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## COMMERCE DEPARTMENT Commissioner's Office

### An Inventory of Its Cyrus E. Magnusson Files

#### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

<b>Agency:</b>	Minnesota. Dept. of Commerce. Commissioner's Office.
<b>Title:</b>	Cyrus E. <u>M</u> agnusson files.
<b>Dates:</b>	1958-1968.
<b>Quantity:</b>	7.0 cu. ft. (7 boxes).
<b>Location:</b>	See Detailed Description section for box locations.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Correspondence, reports, subject files, and related files kept by Cyrus E. Magnusson, Commissioner of Commerce Department (1959-1966). Also a few files of Acting Commissioner Joe Haveson (1966-1967).

The departmental management files contain reports from the department's fire marshal and insurance divisions, records of the proposed recodification of the Minnesota insurance statutes, speeches of Magnusson, files documenting his service on the State Employees Retirement Association and the Teachers Retirement Association, and subject files covering various issues of concern to the department, particularly legislation.

The Indian affairs correspondence and subject files relate to Magnusson's activities as the governor's liaison to, and member of, various Indian commissions and committees, including the Governor's Interstate Indian Council, Governor's Human Rights Commission, and Governor's Indian Action Committee.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners correspondence and subject files, were kept by Cyrus E. Magnusson primarily during his term as NAIC President (1964-1965). They document the administration of the organization, its committees and subcommittees, and lobbying and research efforts at the state and national levels. There are extensive files covering its Executive Committee (1962-1966) and the 1964 annual meeting held in Minneapolis.

## ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS

The records are grouped into three categories: Departmental management files, 1958-1968; Indian affairs correspondence and subject files, 1958-1965; and National Association of Insurance Commissioners correspondence and subject files, 1960-1966.

## INDEX TERMS

*These records are indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.*

### Topics:

Consumer protection—Minnesota.  
Indians of North America—Minnesota—Commerce.  
Indians of North America—Minnesota—Councils.  
Indians of North America—Minnesota—Government relations, 1934-.  
Indians of North America—Minnesota—Politics and government, 1945-.  
Insurance law—Minnesota.  
Insurance—Licenses—Minnesota.

### Places:

Minnesota—Commerce.  
Minnesota—Economic policy.

### Persons:

Haveson, Joe.  
Magnusson, Cyrus E.

### Organizations:

Governor's Interstate Indian Council.  
Minnesota. Fire Marshal Division.  
Minnesota. Governor's Human Rights Commission.  
Minnesota. Insurance Division.  
Minnesota. State Employees Retirement Association.  
National Association of Insurance Commissioners.  
Teachers Retirement Association (Minn.).

### Types of Documents:

Speeches.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### Preferred Citation:

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*See the Chicago Manual of Style for additional examples.*

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.*

### Departmental management files, 1958-1968.

Location	Box	
115.C.19.6F	1	Fire Marshal Division: Weekly Reports, 1964-1965. 2 folders. Insurance Division: Weekly Reports, 1963-1965. 5 folders. Insurance Division: General correspondence, 1967-1968. 2 folders. Recodification of Insurance Statutes correspondence, 1966. 2 folders. Recodification of Insurance Statutes: Proposed Draft, 1966. 1 volume. Speeches of Cyrus E. Magnusson, 1961-1965. 2 folders. State Employees Retirement Association: General file, 1964-1965. 4 folders. Teachers Retirement Association: General file, 1965-1967. 3 folders.
115.C.20.1B	2	Departmental subject files, 1958-1967. National Insurance Company of America, 1963-1964. Howard Peterson's Study of Substandard Risk Carriers (Passenger Car Liability), 1958. Publicity, 1963-1967. 3 folders. Includes news clippings, press releases, and magazine cuttings of interest to the department.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
115.C.20.1B	2	A. C. Richter, Rating Manager, memorandums, 1964-1967. Legislation, 1963-1965. 2 folders. Legislation: Agents Qualifying Laws, 1961-1963. Legislation: Blue Cross, 1961-1963. Legislation: Credit Life Bill, 1965.

### **Indian affairs correspondence and subject files, 1958-1965.**

Files relating to Magnusson's activities as the governor's liaison to, and member of, various Indian commissions and committees.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
115.C.20.1B	2	Indian affairs, general, 1958-1965. 7 folders. Correspondence, news clippings, minutes of meetings, reports of various activities from Indian tribes, and background data on Indian issues, including reports of the Governor's Interstate Indian Council (1958), the National Congress of American Indians (1960), minutes of the Tribal Executive Committee (1962-1964), typescript of and report on Indian Councils at Red Lake in 1889 (1962) and an Industrial Survey of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation (Browning, Montana, 1960). Many of these records relate to more specifically focused files identified below.
115.C.20.2F	3	Governor's Human Rights Commission, 1959-1963. 4 folders. Includes an undated [1959?] report of the Minnesota Advisory Committee to the U. S. Civil Rights Commission on Discrimination in Housing.  Governor's Indian Action Committee, 1961-1962. 3 folders. Includes <i>The Voice of the American Indian: Declaration of Indian Purpose</i> issued at the American Indian Chicago Conference (1961) and <i>A Five Year Plan for Economic Improvement of Minnesota Indians</i> submitted to Governor Elmer L. Andersen by the Governor's Human Rights Commission (1961).  Governors' Interstate Indian Council, 1959-1961. 7 folders. Meeting files for the Council's annual meetings at Sylvan Lake, South Dakota (1959), Palm Springs, California (1960), and Helena, Montana (1961). Includes reports of committees, reports from individual states, and resolutions considered.

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115.C.20.2F	3	Indian Affairs: Jobs for Minnesota Indians, 1961-1962. 2 folders. Indian Affairs: Nett Lake Reservation, 1960-1961. Indian Affairs: Red Lake Fisheries Association, 1959-1960. Indian Affairs: Red Lake Reservation, 1960. Indian Affairs Commission, 1959-1960. 3 folders. Includes Highway Department blueprint of proposed location of State Highway No. 61 through the Grand Portage Reservation. Indian Affairs Commission minutes, 1959-1960. Indian Problems: Minnesota Council of Churches Statement, 1962. Interim Committee on Indian Affairs, 1959-1960. 2 folders.

**National Association of Insurance Commissioners correspondence and subject files, 1960-1966.**

Files kept by Cyrus E. Magnusson as NAIC President (about 1964-1965), member, and official. The files cover the administration of the organization, including the work of its committees and subcommittees; coordination among individual state insurance commissioners; lobbying efforts at the state and national levels; and efforts to study the problems and concerns of those charged with administering the regulation of the insurance industry. Chief among these topics were insurance rates, emergency preparedness concerns, and insurance industry reporting issues. The records also contain extensive correspondence and meeting files of the NAIC Executive Committee (1962-1966), and local arrangement files for the hosting of organization's annual meeting in Minneapolis (1964).

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
115.C.20.3B	4	Accident and Health Committee, 1960-1966. 2 folders. Advertising of Insurance Committee, 1963-1965. 2 folders. All Industry Committee, 1960-1961. Antitrust and Monopoly Reports, 1961-1963. Blanks Committee, 1962-1965. 2 folders. Conflict of Interest, 1961. [Department of] Defense, 1964-1965. Examinations Committee, 1964-1965. Executive Committee, 1962-1965. 22 folders. General, 1965. 2 folders. General, 1964. 5 folders. General, 1963. 3 folders. General, 1962. Richmond meeting, June 1966. Florida meeting, December 1965. New York meeting, June 1965. Minneapolis meeting, June 1964. Appointment of Committees, 1964-1965.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
115.C.20.4F	5	<p>Non-Admitted Alien Insurers' Information Office, 1964-1965. Report of Industry Advisory Committee, 1963. Subcommittee on Non-Insured and Partially Non-Insured Employee Welfare Plans, 1965. Subcommittee on Reduction of Committees, 1963-1964. Subcommittee to Study Problem of Consolidation and Elimination of Committees, 1965. Subcommittee to Study Reorganization and Public Information Matters, 1965. Federal Liaison Committee, 1962-1965. 3 folders. Federal Liaison Committee, National Banks, 1964-1965. Federal Liaison Committee Report, 1960. Fire, Marine Casualty and Surety [FMC&amp;S] Committee, 1960-1965. 22 folders. General, 1960-1965. 4 folders. Atomic coverage and nuclear facilities, 1961-1964. 2 folders. [Federal] Flood Control Act, 1962. Home owners and private automobiles, 1962. Hurricane and flood insurance, 1964-1965. 2 folders. Inspection reports, 1962. Mortgage industry's insurance problems, 1962-1963. 2 folders. Mortgage title insurance standard forms, 1962-1964. 2 folders. Sonic booms, 1961-1964. 2 folders. Uniform Inception Period (Peril Policies), 1963-1964. Workmen's Compensation Expense by Size of Risk Subcommittee, 1961-1965. 2 folders. Underwriting powers definition and interpretation, 1963-1964. Uniform Bail Bond Law, 1962. Fraternal Insurance Committee, 1964-1965. General correspondence, 1964-1966. 2 folders.</p>
115.C.20.5B	6	<p>General correspondence, 1960-1963. 4 folders. Insurance Covering All Installment Sales and Loans Committee, 1964-1965. Interstate Matters Committee, 1965. Johnson "Principles" [regarding ratings], 1964. Special File. Donald <u>K</u>nowlton, Chairman, Committee on Preservation of State Regulation of NAIC, 1963. 2 folders. Special File. Laws and Legislation Committee, 1964-1965. 2 folders. Life Insurance Committee, 1964-1965.</p>

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115.C.20.5B	6	Minneapolis Annual Meeting, 1964. 12 folders. General correspondence. Dinner and banquet. Reception. Letters and lists. Souvenir Program. Hospital Committee. Housing Committee. Ladies Committee. Press and Publicity Committee. Program Committee. Registration Committee. Transportation Committee. Non-Profit Hospital and Medical Service Associations Committee, 1961-1965. 2 folders. Preparedness Program for Emergency Operations in Insurance Committee, 1961-1964. 4 folders. Preservation of State Regulation Committee, 1962-1965. 2 folders. Rates and Rating Organizations [R&RO] Committee, 1961-1965. 11 folders. General, 1963-1965. 3 folders. Subcommittee on Property and Casualty Coverages and Classifications, 1965. Subcommittee to Review Fire and Casualty Rating Laws and Regulations and Actuarial Problems, 1964-1965. 2 folders.
115.C.20.6F	7	Subcommittee to Review Fire and Casualty Rating Laws and Regulations and Actuarial Problems, 1961-1964. 3 folders. Subcommittee to Review Statement of Principles and Rate Filings, 1963. Subcommittee to Study the Need for a Revision of Fire and Casualty Rating Laws, 1965. Surplus Lines Bill, 1962-1963. 3 folders. Unauthorized Insurance [UI] Committee, 1961-1965. 13 folders. General, 1962-1965. 7 folders. Non-Admitted Insurers Information Office, 1962-1964. 3 folders. Insurance Consumers' Subcommittee Report, 1961. "Central Bureau" Proposal, 1962. "Central Bureau" Proposal – Letters of Opposition, 1962. United States Securities and Exchange Commission Matters, 1964-1965. United States Senate Antitrust and Monopoly Subcommittee, 1963. Valuation of Securities Committee, 1962-1965. 2 folders.