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An Inventory of the Kahn (Representative Phyllis) Files

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency:	Minnesota. Legislature. House of Representatives.
Series Title:	Kahn (Representative Phyllis) files.
Dates:	1972 – [ca. 2002].
Quantity:	3.8 cu. ft. (4 boxes).
Location:	See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

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.

INDEX TERMS

This collection is 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:

- Cycling—Minnesota.
- Decriminalization—Minnesota.
- Nonsmoking areas—Law and legislation—Minnesota.

Prostitution—Minnesota.
Recombinant DNA—Research—Law and legislation—Minnesota.
Sex and law—Minnesota.
Sex discrimination against women—Minnesota.
Sex discrimination in sports—Minnesota.
Sports for women—Law and legislation—Minnesota.
States rights.
Steam power plants—Minnesota.
Street-railroads—Minnesota.
Women athletes—Minnesota.
Women in politics—Minnesota.
Women legislators—Minnesota.
Women—Minnesota—Economic conditions.
Women—Minnesota—Social conditions.

Places:

Hennepin County (Minn.).
Minnesota—Politics and government—1945-1980.
Minnesota—Politics and government—1981- .
Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (Minn.).
Saint Anthony Falls Historic District (Minneapolis, Minn.).

Persons:

Kahn, Phyllis.

Organizations:

Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party.
Minnesota. Legislature—Officials and employees.
Minnesota. National Guard.

Types of documents:

Bills (legislative records)—Minnesota.
Clippings.
Press releases.
Speeches.

Occupations:

Legislators—Minnesota.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note the location shown below. Each file consists of one folder unless specified otherwise.

Location

118.F.8.1B

Articles:

Written by Kahn; arranged alphabetically by topic.

Baseball, [1990s].

Copper nickel, [undated].

Environmental Issues, *ECOS*, 1996.

Gambling, 1993-1994.

Greater Minnesota Corporation, [1990s].

Japan solid waste, 1989.

Literacy, 1996.

Miscellaneous, [1990s]. 2 folders.

Running, [1980s] – [1990s].

Speakership and legislative leadership, [1990s].

Target Center, 1994.

Term limitation, 1991.

Women and political roles, 1996.

Women, Politics and Ethics, *Public Integrity Annual*, 1995.

Women's Movement, Rothchild/Watkins book, 1995.

Subject files:

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Bicycling, [ca. 1975] - 1998. 15 folders.

Bicycling, reimbursements, [1980s] - [1990s].

118.F.8.2F

Biotechnology, [ca. 1990]. 2 folders.

Boisclair Riverfront Development, Minneapolis, 1978-1980.

Campaign materials, [undated].

Council of State Governments, Environmental Policy Mission to
Japan, May 19-30, 1990.

Correspondence, 1975.

District issues, [1990s]. 5 folders.

Includes Grain Belt project and light rail transit.

Location

- 118.F.8.2F Foreign Policy Issues, Central America, 1986.
Regarding Kahn's participation in the Minnesota Lawyers International Human Right Committee Travel Seminar to Honduras, El Salvador and Nicaragua, November 28 - December 11, 1986.
- Hennepin Avenue Bridge, 1982-1985.
Legislative Report/Outlook, 1993-1995.
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.
- Newspaper articles/press releases, 1980 – [1990s]. 4 folders.
Prostitution:
Decriminalization, 1975.
House File [HF] 185 and HF 1348, [1970s].
Juvenile, 1977.
Rebecca Rand/Crane Winton, 1979-1983.
- Recombinant DNA Act, 1978.
Regarding federal legislation regulating recombinant DNA research.
- 118.F.8.3B Speeches, [1970s] – [1990s]. 3 folders.
Smoking, 1974-1994. 11 folders.
Regarding rights of non-smokers and/or the passage of the 1975 Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act, authored by Kahn.
- 118.F.8.4F Steam plant, 1992-1993. 3 folders.
Kahn authored HF 513, a bill to prohibit the reconstruction of a coal fired steam plant within the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area and the St. Anthony Falls Heritage Zone.
- Steam plant, news articles, 1992-1993.
Veto challenge, Governor Carlson, 1995.
Women's athletics:
General, 1978-1990. 3 folders.
Talks and articles, 1976-1979.
Title IX, 1979-1984.
Title IX, federal law prohibiting sex discrimination against students in educational facilities.
- University of Minnesota, [1980s]. 2 folders.
Regarding intercollegiate athletic departments.
- Women's issues: Gender balance, [1990s].
Women's issues, [1970s] - [1980s]. 2 folders.