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New York State Governor Messages to the Legislature A0114

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series is composed of messages to the legislature from Governors Dewey, Harriman and Rockefeller. There is also one message from Lieutenant Governor Malcolm Wilson. The series consists of annual messages, which provide the listing of programs the Governor would like to institute that year; special messages intend to garner support for legislative bills recommended by the governor; and veto and approval messages, which respond to bills passed by the legislature and rationales for gubernatorial approval or disapproval.
Title:	Governor messages to the Legislature
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Inclusive Date:	1943-1969
Series:	A0114

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Arrangement

Chronological.

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Scope and Content Note

This series is comprised of original, signed messages to the legislature from Governors Thomas Dewey, W. Averell Harriman and Nelson Rockefeller. There is also one message from Lieutenant Governor Malcolm Wilson (1968). The series consists of three different types of messages: annual, special, and veto and approval messages. Annual messages provide the listing of programs the Governor would like to institute that year. Special messages intend to garner support for legislative bills recommended by the governor by providing details about issues relating to the legislation. Veto and approval messages respond to bills passed by the legislature and approved or disapproved by the governor with his rationales.

Messages concern the following issues: automobile insurance (1957); natural gas price regulation (1957); survey and preservation of state historic sites (1957); financing school construction (1957); increasing assistance to servicemen on active duty and their families (1961); nuclear fallout shelters and protection (1961); state fire prevention code (1963); local government reapportionment to conform with United States Supreme Court's "one-man-one-vote" decision (1965); health insurance and medical finance programs (1965, 1967, 1968); railroad "full-crew" legislation (1965); traffic safety (1965, 1967, 1968); state parks (1965); sex discrimination in employment and pay (1965); minimum wage increase (1965); crime and law enforcement (1967-1969); urban housing problems (1967); human rights legislation (with reference to assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.) (1968); energy needs and development (1968); urban development programs (1968); New York City municipal sanitation workers' strike (1968); status of South Mall (Empire State Plaza) construction project (1968); prohibiting firearms on college campuses (with reference to unrest and violence on college campuses (1969); development of transportation infrastructure (1969); lowering voting age from 21 to 18 (1969); hospital regulation (1969); traffic court reform (1969); job benefits and protection for agricultural workers (1969); abortion law reform (1969); expansion of day care facilities and programs 1969); and insurance and banking regulation (1969).

The series includes the signed full text of Governor Rockefeller's January 8, 1969 annual message to the legislature. There are also carbon typescripts accompanying a few of the messages in the series.

A0114-07: This accretion consists of annual, special, and veto and approval messages to the legislature from Governor Averell Harriman. The annual messages contain recommendations, suggestions, drafts of sections, background information, statistics, proposals, and outlines for legislation forwarded by the State departments and bureaus to the governor. The special messages include drafts and copies of the special messages Gov. Harriman sent to the legislature. The veto and approval messages and memoranda provide reasons for his approval and disapproval of bills passed by the legislature. The veto and approval messages are filed with copies of the bills to which they correspond. Also included in this accretion is a veto index maintained by Governor Thomas Dewey from 1943-1955.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of the material.

Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

Published in Public Papers of Averell Harriman and Public Papers of Nelson A. Rockefeller.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

A0114-07: This accretion was transferred by Governor Harriman to Syracuse University in 1959. It was later transferred to the New York State Archives in 2006 and accessioned in November 2007.

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Access Terms

- School buildings--Costs
- New York (State)
- Historic sites--New York (State)
- Voting age--New York (State)
- Banking law--New York (State)
- Public relations and politics
- Energy development--New York (State)
- Hospitals--Law and legislation--New York (State)
- Governors
- Student movements--New York (State)
- Fallout shelters--New York (State)
- Health insurance--New York (State)
- Apportionment (Election law)--New York (State)
- Minimum wage--New York (State)
- Parks--New York (State)
- Natural gas--Law and legislation--New York (State)
- Nuclear bomb shelters--New York (State)
- Energy policy--New York (State)
- Law enforcement--New York (State)
- Legislating
- Automobile insurance--New York (State)
- Traffic safety--New York (State)
- Urban policy--New York (State)
- Human rights--New York (State)
- Women--Health and hygiene
- Housing--New York (State)
- Abortion--Law and legislation--New York (State)
- Energy consumption--New York (State)
- Railroads--Full crew rules
- Insurance law--New York (State)

- Sex discrimination in employment--New York (State)
- Crime--New York (State)
- Transportation--New York (State)
- Day care centers--New York (State)
- Soldiers--New York (State)
- New York (State)--Politics and government
- Abortion--Government policy--New York (State)
- Agricultural laborers--New York (State)
- Fire prevention--New York (State)
- Empire State Plaza (Albany, N.Y.)
- Traffic courts--New York (State)
- Dewey, Thomas E. (Thomas Edmund), 1902-1971
- New York (State). Legislature
- New York (State). Governor (1959-1973 : Rockefeller)
- Harriman, W. Averell (William Averell), 1891-1986
- New York (State). Executive Department
- New York (State). Governor (1955-1958 : Harriman)
- New York (State). Governor (1943-1954 : Dewey)
- Rockefeller, Nelson A. (Nelson Aldrich), 1908-1979.