congressman"	1977 June	Box 264
Radio Show: Guest: Rep. Joe Benton	1977 June	Box 264
"Meet the Member" Conte Interview with Joe McCaffrey, WMAL (2)	1977 June	Box 264

Radio Show: Guest: Admiral Owen W. Siler, Coast Guard	1978 Feb.	Box 264
Conte Campaign Spots	1978	Box 264
House Small Business Committee, Independent Truckers	1979 June	Box 264
House Small Business Committee, Petroleum Hearings	1979 June	Box 264
Putman Interview	1979 Dec.	Box 264
Symposium 1980 (2)	1980 May	Box 264
"Energy Alternatives and Assistance for the 80s", Energy Symposium, UMass (3)	1980 Sept.	Box 264
Conte Campaign Spots	1980	Box 264
Australia-New Zealand Trip, Interview with Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, New Zealand Prime Minister Talboys, and various officials (3)	1981 Apr.	Box 264
Statement on cosponsorship of bills banning Libyan Imports	1981 Oct.	Box 264
"Meet the Member" Conte Interview with Joe McCaffrey	1982 Sept.	Box 264
Education Appropriations Hearings (4)	1982	Box 264
Conte Campaign Spots	1982	Box 264
Roast & Party for SOC	1982	Box 264
Conte Interview (unidentified)	1982	Box 264
Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 1983	1982	Box 264
Budget Hearings for 1983, Health and Human Services	1982	Box 264
Congressional Baseball Game	1982	Box 264
Conte Speech at Right to Life Meeting, Washington D.C.	1983 Jan.	Box 264
Conte Interview: Budget, Education, Foreign Assistance, ERA	1983	Box 264
1984 Issues Symposium (5 tapes)	1984 May	Box 264
Council for Advancement and Support of Education Speech	1985 Feb.	Box 264
Reaction to State of the Union Address	1985 Feb.	Box 264
"Morning Edition," Conte Interview with Bob Edwards	1985 Apr.	Box 264
Radio Show: 1986 Appropriations	1985 July	Box 264
Senate Finance Committee Testing	1986 Feb.	Box 264
Radio Show: Oil Imports, Philippines	1986 Feb.	Box 264
Appropriations for National Institutes of Health (2 tapes)	1986 Mar.	Box 264
"Viewpoint," Interview with Bob Weiner, 1986 Campaign	1986 Apr.	Box 264
Radio Show: Oil Import Fee, Nuclear Test Ban, Philippines	1986 Apr.	Box 264
1986 Issues Symposium (4)	1986 May	Box 264
Conte Campaign WREB Tape	1986	Box 264
WFCR-Amherst Fundraiser Spot	1986	Box 264
Conte Statement on General Electric Power Transformer Plant Closing	1987 Jan.	Box 264
Silvio Conte Dinner, Fundraiser for University of Massachusetts Amherst	1987 May	Box 264
AIDS Briefing with nine Nobel Prize Winners (3)	1987 June	Box 264
1988 Issues Symposium (3)	1988 May	Box 264
Appropriations Committee Tribute to Hon. Edward P. Boland, Springfield	1988 Oct.	Box 264
Radio Show: War Against Drugs	1989 Nov.	Box 264
Radio Show: Berlin Wall	1989 Nov.	Box 264
Radio Show: Czech President Havel to Congress, Disabilities Prevention Act	1990 Feb.	Box 264
Radio Show: Democratization	1999 Mar.	Box 264

Radio Show: Fuel Assistance	1999 Mar.	Box 264
Radio Show: Budget Reduction, Inspector General	1990 Apr.	Box 264
WMAC-Radio Conte Commentary, Pittsfield Parking Garage	1990 May	Box 264
1990 Issues Symposium (5)	1990 May	Box 264
Radio Show: Clean Air	1990 May	Box 264
Son's of Italy: Tribute to Conte in Honor of SOC Scholarship Fund	1990 June	Box 264
Radio Show: Bush-Gorbachev Summit, Northeast Fish Research Lab, Budget Summit	1990 June	Box 264
Northeast Anadromous Fish Lab Turners Falls, 1990 Radio Spot	1990 June	Box 264
Radio Show: Fish Lab	1990 June	Box 264
Radio Show: Education	1990 July	Box 264
Radio Show: Housing	1990 July	Box 264
Conte Statement on Antarctica	1990 July	Box 264
Radio Show: Americans with Disabilities Act	1990 July	Box 264
Radio Show: Medicare	1990 Aug.	Box 264
Radio Show: Budget Summit, Persian Gulf Crisis, Defense Authorization Bill	1990 Sept.	Box 264
Radio Show: Defense Authorization Bill for FY 1991	1990 Sept.	Box 264
Radio Show: Home Heating, Budget Cuts, Peace Corps	1990 Oct.	Box 264
Radio Show: Weather Service	1990	Box 264
Conte on Turners Falls Fish and Wildlife Lab	1990	Box 264
Public Service Announcement-Conte on Census	1990	Box 264
Conte Comments on Persian Gulf votes in Congress	1991 Jan.	Box 264
Conte Speech at Massachusetts Citizens for Life Meeting	1991 Jan.	Box 264
"Voice of America" Conte Interview: Jordan	1991 Jan.	Box 264
Sharon Pratt-Dixon Reception	1991 Jan.	Box 264
Highlights of Conte	1991	Box 264
Conte Interview with Veronica Lewis	undated	Box 264
Wildlife Federation	undated	Box 264
Radio Show: Social Service Funding Bill	undated	Box 264

#### Films

1959-1974

53 items

**Contents:** The fifty-three films mainly consists of Conte's five-minute television program and date from 1959, 1961 and 1967-1968. The television programs were often condensed versions of the radio programs. As is the case with the radio programs, many of the dialogues are reprinted in the Radio & TV Transcripts (Sub-Group III, Series 3).

Conte often interviewed a guest, usually a federal department or agency official or member of Congress, and discussed current issues before Congress. Guests range from John W. Lederle, the president of the University of Massachusetts (1967), Sargent Shriver, director of the Peace Corps (1961) to Governor of Massachusetts John Volpe (1967).

Because so many of the films were made in 1967-1968 there is much discussion of Vietnam, including Conte's stance regarding it, and First District constituents' response. Furthermore, the 1959 and 1961 films often address foreign aid, the communist "threat," and the Cold War. There are also a few films of the Congressional baseball game (1972, 1974) and of other special events.

First Term Interview, Minimum wage, Unemployment, Labor Bill, Union Regulations	1959 Jan.	Box 264
Conte on Communism	1959 June	Box 264
Conte on Labor Reform; Union Corruption	1959 June	Box 264
Conte Capitol Building Facelift	1959 July	Box 264
Conte on Khrushchev-Eisenhower Meeting; Cold War	1959 Aug.	Box 264
Conte w/Guest: Stewart Udall, Secretary of Interior, Cape Cod National Seashore; Residual Oil Restriction	1961 Mar.	Box 264



Conte w/Guest: Dr. Beaubein, Project Hope	1961 Apr.	Box 264
Conte w/guest: Sargent Shriver, Director of Peace Corps, Recruitment and Funding	1961 May	Box 264
Conte w/guest: Arthur J. Goldberg, Secretary of Labor, Minimum Wage Law; Automation; H.R. 2955 Trade Union	1961 May	Box 264
Conte w/guest: Professor Adolf Burley, Task Force on Latin America; Cuba	1961 May	Box 264
Conte on Minimum Wage; Water Pollution	1961 July	Box 264
Soap Box Derby, Northampton, MA	1966 June	Box 264
Conte w/guest: Hon. Gerald Ford, President Johnson's State of the Union Address; Budget Deficit	1967 Jan.	Box 264
Conte on Adam Clayton Powell; Change of House Appropriations Committee; Coast Guard Switched from Treasury Department to Department of Transportation	1967 Jan.	Box 264
Conte on Federal Deficit; Presidential Spending; Temporary subcommittee on the Budget; Appropriations Committee reorganization; Route 91 project	1967 Feb.	Box 264
Conte on C.I.A. involvement with National Student Association	1967 Feb.	Box 264
Conte on Draft laws; Deferment; Adam Clayton Powell, Gun Control, Vietnam	1967 Mar.	Box 264
Conte on Cable TV	1967 Mar.	Box 264
Conte w/guest: Governor John Volpe of Massachusetts on visit to Washington, D.C.	1967 Mar.	Box 264
Conte w/guest: Lawrence O'Brien, Postmaster of U.S., Postal Service	1967 Apr.	Box 264
Conte w/guest: Governor George Romney of Michigan, Issues facing the 1968 Presidential Election	1967 Apr.	Box 264
Conte w/guest: Mrs. Lucy Benson, Amherst, MA, Vice President of the National League of Women Voters, Equality in Education and Employment	1967 May	Box 264
National Association of Business and Education Radio award of merit presented to Conte for outstanding contributions for land-mobile radio	1967 June	Box 264
Conte w/guests: Pittsfield Rabbi and Northampton Rabbi; Middle East Crisis; State of Israel	1967 June	Box 264
Conte on Ten Percent Surcharge on Income Tax	1967 June	Box 264
Conte w/guest: Captain Carroll, USMC; Study of Weapons used in Vietnam	1967 July	Box 264
Conte w/guest: Dr. John W. Lederle, President of University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Project Themis; Funding for the new Library; Graduate Research Center; Medical School	1967 July	Box 264
Conte on Vietnam; August 5th American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars Speech, Dalton MA	1967 Aug.	Box 264
Conte on Vietnam, calling for ban on bombing North Vietnam unconditionally	1967 Aug.	Box 264
Conte w/guest: Senator Charles Percy of Illinois, National Home Ownership Bill; Vietnam	1967 Aug.	Box 264
Conte w/guest: Hon. Donald Rumsfeld, Japanese-American Conference	1967 Sept.	Box 264
Conte w/guest: Hon. Don W. Riegle Jr., Economic Aid for Vietnam	1967 Oct.	Box 264
Conte on increase in Income Tax debate	1967 Oct.	Box 264
Conte on Poverty Program; Foreign Aid Bill; Arms Race in Latin America	1967 Nov.	Box 264

Conte w/guest: Bob Crowe of Deerfield Academy, Internship Program	1967 Nov.	Box 264
Conte on Social Security Benefit increase	1967 Dec.	Box 264
Conte on 1967 Social Security Bill	1967	Box 264
Conte w/guest: John ackson, Governor Volpe's Washington, D.C Representative; Grants to Massachusetts	1967	Box 264
Conte w/guest: Honor-able George Mahon, D-TX, Chairman Appropriations Committee	1967	Box 264
Conte on Red Sox visit to Washington, D.C.; Carl Yastremski honored; Ways and Means Committee; Ten Percent Surcharge Tax Increase	1968 Jan.	Box 264
Conte on Washington, D.C.'s Proposed Visitor Center	1968 Jan.	Box 264
Visit to Reynold's Manufacturing Company	ca.1975	Box 264
General Electric Broadcasting: John Chambers with Conte, Power Transformer Dumping	1971 Oct.	Box 264
Conte Introduction and Closing to Apollo-15 Film	1972 Jan.	Box 264
West Springfield High Band Visit to Washington, D.C.; Constituent visits to the office; Cherry Blossoms	1972 Apr.	Box 264
Baseball Films From Susan Schiffer	1972 Aug.	Box 264
Congressional Baseball Game	1972	Box 264
Congressional Baseball Game, NBC-TV	1972	Box 264
Energy Crisis, Meeting with New England Fuel Institutes	1973 Nov.	Box 264
Conte with President Ford in the White House, for use in Campaign Spots	1974	Box 264
Conte Campaign Spot, WWLP, Issues include agriculture and gasoline	1974	Box 264
Videotapes	1976-1991	15 items
<p><b>Contents:</b> There are 15 videotapes spanning 1976-1991. Here are campaign spots for local television stations, a few interviews including an undated 28-minute Channel 40 interview, a 1983 public broadcasting report on Congress which features Conte, a short 1990 interview regarding the House vote on the budget, and a 1991 35-minute promotional documentary produced by the Silvio O. Conte Education Foundation. There are tapes with House floor coverage including Conte's remarks on the line item veto (1984), and oil import fee (1989), and two statements by Conte on his sponsored "Decade of the Brain" Resolution (1990).</p>		
Conte Interview with Joseph J. Sisco	1975 Sept.	Box 264
Campaign Tape, WFSB-TV 3 Hartford, CT	1976	Box 264
Congressional Baseball Game	1983 July	Box 264
Line Item Veto	1984 Jan.	Box 264
Campaign Spots	1986 Sept.	Box 264
Groundbreaking for the New England Anadromous Fish Research Lab, Turners Falls, MA	1966 June	Box 264
House Floor Remarks, Includes Oil Import Fee Debate	1989 Jan.-May	Box 264
"Decade of the Brain"	1989 Dec.	Box 264
"Decade of the Brain"	1990 Jan.	Box 264
Budget Interview, WGGB-Channel 40, Springfield	1990 Oct.	Box 264
"Congressman Silvio O. Conte: One Man Who Made a Difference," Silvio O. Conte Education Foundation	ca.1995	Box 264
Labor Day Speech, Commemorating Labor Day as a Holiday	undated	Box 264
Conversation with Frank McInerney, WGGB-Channel 40, Springfield	undated	Box 264

## Subgroup IV. Constituent Services

**Series 1: Constituent Mail/Issue Mail**

**1959-1991**

Subseries a: General Correspondence/Subject Files 1959-1980 78 boxes, 97.5 linear ft.

**Arrangement:** During the early years of Conte's tenure, the office staff's filing structure was broken down into two major divisions General Subject/Correspondence files in this series and Legislative Subject/Correspondence files (II,6). The General files document the more constituent-related services a member's office provides and the internal information needs of the office. The original order has been retained. For the first decade (1959-1968) of Conte's tenure in office the folders were arranged alphabetically by topic, and, except for the first four years of Conte's service in Congress (1959-1963), grouped in one-year periods mirroring the sessions of congress.

The system changed in 1969; files were grouped by federal agency or department, or, by type or function of the document. For example, all requests (type) were grouped together as were files on the media (function). The system changed again in 1979, as reflected in subseries c, numbered correspondence.

**Contents:** Many of the files contain constituent correspondence with Conte's outgoing response attached. There are files on federal agencies and departments, the State of Massachusetts, the armed services, and First District businesses and industry. Much of the information was maintained for the purpose of obtaining grants and projects for First District towns, cities, small businesses, industry, and community organizations. There are files relating to General Electric, the proposed closing of the Springfield Armory, and Westover Air Force Base.

Information on the Republican National Committee, conventions and platforms and on various Republican candidates for office is filed here.

Although the parallel series, Legislative Subject/Correspondence files, usually contained the bulk of issue mail concerning legislative issues and bills before Congress, there is a substantial amount of "issue"-related correspondence in the General files as well; for example, the large amount of constituent correspondence regarding the Vietnam War.

The General Correspondence files illustrate Conte's inclination to answer all mail and to preserve the entirety of the records created by his office. Requests for materials such as flags, agricultural yearbooks, pictures, government publications, or gallery passes were filed within this series. In addition to such request files there are copies of correspondence that Conte staff wrote to constituents when their names appeared in the newspapers. New brides and parents of new babies were sent Department of Agriculture information booklets. Awards, anniversaries, elections to office, appointments to posts, deaths, weddings, all generated a brief letter of congratulations or condolence from Conte. Most of these routine files have been discarded to reduce bulk.

As is the case with the other large series in the collection, the folder title list is not included in this guide and is available in Special Collections and University Archives.

Subseries 1: Post Office Files 1973-1977 3 boxes, 3.75 linear ft.

**Arrangement:** Arranged alphabetically by community.

**Contents:** This three box subseries contains correspondence from First District residents concerning problems with mail delivery, opinions for and against proposals for new post offices, and inquiries into employment opportunities within the Postal Service. Additionally, there is documentation of Conte's efforts to have particular commemorative stamps issued. These files differ from files in the Legislative Subject Files titled Postal, which mainly deal with Postal appropriations in the federal budget process.

General Correspondence	1969	Box 343
General Correspondence	1973	Box 343
General Correspondence	1974	Box 343
General Correspondence	1975	Box 343
General Correspondence	1976	Box 343
General Correspondence	1977	Box 343
Commemorative Stamps	1969	Box 343
Commemorative Stamps	1970-1974	Box 343

Susan B. Anthony Commemorative Stamp	1970	Box 343
Baseball Commemoratives	1969	Box 343
William Cullen Bryant Commemorative Stamp	1979	Box 343
Emily Dickinson Commemorative Stamp	1971	Box 343
Hoosac Tunnel Commemorative Stamp	1972-1974	Box 343
Moby Dick Commemorative Stamp	1970	Box 343
Montessori Commemorative Stamp	1973	Box 343
Shaker Village Commemorative Stamp	1975	Box 343
Adams		Box 343
Agawam		Box 343
Amherst	3 folders	Box 343
Ashfield		Box 343
Ashley Falls		Box 343
Athol		Box 343
Baldwinville		Box 343
Becket		Box 343
Belchertown		Box 343
Berkshire		Box 343
Bernardston		Box 343
Blandford		Box 344
Charlemont		Box 344
Cheshire		Box 344
Chester		Box 344
Chesterfield		Box 344
Colrain		Box 344
Cummington		Box 344
Dalton	2 folders	Box 344
Easthampton		Box 344
Egremont		Box 344
Erving		Box 344
Fairview		Box 344
Feeding Hills		Box 344
Florence		Box 344
Gill		Box 344

Goshen		Box 344
Great Barrington		Box 344
Greenfield	2 folders	Box 344
Griswoldville		Box 344
Hadley		Box 344
Hardwick		Box 344
Hatfield		Box 344
Haydenville		Box 344
Hinsdale		Box 344
Holyoke	3 folders	Box 344
Housatonic		Box 344
Hubbardston		Box 344
Huntington		Box 344
Lake Pleasant		Box 344
Lanesboro		Box 344
Lee		Box 344
Leeds		Box 344
Lenox		Box 344
Leverett		Box 344
Middlefield		Box 344
Millers Falls		Box 344
Mill River		Box 344
Monroe Bridge		Box 344
Montague		Box 344
Monterey		Box 344
Mt. Hermon		Box 344
Mt. Washington		Box 344
New Braintree		Box 344
New Salem		Box 344
North Adams		Box 345

North Amherst		Box 345
North Egremont	2 folders	Box 345
Northampton	2 folders	Box 345
Northfield		Box 345
Otis		Box 345
Out of District		Box 345
Pittsfield	2 folders	Box 345
Richmond		Box 345
Rowe		Box 345
Russell		Box 345
Sandisfield		Box 345
Savoy		Box 345
Sheffield		Box 345
Shelburne Falls		Box 345
South Deerfield		Box 345
South Hadley		Box 345
South Lee		Box 345
Southfield		Box 345
Southampton		Box 345
Southwick		Box 345
Stockbridge		Box 345
Sunderland		Box 345
Turners Falls		Box 345
Tyringham		Box 345
Warwick		Box 345
Wendell		Box 345
West Cummington		Box 345
West Springfield	2 folders	Box 345
West Stockbridge		Box 345
Westfield		Box 345

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Wheelwright	Box 345
Williamsburg	Box 345
Williamstown	Box 345
Windsor	Box 345
Woronoco	Box 345
Worthington	Box 345

<b>Subseries b: Index Card Files</b>	<b>1959-1991</b>	<b>14 card boxes</b>
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**Arrangement:** The cards are filed alphabetically by constituent last name.

**Contents:** This series consists of 14 boxes of index cards from the Holyoke and Pittsfield District offices. The cards span 1959-1991 and contain a record of all constituent requests: by phone, person, or mail. Each time a constituent contacted the office, the type of request is recorded on the card, thus providing a history for each constituent.

<b>Subseries c: Correspondence, Numbered</b>	<b>1979-1991</b>	<b>10 boxes, 12.5 linear ft.</b>
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**Contents:** In an effort to cope with the increasing amounts of incoming correspondence, Conte's office adopted an automated correspondence management system in 1979. Staff would prepare standardized responses to the letters received or expected to be received and store them in the computer to be printed upon demand.

As correspondence came in, staff would assign a unique document number to each piece of mail and index the document in a number of different ways: by subject (often multiple), correspondent's name, responding staff member, geographical location, and type of document.

The computer could sort the correspondence stored in it according to any of these identifiers and print out hard-copy lists. This made file copies of outgoing correspondence, either chronological or alphabetical, unnecessary.

Unfortunately all indexes were lost or destroyed in the haste to vacate the offices upon Conte's unexpected death. There are surviving print-outs of the indexing codes used by the office staff. These have been placed in the first box of this series.

The original 86 boxes of documents, arranged in numerical order, have been randomly sampled to reduce bulk. The 10 boxes that remain contain one of three things: constituent letters with indexing codes and office's response attached; a copy of the office's outgoing response only, or simply the constituent letter with codes.

This series documents the issues of national, state, and local concern to First District residents and the general public and Conte's response to those concerns.

## **Series 2: Projects/Grants Files**

<b>Subseries a. James Ogsbury Project Files</b>	<b>1987-1990</b>	<b>3 boxes, 3.75 linear ft.</b>
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**Contents:** This series has been broken down into two subseries. Subseries a consists of three boxes created and maintained by James Ogsbury, minority staff assistant assigned to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development in 1989 and 1990 and the Subcommittee on HUD-Independent Agencies in 1990.

The files outline housing and energy projects implemented by the communities of the First District and pertain to both of the above subcommittees. There are Eastern Massachusetts and statewide projects as well and information on a few national housing and energy agencies. The majority of the First District projects concern county and town housing authorities, with special attention to the Holyoke Housing Authority.

Also represented are many clean water projects, such as the Boston Harbor Project, the Hoosac River Project, and the Housatonic River Project. There is also a great deal of information pertaining to erosion of the banks of the Connecticut River.

The individual folders consist primarily of reports and correspondence from the individual agencies or projects and a few speeches given by Conte.

**Related material:** Related series include the Energy and Water Subcommittee and HUD Subcommittee files.

Adams, MA	1990		Box 356
Amesbury, MA	1990		Box 356
Amherst, MA	1989-1990		Box 356
Army Corps of Engineers, Berkshire County Projects	1989-1990		Box 356
Ashfield, MA	1989-1990		Box 356
Barnes Aquifer, Westfield, MA	1989		Box 356
Berkshire Housing Services Inc.	1990		Box 356
Berkshire Community Action Council	1990		Box 356
Berkshire County	1989-1990	2 folders	
Regional Housing Authority	1989-1990		Box 356
Regional Planning Commission	1990		Box 356
Bondi's Island, Springfield, MA	1989		Box 356
Boston Harbor	1987-1990		Box 356
Carnegie Commission	1990	2 folders	Box 356
Census Data	1990		Box 356
Central Artery Project	1990		Box 356
Champlain Pipeline Project	1989		Box 356
Chester, MA	1990		Box 356
Cislunar Spacecruiser	1990		Box 356
Colrain, MA	1989		Box 356
Connecticut River	1989		Box 356
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Deerfield River	1989-1990		Box 356
Dennison National Co.	1988-1989		Box 356
Department of Energy, MA Budget Estimates	1990		Box 356
Duxbury Housing Authority, SOC Honor Citation	1990		Box 356
Easthampton, MA	1989-1990		Box 356
Environmental Health Institutes	1990-1991		Box 356
Environmental Protection Agency	1990		Box 356
Erving, MA	1989		Box 356
Family Life Support Center, North Adams, MA	1989		Box 356
Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston	1989		Box 356
Florence Heights Housing Project, Florence, MA	1989		Box 356
Franklin County	1989-1990	2 folders	
General	1989-1990		Box 356
Housing Authority	1990		Box 356
Gill, MA	1989		Box 356
Glendale Project, Stockbridge, MA	1989		Box 356
Graham Street, Gardner, MA	1989		Box 356
Greenfield, MA	1990		Box 356
Greylock Glen, Adams, MA	1990		Box 356
Hadley, MA	1990		Box 356
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Hatfield, MA	1989		Box 356
Holy Family Housing Corp.	1989		Box 356
Holyoke, MA	1990	10 folders	
General	1990		Box 356
Housing Authority	1990	5 folders	
Correspondence	1990		Box 356
Newspaper Articles	1990		Box 356
Notes and Memos	1990		Box 356
Position Papers	1990		Box 356
Primary Documents	1990		Box 356
Hydro-Electric Project	1989		Box 356
Soldier's Home	1990		Box 356
Special Grant	1990		Box 356
Steigers Building	1989		Box 356
Hoosac River	1989		Box 356
Housatonic River	1990		Box 356
HUD, Massachusetts	1990		Box 356
Jesse's Home, Emergency Shelter	1989		Box 356
Kendall Square	1990		Box 357
Kramer Scrap Inc.	1988-1989		Box 357
Lanesborough, MA	1990		Box 357
Lee Cogeneration Plant	1990		Box 357
Lenox, MA	1990		Box 357
Little River Project	1990		Box 357
Massachusetts Association of Conservation Districts	1989		Box 357
Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency	1990		Box 357
Massachusetts Municiple Wholesale Electric Co.	1989		Box 357
Millers Falls, MA	1990		Box 357
Montague, MA	1990		Box 357
Mortgage Bankers Association	1989		Box 357
Museum of Contemporary Art	1990		Box 357
National Apartment Association	1990		Box 357
National Association of Home Builders	1989-1990		Box 357
National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials	1988-1989		Box 357
New England Fuel Institutes	1989-1990		Box 357
North Adams, MA	1990		Box 357
Northampton, MA	1989-1990	3 folders	
General	1990		Box 357
Homeless	1989-1990		Box 357
Housing Authority	1990		Box 357
Orange, MA	1990-1991		Box 358
Patten & CO.	1990		Box 358
Phillipston, MA	1989		Box 358
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	1990		Box 358
Pittsfield, MA	1985-1990	3 folders	
General	1990		Box 358
General Electric	1990		Box 358
Urban Development Action Grant	1985-1990		Box 358
Pulaski Heights Apartments, Holyoke, MA	1990		Box 358
Quabbin Reservoir	1990		Box 358
Riverdale Urban Development Action Grant	1984-1989		Box 358
Rural Housing Inc.	1990		Box 358
Salvation Army	1989		Box 358
Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant	1990		Box 358
Shelburne, MA	1989		Box 358
SOC	1988-1990	2 folders	
Election	1988-1990		Box 358
Miscellaneous Statements and Correspondence on Energy and HUD	1988-1990		Box 358

South Hadley, MA	1988-1990		Box 358
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Southampton Meadows	1989		Box 358
Southwick, MA	1990		Box 358
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St. Josephs School	1990		Box 358
Templeton, MA	1990		Box 358
University of Massachusetts Amherst	1990		Box 358
Valley Program Inc.	1990		Box 358
Veterans Park Apartments	1987-1990		Box 358
Ware, MA	1990		Box 358
Warwick, MA	1990		Box 358
Western Massachusetts Community Loan Fund	1989		Box 358
Westhampton, MA	1988-1990		Box 358
West Springfield, MA	1990		Box 358
West Stockbridge, MA	1990		Box 358
Williamstown, MA	1989-1990		Box 358
Winchendon, MA	1990		Box 358
Yankee Rowe Nuclear Power Plant	1990		Box 358
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First District Grants	1973-1975		Box 359
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Bicentennial Projects-First District	1975		Box 359
Centennial Register	1975-1976		Box 359
Connecticut River Valley Recreation Area		5 folders	
General	1970		Box 359
Correspondence	1969-1971	2 folders	Box 359
Interior Dept.	1969-1970		Box 359
Mt. Holyoke Unit	1970		Box 359
Dickey-Lincoln Hydroelectric Project		8 folders	
General	1974	2 folders	Box 359
Correspondence		2 folders	Box 359
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Floor Materials	1974		Box 359
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"1975 Debacle"	1974-1975		Box 359
Drug Abuse	1969		Box 359
Drug Seminar	1970-1971		Box 359
Drugs	1972		Box 359
Environmental Education Projects, Western MA	1972-1973		Box 359
Gasoline	1975		Box 360
Gasoline Shortage in New England, Hearings	1973	2 folders	Box 360
Hand Tool Bill	1976		Box 360
Holyoke Racial Problems	1973		Box 360
Hoosac River Basin, Citizens Environmental Protection Association	1974-1975		Box 360
Hoosac Tunnel Project	1972-1973		Box 360
Housatonic River, Army Corps. of Engineers Study	1973-1974		Box 360

International Motorcycle Meet, Dalton, MA	1973		Box 360
Machine Tool Amendment	1976		Box 360
Northern Ireland	1973-1974		Box 360
Pittsfield Federal Building		2 folders	Box 360
Quirico, Judge Francis J.	1971		Box 360
Reapportionment	1961		Box 360
Revenue Sharing		5 folders	
Correspondence	1973-1975		Box 360
First District Newsclips	1972-1974		Box 360
Legislation	1972-1976		Box 360
Notes & Background	1972-1976		Box 360
Task Force	1971	3 folders	Box 360
Social Services	1975		Box 360
Transformer Importation Dumping Duty		8 folders	
Correspondence	1970-1971		Box 360
Correspondence, Executive	1970-1971		Box 360
Dept. of Treasury Investigation	1971		Box 360
IUE Breakfast	1971		Box 360
Newsclippings & Press Releases			Box 360
Sweden Problem	1970-1971		Box 360
Tariff Commission	1970-1971		Box 360
Tennessee Valley Authority	1971		Box 360
Unemployment, Greenfield Labor Area	1971-1972		Box 360

### Series 3: Questionnaires

1970-1981

24 boxes, 30  
linear ft.

**Contents:** Every spring Conte sent out a questionnaire to First District residents. Used to gauge public opinion and identify trends, the questionnaire covers topics of national, state, and local interest. Over the years the questionnaires queried the First District about issues such as Vietnam, the invasion of Cambodia, the proposed impeachment of Richard Nixon and the subsequent pardon by President Ford, economic policy, aid for education, foreign policy, the federal budget deficit, tax reform issues, gun control, and many other topics.

Many constituents felt the need to elaborate on their answers beyond the required either yes/no or a check. Some attached separate letters, others scribbled notes all over the questionnaire.

The 24 boxes of questionnaires in this series represent all surviving returns found in the collection and are most substantial in the years 1970-1973.

The tallied results are available for most years, usually published in the follow-up newsletter or in a press release.

### Series 4: Service Academy Appointments

1960-1989

1 box

**Contents:** This one-box series documents Conte's function, as a member of Congress, to write letters of nomination on behalf of constituents trying to gain admittance to the Air Force, Military, Maritime, and Naval academies.

All files on individuals were destroyed to protect their privacy. Information retained includes Conte press releases announcing nominations, general information from the various academies documenting the application and nomination procedure, and summary sheets of nominees maintained by Conte's office staff.

Academies, General	1965-1982		Box 360
Air Force Academy	1961-1986	4 folders	
Appointments	1967-1986		Box 360
Correspondence	1961-1985		Box 360
Nominations	1967-1985		Box 360

Vacancy Status Reports	1981-1982		Box 360
Civil Service Examination	1966-1970		Box 360
Coast Guard Academy	1960-1975	2 folders	
General	1967-1975		Box 360
Appointment	1960		Box 360
Merchant Marine Academy	1959-1986	4 folders	
Applications	1968		Box 360
Appointments	1965-1966		Box 360
Candidates	1986		Box 360
Correspondence	1959-1981		Box 360
Naval Academy	1960-1989	4 folders	
Appointments	1967		Box 360
Correspondence	1961-1983		Box 360
Nominations	1960-1985		Box 360
Vacancy Status Reports	1986-1989		Box 360
Press Releases	1972-1989		Box 360
Sample Letters to Academy Candidates	ca.1960-1969		Box 360
Summary Sheets	1982-1988		Box 360
West Point Academy	1966-1986	4 folders	
Appointments	1966-1967		Box 360
Correspondence	1975-1986		Box 360
Nominations	1967-1985		Box 360
Visit of Staff with Counselors	1968		Box 360

### Series 5: Case Files

1958-1990

over 200  
boxes

**Restrictions on access:** In order to protect the privacy of the individuals involved, access to these files is restricted for a period of 75 years.

**Contents:** This voluminous series comprises over two hundred boxes. The files consist of requests from constituents for assistance with problems most often concerning the federal government. The cases can be divided into six major types: immigration and naturalization, social security, veterans, military (transfers, discharges), tax problems, unemployment and worker's compensation.

## Subgroup V. Office Administration

### Series 1: Pat Larkin Files (Administrative Asst.)

1980-1991

4 boxes, 5  
linear ft.

**Contents:** Patrick Larkin's long career with Conte began in 1979 when he became office manager of the Pittsfield district office. In 1981 he became Administrative Assistant in the Washington, D.C. office where he would remain until Conte's death in 1991.

This series reveals the diverse range of duties performed by Larkin. He fulfilled many roles including staff director, public relations contact, legislative specialist, caseworker, campaign worker, and speechwriter.

The files contain correspondence, memoranda, newsclippings, legislative reference material, campaign materials, and handwritten notes. The original boxes were labeled "Pat Larkin's misc. files" and document the seemingly routine duties of his position. Many of the files are incomplete: some contain only newsclippings, or handwritten notes, other files contain correspondence, internal office memos, and background reports.

The records reveal Larkin's duty to oversee key legislative issues and monitor Conte's political standing both locally and nationally on current issues such as the Persian Gulf War, abortion, acid rain, the capital gains tax, the budget deficit, and nuclear disarmament.

He monitored local federal projects and grants: two examples include the HHS grant to the Holyoke Health Center to combat high infant mortality rates in Holyoke, and an Urban Development Grant to the Hotel Northampton.

There is a file on a visit to the First District by Barbara Bush, files on Conte's birthday party, and a Channel 57 roast of Conte and fellow Congressman Ed Boland. There are files relating to the controversy over the proposed construction of communication towers in Hawley and Amherst.

As Conte's right-hand man, Larkin was responsible for handling the more sensitive correspondence and telephone calls; he negotiated with constituents, colleagues, and lobbyists. For example, the files contain angry constituent complaints, requests for job recommendations, assistance with governmental appointments, requests from Conte's personal friends and colleagues for sporting event tickets, and correspondence from First District business and industry asking for Conte's intervention in zoning regulations, obtaining contracts, and securing federal grants. The "public" nature of a congressperson's job is revealed in these files by the abundance of background materials and invitations related to the arrangement of numerous receptions, dedications, inductions, banquets, fundraisers, commencements, roasts, and assorted other public relations moments typical of Conte's schedule.

Abortion	1989	Box 385
Acid Rain	1990	Box 385
Acoustical Screens, Holyoke	1989	Box 385
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ASCS State Committee		Box 385
ASCS State Committee, Thomas Molitoris	1988	Box 385
Allied Corporation Sellout, Greenfield	1984	Box 385
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Award, Public Service Pi Sigma Alpha		Box 385
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Birthday Party, SOC	1989	Box 385
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Boston College	1990	Box 385
Boston College Alumni Notes	1985	Box 385
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Catastrophic Health Care	1987	Box 385
Census Data	1990	Box 385
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Channel 57, Conte & Boland Roast, Springfield, MA	1987	Box 385
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Christopher Columbus	1990	Box 385
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Committee assignments	1982	Box 385
Committee & sub-committee, schedule information	1981	Box 385
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Conflict of Interest (tax bill vote)	1984	Box 385
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Dinn Brothers	1987	Box 386
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**1959-1990**

**1 box, 1.25  
linear ft.**

**Contents:** Series 2 documents a very small portion of the record-keeping functions of Conte's Pittsfield Office, and also contains the Federal Records Center inventory sheets 1959-1990. The Pittsfield Office records include eight telephone message books, from 1968, 1969, 1979 and undated; an address book, early 1960s; and two guest books from 1968-1970.

The Federal Records Center inventory sheets prepared by aides contain a box list of all materials shipped to the Suitland, MD facility for courtesy storage. The inventories reflect the evolving filing systems used by staff and help one to understand the organization of the office.

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## **Administrative information**

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### **Access**

The Silvio O. Conte Papers are open for research, except for a group of case files that are closed for a period of seventy-five years for legal reasons of confidentiality and privacy.

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Following the death in office of Silvio O. Conte in 1991, his widow, Corinne Conte, donated his congressional papers to the University of Massachusetts Amherst, located in Congressman Conte's First District, which he represented for over 31 years. The Conte Papers came to the University in two major installments. The first and larger group arrived in the Spring of 1991 directly from the Federal Records Center in Suitland, Maryland, where the records had regularly been sent by office staff since 1967.

The second installment came from Conte's Washington, D.C. office and the Holyoke and Pittsfield District offices -- hastily packed by staff in order to vacate the premises after his death. Three minor installments can be counted as well. In July 1994 a visit by the project archivist to Conte's eldest daughter's barn yielded several boxes of biographical and press-related files. The arrival of fifty missing scrapbooks from the Conte family complemented the twenty-eight already here. And, a shipment of eight boxes of Appropriations Committee files arrived as a result of the change in majority party in Congress (and consequently a housecleaning) following the November 1994 elections.

### **Additional Finding Aids Available**

The several long lists excluded from the printed guide as described in the Guide's Scope and Contents note are available in the Special Collections and University Archives Reading Room, W.E.B. Du Bois Library. An electronic version of the printed guide is available to be searched by keyword, and audio-visual materials have been indexed within a database with additional name and subject terms.

## Related Material

For materials relating to Silvio O. Conte and his contributions to the Small Business Committee, see: William J. Angelo Papers, MS 441

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A few documents were sent to the National Archives for declassification.

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