LEGISLATURE
An Inventory of the Videotapes and Audio Cassettes Compiled for Tribune of the People

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OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency:  Minnesota. Legislature.
Series Title:  Videotapes and audio cassettes compiled for Tribune of the People.
Quantity:  2.2 cu. ft. (2 boxes and 1 half-height oversize box).
Location:  See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

The series’ first section includes two television videotapes, the first containing the May 30, 1986 Almanac, KTCA's weekly public affairs program, featuring host Joe Summers, political consultant D. J. Leary, lobbyist Wyman Spano, and analyst Kris Sanda interviewing Perpich campaign chairman Tom Berg, KTCA general manager Dick Moore, Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs' Royce Hanson, and Senator Rudy Boschwitz. The second videotape contains the January 4 and December 28, 1978 and April 14, 1980 Minnesota Issues, hosted by Arthur Naftalin and sponsored by the Humphrey Institute and the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs. Featured are Senate Majority Leader Nicholas D. Coleman, Minority Leader Robert O. Ashbach, and House Speaker Rod Searle. Topics include tax cuts, campaign financing, special elections, abortion, higher education, "ban the can" legislation, partisan relationships, appointments, officer elections, staff, and the declining number of legislators seeking re-election.

The second section consists of legislative interviews conducted mainly with formal and informal leaders of the State Legislature who served between 1962 and 1986. A study panel, led by Hanson, conducted the interviews. Most include groups of three or four legislators who served in the same house during the same time period. Each interview was both audio- and
videotaped. While each interview is unique, all center on a core set of questions/topics relating to the interviewees' legislative service, particularly why they ran, changes that occurred during their service, how they gained a leadership role, and their opinion on relations with other leaders, the two systems of leadership used in the House and Senate, comparison of various majority and minority leaders, relations between the legislature and the governor, campaign finance, garbage bills, committees and appointments, bicameral/unicameral legislatures, length of the session, and the connection of legislators to constituents. Among those interviewed were such prominent state leaders as Linda Berglin, Lloyd Duxbury, Stan Holmquist, David Jennings, Douglas J. Johnson, Phyllis Kahn, Gene Merriam, Roger D. Moe, George S. Pillsbury, Charles R. Weaver, and Ann Wynia. There are also interviews with Attorney General Warren Spannaus and various members of the legislative staff.

ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS

Divided into two series: television programs (1978, 1980; 2 videotapes) and legislative interviews (1986; 30 videotapes, 60 audio cassettes).

RELATED MATERIALS

*Tribune of the People: the Minnesota Legislature and its leadership* / Royce Hanson : with the assistance of Charles Backstrom and Patrick McCormack (Minneapolis : University of Minnesota Press, c1989), is in the Minnesota Historical Society book collection.

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:**
- Abortion--Government policy--Minnesota.
- Campaign funds--Minnesota.
- Elections--Minnesota.
- Environmental law--Minnesota.
- Higher education and state--Minnesota.
- Legislative bodies--Minnesota.
- Legislators--Minnesota.
- Taxation--Law and legislation--Minnesota.

**Places:**
- Minnesota--Politics and government--1981-.

**Persons:**
- Anderson, Irv, 1923-, interviewee.
- Berg, Tom, interviewee.
- Berglin, Linda Lee, 1944-, interviewee.
- Boschwitz, Rudy, 1930-, interviewee.
Brandl, John E., interviewee.
Coleman, Nicholas D., interviewee.
Davies, Jack, 1932-, interviewee.
Dirlam, Aubrey W., 1913-, interviewee.
Dosland, William, 1927-, interviewee.
Duxbury, Lloyd, 1922-, interviewee.
Eken, Willis R., 1931-, interviewee.
Faricy, Ray W., 1934-, interviewee.
Forsythe, Mary M., 1920-, interviewee.
Gearty, Edward J., interviewee.
Graba, Joseph P., interviewee.
Hanson, Royce, interviewee.
Himle, John, interviewee.
Holmquist, Stanley W., 1909-, interviewee.
Hughes, Jerome, interviewee.
Jennings, David, interviewee.
Johnson, Douglas J., interviewee.
Kahn, Phyllis, 1937-, interviewee.
Knickerbocker, Jerry, interviewee.
Leary, D. J., interviewer.
Levi, Connie, interviewee.
McCormack, Patrick J., interviewer.
Merriam, Gene, interviewee.
Moe, Roger D., 1944-, interviewee.
Moore, Richard, interviewee.
Naftalin, Arthur, interviewer.
Nelson, Ken, 1936-, interviewee.
Norton, Fred, interviewee.
Olson, Alec G. (Alec Gerhard), 1930-, interviewee.
Osthoff, C. Thomas, interviewee.
Pillsbury, George S., interviewee.
Rosenmeier, Gordon, 1907-1989, interviewee.
Sabo, Martin, 1938-, interviewee.
Sanda, Kris, interviewer.
Savelkoul, Henry J., 1940-, interviewee.
Schoenfeld, Jerry, interviewee.
Schreiber, William, interviewee.
Searle, Rod, interviewee.
Shaw, L. Earl, interviewer.
Sherwood, Glen, 1934-, interviewee.
Sieben, Harry A., interviewee.
Sieloff, Ronald B., interviewee.
Simoneau, Wayne, interviewee.
Spannaus, Warren, interviewee.
Spano, Wyman, 1938-, interviewer.
Spear, Allan H., interviewee.
Summers, Joseph R., interviewer.
Tomlinson, John, interviewee.
Voss, Gordon, interviewee.
Weaver, Charles R., interviewee.
Wynia, Ann, 1943-, interviewee.

Organizations:
Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.
KTCA-TV (Television station : St. Paul, Minn.).
Minnesota. Legislature--Committees.
Minnesota. Legislature--Officials and employees.
Minnesota. Legislature--Presiding officers.
University of Minnesota. Center for Urban and Regional Affairs.

Types of Documents:
Audio cassettes.
Videotapes.

Titles:
Almanac (Television program).
Minnesota issues (Television program).

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Restrictions:
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**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION**

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**Television Programs, 1978, 1980, 1986.**

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<td><em>Almanac, May 30, 1986.</em> 1 videotape. Episode of KTCA’s weekly public affairs program, featuring a panel comprising of host Joe Summers, political consultant D. J. Leary, political lobbyist Wyman Spano, and political analyst Kris Sanda interviewing Rudy Perpich gubernatorial campaign chairman Tom Berg, KTCA general manager Dick Moore, Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs Royce Hanson, and Senator Rudy Boschwitz. 1 hour.</td>
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<td><em>Minnesota Issues</em>, January 4, December 28, 1978; April 14, 1980. 1 videotape. Three 30-minute segments of the television show <em>Minnesota Issues</em>, a program sponsored by the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs at the University of Minnesota and hosted by Arthur Naftalin, Professor of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. The interviewees and general topics discussed are as follows: Nicholas D. Coleman, Senate Majority Leader, January 4, 1978. The main issue discussed is tax cuts; other issues include campaign financing, special elections to the national legislature, state assisted abortions to women on welfare, the higher education coordinating board, and “ban the can” legislation. “The View from the Senate,” Nicholas D. Coleman, Majority Leader, and Robert O. Ashbach, Minority Leader, December 28, 1978. Most of the interview is spent discussing the relationship between the majority and the minority. The topics include the governor, appointments, officer elections, staff, and the tax cut. Nicholas D. Coleman, Senate Majority Leader, and Rod Searle, House Speaker, April 14, 1980. The two main issues discussed are the problems with the past legislative session and the decreasing numbers of legislators seeking re-election.</td>
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Legislative interviews, 1986.

The legislative interviews were conducted to aid in the writing of Royce Hanson’s *Tribune of the People: The Minnesota Legislature and Its Leaders*. Most of those interviewed held formal or informal leadership positions in the State Legislature between 1962 and 1986. A panel led by Royce Hanson conducted all interviews. While members of the panel varied between interviews, panel members included Charles Finn, Craig Grau, Sarah Hackett, James Jernberg, Kevin Kyle, Patrick McCormack, Arthur Naftalin, and Earl Shaw.

Although some legislators were individually interviewed, most were interviewed in groups of three or four who served in the same house and/or during the same time period. Group interviews were conducted in two, two-hour sessions; individual interviews, with a few exceptions, were conducted in one, two-hour session. Each interview was audio- and videotaped with each session having its own videotape. The audio cassettes, however, simply continue taping the second session immediately following the first session.

While each interview is unique and the follow-up questions differ, all were conducted around a core set of questions or topics. Most begin with the questions: Why did you first run for the legislature? What was it like when you started, and how has it changed since then? How has your career developed (or how did you gain a leadership role)? They then focus on the opinions and biographical information of each interviewee about the following topics: relationships with other leaders; advantages, disadvantages, and differences between the systems of leadership in the House and Senate; comparison of various majority and minority leaders to each other and to the office of Speaker; relations between the governor/governor’s office and the legislature and its leaders; power networks; campaign finances; garbage (omnibus spending) bills; committees and appointments; bicameral/unicameral legislatures; length of the session; and connection of legislators to constituents. While not all contain information pertaining to all topics listed, all do contain questions built around most of the issues.

Attorney General Warren Spannaus was asked similar questions; however, he also answered questions about his office’s relationship with the legislature, the constitutionality of bills, and the Reviser of Statutes. Legislative staff members were also questioned about their role and the relative value of partisan or non-partisan staff.

Location      Box
139.A.2.1B   1   Videotapes:

    Filed in chronological order.

    Stanley Holmquist and Lloyd Duxbury, January 21, 1986. 2 tapes.
    William Dosland, February 4, 1986. 2 tapes.
    Quiet/some static.

    Charles R. Weaver and Glen Sherwood, March 11, 1986. 2 tapes.
    David Jennings, April 17, 1986.
    Quiet/some static.

    Martin Sabo, May 2, 1986.
    Poor sound.
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Dick Fitzsimons, Ron Sieloff, Rod Searle, May 5, 1986. 2 tapes.
Sieloff arrived 20 minutes before the end of the first session;
Fitzsimons was not present at the second session and is not
on the second tape.

Willis Eken and Allan H. Spear, May 19, 1986. 2 tapes.
Spear was not present at the second session and is not on
the second tape.

Connie Levi, Jerry Knickerbocker, John Himle, Mary Forsythe, and
Poor picture.

George Pillsbury, Robert O. Ashbach, and Henry Savelkoul, June 9,
1986. 2 tapes.

Irv Anderson, Ray Faricy, Wayne Simoneau, and Ken Nelson,
undated. 2 tapes.
The first tape starts at count 4:40.

Sieben arrives one hour and 15 minutes into the first tape.

Quiet/some static. Voss arrived 20 minutes into the first tape;
Norton came after one hour and 40 minutes. Voss is not
present on the second tape.

Senate Presidents, [1986]. 2 tapes.
Poor sound. Those interviewed were Edward J. Gearty, Alec
G. Olson, Jack Davies, and Jerome Hughes.
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Location            Box
139.A.3.1 3       Audiocassettes:

    Filed in chronological order.

Lloyd Duxbury and Stan Holmquist, January 21, 1986.  3 tapes.
William Dosland, February 4, 1986.  4 tapes.
    Tape 2, side A is a different interview, side B only contains
    Dosland; Tape 4, side A starts around count 65.
Glen Sherwood and Charles Weaver, March 11, 1986.  4 tapes.
    Tape 4, side B is blank; all tapes are quiet.
Gene Merriam and Linda Berglin, April 7, 1986.  4 tapes.
    Questions are quiet. Berglin arrives on Tape 2, side B; Tape
    4, side B is blank.
David Jennings, April 17, 1986.  2 tapes.
Jerry Schoenfeld, John Brandl, C. Tom Osthoff, Phyllis Kahn, and
    Ann Wynia, April 28, 1986.  4 tapes.
    Questions are quiet. Wynia and Kahn are absent from Tapes
    3 and 4; Tape 4, side B is blank.
Martin Sabo, May 2, 1986.  2 tapes.
    Sieloff came into the interview on Tape 2, side B.
    These and the previous tapes are from the same interview.
    Sieloff entered in the last 20 minutes of the first session, and
    Fitzsimons was not present at the last session.
Allan H. Spear and Willis Eken, May 19, 1986.  2 tapes.
Willis Eken, May 19, 1986.  2 tapes.
    These and the previous tapes are from the same interview.
    Spear was only present for the first session.
Roger Moe, May 21, 1986.  2 tapes.
John Himle, Mary Forsythe, Jerry Knickerbocker, Connie Levi, and
    William Schreiber [House Independent Republicans], June 2,
    1986.  4 tapes.
George Pillsbury, Henry Savelkoul, and Robert O. Ashbach, June 9,
    1986.  3 tapes.
Warren Spannaus, June 16, 1986.  2 tapes.
Legislative Staff, June 23, 1986.  3 tapes.
    Those interviewed were Paul Hess, John Post, John
    Redmond, and James Nobles.
Audiocassettes (cont.):

Interview is incomplete; Tape 1, side A starts around count 27.

Joseph Graba and Harry Sieben (Tex), [1986]. 3 tapes.
Taping starts 39 minutes into the interview.

Quiet. Norton arrived ten minutes before the end of the first session, and Voss was not present at the second session. The tapes start about 10 minutes into the interview and Tape 1, side A starts at count 62.

Senate Presidents, [1986]. 4 tapes.
Those interviewed were Edward J. Gearty, Alec G. Olson, Jack Davies, and Jerome Hughes.