OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Series Title: Kahn (Representative Phyllis) files.
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Articles and subject files of Phyllis Kahn, a Democratic-Farmer-Laborite who serves, since 1972, as State Representative for Minnesota’s 59B District (Hennepin County). The files include correspondence, clippings, articles, speeches, press releases, legislative bills, agendas, minutes, and related materials documenting her service, particularly her authorship of the 1975 Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act, which controlled smoking in public places; support of bicycling and women’s issues, particularly sex discrimination in women’s athletics; and her interest in such topics as biotechnology, light rail transit, opposition to the “Montgomery amendment” in relation to the Minnesota National Guard, recombinant DNA legislation, decriminalization of prostitution, and reconstruction of a steam plant in the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area and St. Anthony Falls Heritage Zone.

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Kahn, Phyllis.

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   International Human Rights Committee Travel Seminar to
   Honduras, El Salvador and Nicaragua, November 28 -
   December 11, 1986.

   Hennepin Avenue Bridge, 1982-1985.
   Minnesota National Guard, 1986-1989. 2 folders.
   Regarding Kahn’s opposition to the federal “Montgomery
   amendment,” which removed state governor’s control
   over training and deployment of National Guard troops in
   their state.

   Prostitution:
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   1975 Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act, authored by Kahn.

   Kahn authored HF 513, a bill to prohibit the re-
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   Women’s athletics:
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