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**New York State Senator Manfred Ohrenstein Subject and Bill
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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series contains the subject and bill files of New York State Senator Manfred Ohrenstein, who represented the 27th District of New York County from 1961-1994. The records document such topics as: state elections, civil defense, health, education, mental health, the Democratic Party, civil rights, capital punishment, and housing. Names of note include Eleanor Roosevelt, Nelson Rockefeller, Mark Lane, Herbert Lehman, and Arthur Levitt.
Creator:	New York (State). Legislature. Senate. Senator (1961-1994 : Manfred Ohrenstein)
Title:	Subject and bill files of Senator Manfred Ohrenstein
Quantity:	30.6 cubic feet
Inclusive Date:	1959-1974
Series:	B1952

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Arrangement

Organized into two subseries: 1. General Subject Files, 1959-1974; 2. Bill Files, 1961- 1973.

Chronological within each subseries.

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Administrative History

Manfred Ohrenstein, Democrat, represented the 27th District of the County of New York in the State Senate from 1961-1994. Born in Mannheim, Germany in 1925, he came to the United States in 1938 and graduated from Columbia Law School with honors in 1951. He served as chairman of the Mental Hygiene Committee in 1965 and as the Minority Leader of the Senate from 1975-1994. He was also active in legislation regarding housing, education, civil rights, and health care.

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Scope and Content Note

This series contains the subject and bill files of Manfred Ohrenstein while he was in the State Senate. The subject files consist of correspondence, memoranda, reports, notes, speeches, and other related records pertaining to state elections, civil defense, health, education, mental health, the Democratic Party, civil rights, and housing. Names of note include Eleanor Roosevelt, Nelson Rockefeller, Mark Lane, Herbert Lehman, and Arthur Levitt. The bill files include legislative bills, memoranda, and correspondence. Some of the major subjects include elections, civil defense, capital punishment, labor appointment, mental hygiene, and welfare.

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Related Information

Related Material

L0151Series L0151, Legislative bill and memoranda files, contains additional records from the office of Senator Ohrenstein.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Folder list.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

Portions of these records are restricted to protect personal privacy. Access is permitted under certain conditions upon application and approval by the State Archives.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

These records were transferred to Syracuse University between 1968 and 1977 as a gift from Manfred Ohrenstein. They were later transferred to the New York State Archives in June 2006 and accessioned in 2008.

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Access Terms

- Housing--New York (State)
- Mental health--New York (State)
- Welfare and society
- New York (State)
- Legislators
- Education--New York (State)
- Reports
- Capital punishment--New York (State)
- Correspondence
- Legislating
- Civil rights--New York (State)
- Bills (legislative records)
- New York (State)--Politics and government
- Elections--New York (State)
- Labor policy--New York (State)
- Mental illness--New York (State)
- Civil defense--New York (State)
- Levitt, Arthur.
- Democratic Party (N.Y.)
- Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962.

- Lefkowitz, Louis J.
- Ohrenstein, Manfred, 1925-
- Rockefeller, Nelson A. (Nelson Aldrich), 1908-1979.