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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	This series contains information on rents, banking, insurance, labor, and construction supply gathered during an investigation of the high cost of housing. Records include reports detailing abuses which increased housing costs; bylaws of labor and building supply associations; testimony transcripts; and exhibits. There are also lists, indices, and digests of witnesses, transcripts of court cases, and records relating to grand jury hearings.
<b>Creator:</b>	New York (State). Legislature. Joint Legislative Committee on Housing
<b>Title:</b>	Investigation and reports files
<b>Quantity:</b>	15.6 cubic feet
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1919-1922
<b>Series:</b>	L0156

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## Arrangement

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Alphabetical by subject or document type.

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## Scope and Content Note

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This series contains information about rents, banking, insurance, labor, and construction supply gathered by the committee, known as the "Lockwood Committee" for chairman Charles C. Lockwood, while investigating the high cost of housing. The bulk of the series consists of reports written by the committee from the information gathered detailing abuses which increased housing costs.

Constitutions and/or bylaws of labor and building supply associations, testimony transcripts, and exhibits (contract cards, bids, ledgers) are found, in addition to one folder of transcripts

from the (New York City) Mayor's Committee on Rent Profiteering, of which Samuel Untermyer was the primary investigator. (Untermyer was also chief counsel of this Joint Legislative Committee on Housing.)

Also found are lists, indices, and digests of the witnesses and exhibits which appeared before the committee. Transcripts of court cases, testimony and memoranda on various trade and labor associations, and other records relating to grand jury hearings and other courts matters precipitated by the committee's investigation are in this series. Because the committee was most successful in convincing prosecutors to bring these two groups to court, these records recount abuses of labor and building suppliers primarily.

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## Other Finding Aids

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### Available at Repository

Folder list.

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

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

### Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

Microfilm is available at the New York State Archives through interlibrary loan.

Microfilm: 18 reels; 16 mm.

## Administrative Information

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### Custodial History

This series was originally accessioned as part of boxes 4, 7-14, 14a, 15, 19, 20, 22, 23, 37, 39, 40-43, 46, 49, 49a, 50, 50a, 71, 72, 78, and 79 of accession -216, old collection #405.

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## Access Terms

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- Life insurance--New York (State)
- Labor unions--New York (State)
- Housing--New York (State)
- Restraint of trade--New York (State)
- Building trades--New York (State)
- New York (State)
- Trade and professional associations--New York (State)
- Life insurance--Law and legislation--New York (State)
- Casualty insurance--Law and legislation--New York (State)
- Price fixing--New York (State)
- Insurance--New York (State)
- Labor unions--Construction workers--Law and legislation--New York (State)
- Fire insurance--Law and legislation--New York (State)
- Rental housing--New York (State)
- Bank investments--New York (State)
- Banks and banking--New York (State)
- Housing--Law and legislation--New York (State)
- Casualty insurance--New York (State)
- Labor unions--Building trades--New York (State)
- Fire insurance--New York (State)
- Racketeering--New York (State)
- Rental housing--Law and legislation--New York (State)
- Building materials industry--New York (State)
- Trade and professional associations--Law and legislation--New York (State)
- Labor unions--Construction workers--New York (State)
- Housing policy--New York (State)
- Investigating housing