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SUMMARY

Size
Approximately 781 linear foot

Geographic Locations
Louisiana, Washington, D. C., China, Taiwan, Cuba, Antarctica, Russia, Ukraine, Israel, United Kingdom, Ireland, France, Mexico, Canada, and Japan.

Inclusive Dates
1933-2004

Bulk Dates
1987-2004

Languages
English, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, French

Summary
Correspondence, briefing books, bills, reports, testimony transcripts, research files, news releases, printed materials, audio-visual and electronic files, photographs and memorabilia documenting the political and U.S. Congressional career of Louisiana Representative (1972-1986) and Senator (1987-2004) John B. Breaux, and the work of his office. The collection is organized into the following subgroups or sections: U. S. Senate, Political, Social, and U.S. House of Representatives. Senate records reflect the work of Senator Breaux and his staffers on legislation, committee work, representing the interests of Louisiana and her citizens to Congress and government agencies, and the inner workings of a congressional office and activities of elected officials. House records contain similar materials. Political papers relate to Breaux’s elections and campaigns, his leadership roles in the Democratic Party, and centrist groups. Social files include memorabilia and relate primarily to the Washington Mardi Gras.

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

John Berlinger Breaux was born March 1, 1944, to Ezra Breaux and Katie Berlinger Breaux in Crowley, La. He attended St. Michael’s High School and, upon his graduation in 1964, matriculated to the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now the University of Louisiana and Lafayette) where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. In 1967 John Breaux earned a Juris Doctor degree from the Louisiana State University School of Law and joined the law firm of Brown, McKernan, Ingram, and Breaux.

When Edwin W. Edwards was reelected to the U.S. House of Representative the following year, John Breaux joined Edwards’s congressional staff. In 1972 Edwards was elected to his first term as governor of Louisiana, and John Breaux was elected to fill his seat, leading a field of six Democrats in the run-off election.

Congressman Breaux served as Representative of Louisiana’s Seventh District from 1972 until 1986, becoming the Dean of the Louisiana House Delegation in 1979. Breaux was widely considered a moderate. His particular interests were environmental, commercial, and technology issues, and he served on three House committees and one subcommittee: the House Select Committee on Committees, the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee (of which he became the senior member), the House Public Works and Transportation Committee, and the Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment (of which he was chairman). A particular concern for Breaux was the problem of wetlands loss that his constituency faced, and he was successful in bringing national attention to the issue, among other Louisiana-specific points of interest. In cooperation with Senator Malcolm Wallop (R-WY), in 1984 Congressman Breaux authored an amendment to the Sport Fish Restoration Act (known as the Wallop-Breaux Amendment) that increased the excise tax on sport fishing products in order to provide funds for wetlands restoration projects not only in Louisiana, where wetlands loss was the greatest of any other state, but nationwide.

Upon the retirement of Senator Russell B. Long, Congressman Breaux announced that he would run for the U.S. Senate in 1986 to fill Long’s seat. Breaux won the election, narrowly beating Sixth District Congressman W. Henson Moore; he would remain in the Senate for the next seventeen years, reelected twice without serious opposition.

Senator Breaux was widely recognized as a centrist. In the Senate, he continued his emphasis on wetland protection. In 1990 he authored the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (also called the Breaux Act), which established a fund to support wetlands restoration projects using the same excise tax strategy as the Wallop-Breaux Amendment. He continued to focus on commercial, scientific, and environmental issues through his work with various committees (including the Finance Committee and Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation) and subcommittees (the Taxation and IRS Oversight Subcommittee, Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Subcommittee, Aviation Subcommittee, Communications Subcommittee, and the Oceans, Atmosphere, and Fisheries Subcommittee).
In addition, Senator Breaux was also an advocate for health care and an architect of social policy. He was the ranking Democrat on the Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy and on the Special Committee on Aging, as well as a member of the Health Care Subcommittee. Due to his work with national health care and aging issues, in 1998 Breaux was named the chairman of the National Bi-Partisan Commission on the Future of Medicare and the co-chairman of the National Commission on Retirement Policy, both of which introduced new legislation to reform the Medicare system.

Senator Breaux was not only prominent in Louisiana politics, but also increasingly noted on the national stage for his willingness to work with Republicans to craft compromises and limit partisan strife. At the opening of the 103rd Congress in 1993, Breaux’s colleagues elected him to the position of Deputy Majority Whip, which he would hold for the remainder of his career. Senator Breaux was also a founder of the Centrist Coalition and a founder and chairman of the Democratic Leadership Council, an organization founded in 1985 associated with “the New Democrats” that “seeks to define and galvanize popular support for a new public philosophy built on progressive ideals, mainstream values, and innovative, non-bureaucratic, market-based solutions.”

In 2004 Senator Breaux announced that he would not seek reelection. After his retirement from the Senate he accepted the position of Senior Council with the Patton-Boggs law firm in Washington, D.C. and has become senior advisor to the investment firms Riverstone Holdings and the Clinton Group. In January 2005 President George W. Bush appointed Breaux vice-chairman of the President’s Advisory Panel on Tax Reform. The same year Breaux accepted a position of Distinguished Professor of the Manship School of Mass Communication at Louisiana State University and was appointed by Governor Kathleen Blanco to lead the effort to secure federal relief funds for Louisiana in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

In 2007 Breaux announced that he would run for governor of Louisiana. Because Breaux’s official residence was Maryland, his eligibility to run for governor of Louisiana was disputed. The state’s Attorney General, Charles Foti, declined to render a formal opinion on Breaux’s eligibility, prompting Breaux to withdraw his candidacy as he did not want a formal court battle over his residency to overshadow his campaign. In January of the following year, Breaux joined Former Senator Trent Lott (R-Mississippi) in the Breaux-Lott Leadership Group, a public policy and consulting firm. The Group soon allied with Patton Boggs LLP, a D.C.-based law firm specializing in public policy, litigation, and business law where the former senators are Special Public Policy Advisors.

John Breaux is married to Lois Daigle of Lafayette, LA. The couple has four children: John Jr., Bill, Beth, and Julia, and three grandchildren: Anna Kate Shepherdson, Campbell McKay Shepherdson, and Charles Jefferson Shepherdson V.

More biographical information about John Breaux may be found in Box 282 in the folder Legis: Voting Records: 0105C/2s: Biographies and Box 412, Folders 18, 19, and 20.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The John B. Breaux Papers consist of four subgroups—U.S. Senate Office Files, Campaign Files, Social Files, and U.S. House of Representatives Files.

The U.S. Senate Office Files (1938, 1963, 1970-2004), is the largest subgroup, containing all materials related to Senator Breaux’s tenure in the United States Senate from 1987-2004. These files document his dealings with fellow senators and representatives, meetings of the commissions and committees on which he served, voting records within the Senate, research materials on issues with which he was concerned, and Democratic Party activities. The files kept by Senator Breaux’s legislative staff are included here, especially those of Projects Director Johnny Broussard. Prominent within the U.S. Senate Office Files are Senator Breaux’s activities on behalf of his constituents and various projects for the state of Louisiana, as well as information pertaining to the Breaux Act, the Wallop-Breaux Amendment, and Medicare reform, which are considered to be his greatest legislative achievements. The subgroup also contains press materials, which include a photographic collection of Senator Breaux’s period in office.

The Political Files (1976-2003) subgroup relate to Breaux’s re-election campaigns for the both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. It includes campaign strategy materials, talking points, biographical and political histories of opponents, and promotional materials such as bumper stickers and flyers. Also included are materials reflecting his leadership positions in the Democratic Party and participation in the Democratic Leadership Council.


The U.S. House of Representatives (ca. 1972-1987) subgroup contains all of the legislative files relating to Breaux’s fourteen years in the House of Representatives. The U.S. House of Representatives Sub-Group contains many of the same types of materials on similar topics found in the U.S. Senate Sub-Group. The order in which the records were received has been maintained, so, for the most part, they are not organized into series and sub-series. Description of the broad topics found in each box is included in the content list/database.

Search the database to locate materials on specific topics or issues.
LIST OF SUB-GROUPS, SERIES, AND SUBSERIES

Note: Roman numerals = Subgroups
      Capital letters = Series
      Arabic numerals = Sub-series
      Lower-case letters = Sub-sub series
      Secondary Arabic numerals = Sub-sub-sub series

      1. Personal Office Files, 1987-2004
         a. Administrative Files, 1987-2004
         b. Issue Mail, 1987-2004
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            2. Microfilm Index, 1995
         c. CMS, 1987-1995
         e. Research, 1986-2005
            (RESTRICTED for 15 years from January 1 of the year of their creation)
      2. Administrative Assistants’ Files, 1987-2004
      3. Legislative Directors’ Files, 1987-2003
         b. Darla Romfo, 1995-2000
         c. Sarah Walter, 1995-2003
         a. General Legislative Assistants Files, 1987-2004
         c. Adams, 1996
4. Legislative Assistants’ Files (cont’d)
   d. Arceneaux, 1994-1995
   g. Bentzel, 1995
   i. Callahan, 2003
   j. Croom, 1993
   k. Dabadie, 1995-1997
   l. Dalpiaz, 2001-2004
   m. Davis, 1989-1991
   q. Eckert, 1998
   r. Ennis, 1990-1996
   t. Forman, 1988-1993
   u. Gallagher, 1989
   w. Jennings, 1999-2004
   x. Johnson, 1988
   y. LaRock, 1989-1990
   z. Lawrence, 1995-2000
   bb. Mayer, 1990, 1993
   cc. McCarthy, 1997
   dd. McRee, 1993
   ee. Moore, M., 2003
   gg. Owens, 1994-2001
4. Legislative Assistants’ Files (cont’d)
   hh. Parks 1994-1995
   ii. Patison, 1992-1994
   jj. Rice, 1993-1996
   mm. Smith, 1987-1991
   nn. Spiller, 2000-2004
   oo. Traigle, 1998-2003

5. Legislative Correspondents’ Files, 1992-2004
   a. Bacque, 1999
   b. Jennings, 1998-2004
   c. Kirkpatrick, 2002-2003
   d. Leger, 1994-2001
   e. Leonard, 1998-2001
   f. Lewis, 1993-1998
   g. Longo, 2003-2004
   h. McConnell, 2003
   j. O’Beirne, 2002
   k. Oliver, 1995-1998
   l. Payne, 2002-2003
   m. Privat, 2001-2002
   n. Pugh, 2000-2002
   o. Spiller, 1998-2001
   p. Strange, 2003
   q. Thevenet, 1998-2004
   r. Traigle, 1993-2003
   s. Zeringue, 2002-2003
   b. General Legislative Files, 1984-2004
   c. Miscellaneous Legislative Files, 1991-2004
      1. Rules, 1995-2003
   d. Special Issues, 1980-2004
      1. Base Closures, 1988-1993
      2. Coastal Wetlands/Restoration, 1980-2004
      3. Foreign Policy, 1985-2004
      5. Impeachment Debate, 1999
      6. Medicare, 2001-2004
      7. NAFTA, 1989-1993
7. Department and Independent Agency Files, 1933, 1986-2004
    b. Biography, 2001, 2004
    c. Website, 2003
    d. Audio and Video Media, 1973-2004
       1. VHS
       2. Betamax
       3. Reel-to-Reel
11. Press Files -- d. Audio and Video Media (cont'd)
   4. Cassette
   5. CD/DVD
   6. Diskettes
   f. Scrapbooks, 1972-2002

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B. Senate Committee Files, 1989-2004

(RESTRICTED for 20 years from date of creation)

3. Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Committee on (with subcommittees), 1987-2004
5. Finance, Committee on (with subcommittees), 1986-2004
7. Other Committees, 1985-2004

C. Commission Files, 1997-1999

(RESTRICTED for 20 years from date of creation)


II. POLITICAL FILES, 1976-2003

A. Campaign Files, 1978-2003, undated
   2. House Campaign, undated

   2. Caucus, 1976

III. SOCIAL FILES, 1975-2001

A. Mardi Gras, 1988-1999

B. Memorabilia, 1975-2001

IV. U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FILES, ca. 1972-1987
SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

I. U. S. SENATE FILES, 1987-2004

A. SENATE OFFICE FILES, 1987-2004

1. Personal Office Files, 1987-2004

   a. Administrative Files, 1987-2004 (1.5 linear feet)
      Includes a letter library list; facsimile transmissions; organizational charts; staff
      assignments; group names; and weekly, abstract, and tickler reports.
      The letter library list is organized by the alpha-numeric letter code given to it by Breaux’s
      office filing system.

      Folders are identified by letter code, description, path and name, type of letter, status,
      staff, and usage. The weekly, abstract and tickler reports include topic breakdowns,
      abstract reports sorted by topic and item, and frequency of items. The tickler reports are
      sorted by the staffer’s initials they bear.

      The staff assignments are chronological lists covering 1994-2004. The first folder for
      each year’s assignments contains a description of the type of list and how it was used in
      the Senator’s office. The first folder for each year of each type of report includes a
      description of the office’s organization of the various reports.

   b. Issue Mail, 1987-2004

      1. Issue Mail, 1987-2004 (26 linear feet)
      Includes mass mailings--faxes, e-mails, and letters from constituents--seeking
      support for legislation or thanking him for his support. Types of material include
      letters to constituents, constituent opinion ballots, telephone opinion records,
      postcards, student voice polls, joint letters, citizen petitions to the Senate, voter
      pledges, newspaper clippings, letters from organizations and city and parish
      governments, hand written notes from staff, form letters, fact sheets, joint letters,
      newsletters, and letters from job applicants. Issues about which the Senator
      received the bulk of mail are abortion, Arctic drilling, President Clinton’s
      impeachment, gun control, cloning, Medicare, medical insurance, and prescription
      drug benefits, and Social Security. Letters also relate constituents’ opinions on,
      among other topics, the balanced budget amendment, campaign finance reform,
      Catholic education and school vouchers, clean air and energy and other
      environmental issues, credit unions, energy policy, the Employment Non-
      Discrimination Act, estate tax, asbestos injury, judicial nominations, and stem cell
      and embryonic research. A complete listing is available in the container
      list/folder database.

      Organized chronologically by date then alphabetically by topic.
2. Microfilm Index, 1995 (1.5 linear feet)
The microfilm index is arranged alphabetically according to the name of the writer. The date of the correspondence is given as well as the issue discussed. The document number for each item is listed; however, the reel number is missing.²

The Senator’s office also created microfilm backups for the issue mail. The John B. Breaux Papers contains 269 rolls of microfilmed issue mail from 1994-1995. Note: In numbering the microfilm containers, the Senate staff skipped the number 193, but the span of document numbers on rolls 192 and 194 is unbroken, thus there is no missing roll.

c. Correspondence Management System (CMS), 1987-1995 (2.5 linear feet)
The CMS is the directory of form letters used in Senator Breaux’s office. The CMS files are organized into two parts: items and resequenced items. The items section is arranged by Congress and item number, with the resequenced items of that Congress immediately following.

The first folder of the Items Library contains an explanation of the arrangement used by the Senator’s office. The first folder of the resequenced items includes a list of such items and memos describing how such resequencing was to be done.³

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Correspondence to and from Senator Breaux not necessarily connected to any particular issue and includes letters from constituents and colleagues on various political issues and also personal mail from colleagues. Eighty-three VIP items (mostly letters from celebrities, foreign dignitaries, etc.) regarding legislative issues and Senator Breaux’s views have been placed in the vault, with photocopies left in their place. These include letters from Kathleen Blanco (1), George H.W. Bush (2), Oksana Baiul (1), Dick Cheney (1), Hillary Clinton (2), Bill Clinton (30), Bob Dole (1), Elizabeth Dole (1), Edwin W.

² A word about how to use these materials: Each constituent letter was assigned a document number, and the letters were batched by issue and date. For instance, if several constituents wrote in on a health care issue in May 1994, each letter was assigned a document number and batched with a tickler sheet indicating the range of document numbers included in that issue. Each microfilm container is identified by a roll number and the range of document numbers included. The microfilm index references the letters alphabetically by last name and gives the document number and roll number of each letter. In this way, any particular letter may be located in the microfilm versions. However, the images on the rolls do not indicate their appropriate document numbers. Therefore, one must scan an entire roll to find the batch containing the document number in question, then view each image in order to find a specific piece of correspondence. In addition, pages 2121-3916 of the index are missing.

³ A description of the office’s electronic record keeping systems based on a telephone interview with systems administrator Gerri Callahan may be found in Emily B. Robinson’s LSU thesis entitled Electronic Recordkeeping in the United States Senate: a Case Study at the Louisiana State University Libraries, pages 27-31.
Edwards (3), Mike Foster (12), John Glenn (1), Al Gore (3), Mike Huckabee (1), Edward Kennedy (2), Russell B. Long (1), John McCain (1), John McKeithen (1), Colin Powell (1), Paul O’Neill (1), Ronald Reagan (2), Ann Rice (1), Donald Rumsfeld (6), Chuck Schumer (1, with Hillary Clinton), Tommy Thompson (1); co-signed letters than include signatures of Dick Cheney and Edward Kennedy; autographed copies of George W. Bush’s 2003 State of the Union Address and selected remarks from Bill Clinton. Also found are constituent letters (including Eagle Scouts), anniversary greetings, birthday and wishes, retirement congratulations, and “Dear Colleague” letters. Many of those files include Senator Breaux’s reply.

Retained as kept by Senator Breaux’s office with letters filed alphabetically by last name of the author and chronologically by year, with a separate run filed chronologically then alphabetically by topic.

e. Research Files, 1986-2005 (8.5 linear feet)
The Research Files comprises information about various topics of interest to Senator Breaux and his staff. Some of these materials were used by staff members to answer constituent questions about federal employment or other issues. Research Files are arranged alphabetically by subject:

- Agriculture
- Agricultural Issues
- Ambulance Services
- American the Beautiful Passport
- Bill
- Court Appointed Special Advocates
- Appropriations
- Asbestos
- Budget
- Civil Rights
- Crime
- Cuban Prisoners
- Democratic Leadership Council
- Department of State
- Dialysis
- Diamond Page
- Election Day
- Employee Stock Ownership Plan
- Energy
- Environment
- Ergonomics
- Estimated Revenue Effects of Bills Already Passed
- Federal Bureau of Prisons
- Federal Facilities Compliance
- Flag Protection Amendment
- Foreign Medical Graduates
- Hypoxia
- Immigration
- Insurance
- Internet Tax
- IRAs Judiciary
- Louisiana Grants
- Louisiana Law
- Louisiana Providers
- Legislation
- Long-Term Care
- Malpractice
- Maritime Issues
- Medicare
- National Research Council
- Newspaper/Magazine Clips
- Nuclear Weapons
- Office of Personnel Management
- Peace Corps
- Pension Reform
- Retirement
- Social Security
- Social Welfare
- Socio-Economic Factbook for Surgery
- Solid Waste Management
- Space Shuttle
- Sports
- Subrogation
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The Miscellaneous Appointment Files contain information about the candidates nominated for judgeships, U. S. Attorneys and U. S. Marshals. The senator’s office divided the files into two sections: confirmed and not confirmed. This division was retained in the collection’s arrangement.

The files include letters of support and opposition, correspondence from nominees, newspaper/magazine clippings, newsletters, e-mails, facsimiles, background information on the nominees, memos, thank you notes and letters, photographs and electronically stored letters. Folders were arranged first by their outcome (whether or not the candidate was confirmed) and then alphabetically by the last name of the nominee or, in some cases, by the topic.

These materials carry a restriction of fifteen years from January 1 of the year of their creation.

2. Administrative Assistants’ Files, 1987-2004 (3.5 linear feet)

The administrative assistant serves as a senator’s chief of staff. Senator Breaux’s administrative assistants were Wallace Henderson, Tommy Hudson, and Fred Hatfield. The bulk of the files are those of Fred Hatfield.

The materials include: memoranda, facsimile transmissions, letters of recommendation and endorsement, appropriations summaries, joint letters, news releases, summaries of proposed bills, invitations, event schedules and itineraries, calendars, news articles, fact sheets, editorials, grant applications, drafts of bills, nominations, brochures, memorabilia, committee statements, proposals, certificates, inaugural programs, election results, political fliers, presentations, drafts of agency reports, announcements, and acceptance speeches.

Arranged alphabetically by the name of the assistant, then chronologically, then alphabetically by topic.

3. Legislative Directors’ Files, 1987-2003 (10 linear feet)

Legislative Directors monitor the legislative schedule and make recommendations for particular issues. The Legislative Directors of Senator Breaux’s office from 1990 – 2000 were Marcia Jones, Darla Romfo, and Sarah Walter (née Lyons). Included in their files are newspaper articles, copies of Senate bills, research on issues, letters to and from colleagues, reports from committees and agencies, committee notes, messages to and from other staff members, Congressional records, testimony from committee hearings, press releases,
background documents, proposals and amendments from colleagues, and files on the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare.

The Medicare Commission files were the work of Darla Romfo and then-legislative assistant Sarah. They contain papers by members of the Commission, information from the Commission meetings, faxes and proposals from members of the Commission, briefings, analysis, and testimony before the Commission. The majority of the Medicare Commission files is found in the Commissions series of the John B. Breaux Papers, but these materials carry a twenty year restriction. Due the difficulty of sorting commission-related material from other Legislative Directors material, any Medicare commission information found in the Legislative Directors’ Files may be considered unrestricted.

Additional materials may be found on energy and related topics, healthcare, taxes, retirement policy, social security, and initiatives of President Bill Clinton, as well as other topics. A complete listing is available in the container list/folder database.

Arranged alphabetically by the name of the director, then chronologically, then alphabetically by topic.

Legislative Assistants (LAs) were responsible for monitoring any developments in current and proposed legislation of interest to the senator, and they often specialized in a particular policy area.

Generally, these files contain letters from constituents or lobbyists, notes on Congressional proceedings, research, copies of bills, and other materials relating specifically to legislation. Topics include, among others, health care, trade, environmental issues, agriculture, taxation, transportation, communication, science and technology, and Indian affairs. Additional materials about several of these issues can be found in the Special Issues sub-sub series.

This sub-series has three subdivisions: the first section contains information about the legislative staff in general; the second section contains the files of Projects Director Johnny Broussard, who supervised the legislative staff; the final subdivision includes the files of all Legislative Assistants.

a. General Legislative Assistants’ Files, 1987-2004 (0.5 linear feet)
The General Legislative Assistant Files contain a list of Legislative Assistants, Legislative Reports and New Projects. The folder that contains the list of Legislative Assistants, as well as a list of 1987 office personnel, is found in Box 72, Folder 19. There may also be found Legislative Reports, which were checklists upon which the legislative assistants recorded any developments on their individual assignments.

b. Johnny Broussard -- Project Director, 1938-2004 (bulk: 1990-2004) (77.5 linear feet)
Johnny Broussard served as Senator Breaux’s Project Director. His primary duties were to assist individuals, companies and organizations making funding requests, supervise the completion of special projects, and mediate between constituents and government
agencies. He also attended meetings with constituents in Breaux’s Washington office. Because Broussard also supervised the legislative staff, his input may be noticed on many cases found in the files of all of the Legislative Assistants and Legislative Correspondents.

His files include grants, handwritten notes for telephone calls and meetings, correspondence, resolutions, maps, photographs, bills, journal articles, government agency reports, fact sheets, information from online sources, memos, news releases, facsimiles, joint letters, newspaper articles, tickler sheets, e-mail messages, drafts of bills, published materials, and newsletters. These materials relate to the following topics: crop and disaster assistance, projects for parishes and municipalities, appropriations, agriculture, the Breaux Act, the environment, coastal restoration, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, layoffs in Louisiana, highway bills and interstates in Louisiana, flood control, fishing and seafood industries, waterway navigation, and Louisiana universities and public officials. A complete listing is available in the container list/folder database.

The files are organized alphabetically by topic.

c.-rr. Legislative Assistants Files (61.5 linear feet)

Legislative Assistants (LAs) were responsible for monitoring any developments in current and proposed legislation of interest to the senator, and they often specialized in a particular policy area.

The Legislative Assistants in Senator Breaux’s office were as follows:

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4 Processing note: The first folder of the Broussard sub-sub-series is a guide to the Projects Database which may be found in the Audio and Video Media sub-sub-series of the Press Files. Speeches and news releases by Breaux and drafts of appropriate responses to large volumes of single issue mail were removed and filed in either Press Files or Issue Mail.
The Assistants files contain documents related to legislation about the Iraq War, welfare reform, waterways and fisheries, the Wallop-Breaux Amendment, veterans affairs, telecommunication, taxes, the space program, seafood industry, oil and gas, racial profiling, shipbuilding, Medicaid and Medicare, NAFTA, the World Trade Organization, and other trade issues, military construction, transportation, budget, campaign finance and election reform, climate change, defense appropriations and systems, the Coast Guard, military bases in Louisiana, budgets, homeland security, the LSU Medical Center, Marine Shale Processors, and Indian affairs, especially pertaining to the Jena Band of the Choctaw Indians, taxes, and appropriations, especially as they related to Louisiana projects. Additional materials about several of these issues can be found in the Special Issues sub-sub series. A complete listing is available in the container list/folder database.

Legislative Assistant Files are organized by the name of the staffer, then by issue or the name of the constituent.

5. Legislative Correspondents Files, 1992-2004 (17 linear feet)
The Legislative Correspondents worked with the Legislative Assistants, primarily communicating with constituents, with only limited monitoring of legislative developments in Congress. Many staff members started as Legislative Correspondents and were later promoted to Legislative Assistants or given broader duties similar to those of an Assistant while technically remaining a Correspondent. The appendix to the John B. Breaux Papers finding aid contains information about these legislative assignments.

The Legislative Correspondents in Senator Breaux’s office were as follows (note: the names of staffers who were promoted to Legislative Assistants will be repeated here):

Bacque, Emily
Jennings, Paige
Kirkpatrick, Scott
Leger, Stephanie
Leonard, Jennifer (Gust)
Lewis, Jeff

Longo, Jena
McConnell, Patrick
Moore, Mallory
O’Beirne, Lisa
Oliver, Justin
Payne, Scott
Privat, Scott
Pugh, Mary Dawn
Spiller, Lindsay
Strange, Hewitt
Thevenet, Phil
Traigle, Sara
Zeringue, Noélie

This group primarily contains correspondence with constituents related to the topics listed under the Legislative Assistants Files above. A complete listing is available in the container list/folder database.

These folders were organized by the Correspondent’s name then by the name of the Assistant under whom the Correspondent was working and finally by the issue in question or the name of the constituent who originated the correspondence.

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5 The arrangement of the Legislative Correspondent Files for the John B. Breaux Papers was complicated by the fact that an individual Legislative Correspondent might have worked for multiple Legislative Assistants in a given year depending upon the issue. Thus, using legislative assignment information contained in Box 2: Personal Office Files: Administrative Weekly Report—Mail Report 1988-2004 and in the General Legislative Assistant Files, the Legislative Correspondents were paired as best as could be determined with their supervisory Legislative Assistants on a case-by-case basis.


This includes drafts of bills, pages from the *Congressional Record*, correspondence, legislative activities reports containing cross references to bills sponsored and co-sponsored by Senator Breaux, facsimile transmissions, newspaper articles, press releases, legal publications, letters from colleagues requesting support or co-sponsorship of bills, invitations for co-sponsorship from Senator Breaux, joint letters, memos to the Democratic cloakroom requesting to add senators as co-sponsors, press releases, briefing reports, legislative bulletins and voting records published by the Democratic Policy Committee, Congressional Research Service reports, and status reports on pending legislation. The materials are organized chronologically by Congress and numerically by bill number. The term “Draft” on the folder indicates that no bill number was found.

The bulk of the materials relate to the following legislation: the Breaux Act, Medicare 2001, the Patients’ Bill of Rights, and Ozone and Particulate Matter Research. Legislative activities reports with cross references to bills sponsored and co-sponsored by Senator Breaux may be found at the end of this series in Box 228, Folders 55-57. A complete listing is available in the container list/folder database.

b. General Legislative Files, 1984-2004 (20.5 linear feet)

These files contain materials very similar to those found in the Administrative Assistants’, Legislative Directors’, Legislative Assistants’ and Legislative Correspondents’ Files, but which could not be identified with any specific staff member. Included herein are letters and notes from colleagues in the House and Senate seeking support or thanking Breaux for support of certain bills, resolutions, and amendments; legislative bulletins and special reports prepared by the Democratic Policy Committee; appropriations requests; reports prepared by the Congressional Research Service, press releases, committee hearings, briefing books on legislative issues, constituent fact sheets, and handwritten notes from Senator Breaux and other staff members.

Topics and committees included here are agriculture, appropriations, defense, banking, budget, education, environment, finances, food and drugs, foreign aid, foreign affairs, foreign relations, health, housing, immigration, tax reform, interior, judicial, labor, Medicare, Medicaid, natural resources, oil and gas, public works, telecommunications, flood control, trade, transportation, the United Nations, veterans, ways and means, and the World Trade Organization. A complete listing is available in the container list/folder database.

Files are arranged chronologically by year and then alphabetically within years by topic or committee.

NOTE: Some subjects span multiple years and have been organized chronologically by the first year listed.
c. Miscellaneous Legislative Files, 1991-2004 (4 linear feet)

1. Rules, 1995-2003
These materials document changes in rules established by different agencies or departments.

Types of materials include correspondence, memos, faxes, handwritten notes, booklets, testimonies, background information, news articles, executive orders, proposed rules, issue briefs, newsletters, brochures, court judgments, tickler sheets, “Dear Colleague” letters, PowerPoint presentations, summaries of proposals, briefing papers, suggested amendments, reports, public laws, Congressional Record articles, tables, Federal Register articles, and fact sheets.

The files are arranged alphabetically by agency or department and then alphabetically by topic.

There are nine briefing books covering an assortment of topics, including the American College of Surgeons, chemical weapons, the Gillis W. Long Hansen’s Disease Center, health information security, Medicare, space launch cost reduction, transportation, responsible fatherhood, and water pollution.

Arranged alphabetically by topic.

The Senate Centrist Coalition was created by Senator Breaux and Senator John Chafee (R-RI) in 1995 to encourage bipartisan cooperation in the federal government. Breaux served as co-chair until his retirement in 2004. The files contain staffers’ notes, drafts of bills/amendments, correspondence, newsletters, a list of members, news articles, joint letters, tables, memos, news releases, emails, graphs, briefing books, drafts of speeches, meeting agendas, faxes, and meeting notes. Topics addressed include budgets, taxes, welfare, and Medicare and Medicaid.

Arranged chronologically by year and then alphabetically by topic.

Senator Breaux was a member of the Senate New Democrat Coalition, which was founded in 1997 to help promote centrist positions within the Democratic Caucus. The John B. Breaux Papers contains five folders of New Democrats materials which include agendas, Senator Breaux’s briefing book for S.2254, newsletters, emails, handwritten notes, “Dear Colleague” letters, news articles, drafts of studies, and faxes.

d. Special Issues, 1980-2004 (13 linear feet)

Files related to “special issues” as designated by Breaux’s staff. Additional
materials on these issues is also found in the Project Director, Legislative Assistants, Legislative Correspondents, and Legislative Files.

Unless otherwise noted, these materials are organized by topic.

1. **Base Closures, 1988-1993**
Details the efforts of Senator Breaux to prevent the closure of England Air Force Base in Alexandria, LA, and the subsequent proceedings relating to its disposition after closure and its transference to civilian control under the England Authority.

Included here are staff memos and notes, bills and amendments concerning base realignment and closures, England Air Force Base closure files, correspondence from constituents, research materials, correspondence to the President and Secretary of Defense, information from departments, and news articles.

2. **Coastal Wetlands/Restoration, 1980-2000**
This section contains materials dealing with plans and appropriations intended for wetland protection and restoration in Louisiana.

Correspondence from state legislators, news articles, bills and amendments, House of Representative Files that carried over to the Senate Files, newsletters and correspondence from state and federal agencies and departments, project information and analysis, reports from interest groups and government agencies, information about the Clean Water Act, studies, committee reports, photos, and “Dear Colleague” letters.

3. **Foreign Policy, 1985-2004**
This section contains a variety of issues from various countries. Some issues covered include environmental policy, tariffs, human rights, foreign aid, immigration policy, international sanctions against Iran, G8 and World Bank meetings, U.S. policy statements in regards to various countries, Irish Republican Army and Middle East peace talks, Kosovo, NATO enlargement, Israel/Palestine, Chechnya, and nuclear non-proliferation.

Materials included are “Dear Colleague” letters, news articles, staff memos, correspondence from foreign dignitaries or other members of government, country briefs, bills and amendments, commission reports, analysis from outside groups, hearings before commissions and committees.

4. **Foreign Trade, 1989-2003**
Covers trade issues of state and national importance, including Japanese rice imports, Chinese crawfish exports, European fur trapping, gasoline imports, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) talks, U.S. aid to Ukraine, and rice sales to the U.S.S.R.

Materials include memos, letter, reports, news clippings, and briefing books.
5. Impeachment Debate, 1999
There is only one folder of material pertaining to Bill Clinton’s impeachment hearing. It contains notes from the trial, memos, letters, and a draft resolution of censure.

6. Medicare, 2001-2004
Information pertaining to efforts to reform the Medicare the system, competitive bidding practices, prescription drug policy, long-term care, physical therapy, and preferred provider organizations.

Included are memos, reports, GAO studies, and research material. These files are arranged alphabetically by topic.

This section is primarily material about NAFTA and its effect on Louisiana industries such as sugar and shrimping, but also discusses environmental policy, transportation, and worker re-training.

Included are bills and amendments, statistics, Senate and House votes on NAFTA, news articles, staff memos and notes, and correspondence.

Material related to the decision against Philip Morris, Inc. Contains briefing books, memos, research on Phillip Morris and R.J.R. Nabisco, and pages from the Congressional Record.

The voting records indicate how Senator Breaux voted on each bill that came before the Senate during his time as Senator. Included are memoranda, voting records, Congressional scorecards, alphabetical indexes to votes, indexes to party line votes, indexes to votes by bill number, voting reports from interest groups, interest group ratings, legislative activities guides and reports, roll call votes, roll call subject indexes, voting records of legislators by issue, pages of the Congressional Record, Democratic Policy Committee issue record votes, attendance records, issue briefs, bills and amendments sponsored, session member lists, and recess/session reports.

The first folder of this sub-sub-series is a guide entitled “How to Research Your Senator.” Press releases about legislation and bills were moved to the Press Files.

The records are arranged by Congress and then alphabetically by topic.

Joint letters are letters in support of legislation or some issue of importance signed by several senators. These are filed in chronological order.
Department and Independent Agency Files—which were originally called Project Files in the Senator’s office—consist of requests from Louisiana constituents for Senator Breaux’s assistance in their interactions with federal departments and agencies. Each case includes a tickler sheet which summarizes the constituent’s information, issue, and actions taken by the Senator’s office. Because of the volume of materials in this section, these files were heavily reviewed during processing and only those cases closest to Senator Breaux’s interests were retained for the collection. These include wetlands, healthcare, welfare, aging, transportation, Social Security, taxation, telecommunications, consumer protection, wildlife and fisheries, tourism, hurricane protection and recovery, Merchant Marine, agriculture (especially sugar and rice), hazardous waste, and commerce. Agencies represented include the Army Corps of Engineers, FEMA, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Bureau of Veterans Affairs, and the Departments of Defense, Housing and Human Services, and the Interior. A complete listing is available in the container list/folder database.

Types of materials include letters, news clippings, photographs, brochures, maps, reports, statistics, proposals, ledger sheets, petitions, patent applications, appraisals, diagrams, consumer test reports, annual reports, grant requests, resolutions and printed materials.

Note: The 1992 Department and Independent Agency Files were not received by the library.

Arranged chronologically by year, alphabetically within each year by department or agency, and finally alphabetically by the name of the constituent or group requesting assistance.

This series contains issues regarding state matters. The materials are very similar to the Department and Independent Agencies Files, with the difference being that all cases contained here were referred to agencies and departments of the State of Louisiana for resolution. A complete listing is available in the container list/folder database.

The series includes correspondence to and from constituents, correspondence to and from state agencies on behalf of constituents, staff notes, bills and amendments, news articles, publications, proposals for grants and projects, appropriations requests, and testimony for hearings and committee meetings.

Arranged alphabetically by agency, topic, and constituent name.

The Grants and Projects files contain grant requests from constituents and state agencies filed with Senator Breaux’s office. Also included are correspondence with federal departments on behalf of grant petitioners and joint letters with Senators Mary Landrieu and J. Bennett Johnston. Granting agencies represented include the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Transportation and Development, Education, Health and Hospitals, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, the Interior, Justice, Labor; Administration on Children, Administration on Aging, the Corps of Engineers, Economic Development Office, EPA, Federal Highway Authority, Farmers Home Administration, Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, the Louisiana Governor’s Office, the Drug Courts Program,
Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Veterans Affairs, National Endowment for the Arts, National Institutions of Health, National Park Service, National Science Foundation, Small Business Association, and Rural Development. A complete listing is available in the container list/folder database.

Arranged chronologically, the alphabetically by the granting agency, and finally alphabetically by topic.

10. Press Files, 1972-2004 (63.7 linear feet and 25 scrapbooks)
   
      The General Press files include publically circulated materials generated by the Senator’s office. Such materials include the Senator’s remarks on a variety of issues, his statements from the floor of the Senate, articles and newsletters written by the Senator, transcripts of Senator Breaux’s speeches, talking points for various issues distributed to the Congressional staff, newspaper clippings and magazine articles concerning the Senator’s activities or issues of interest to him, transcripts of Senator Breaux’s television appearances and press conferences, and trip files detailing his visits to Louisiana.

      Types of press material described are: interviews, issues, magazine articles, miscellaneous materials, news articles, releases, remarks, scripts, speeches, statements, television news clips, and trip files. The miscellaneous materials include press releases from other members of Congress, memoranda from staff members to Senator Breaux, and background information on issues.

      The Press Files are arranged first chronologically, then alphabetically by the type of press material, and finally alphabetically by topic.
   
   b. Biography, 2001, 2004 (0.1 linear foot)
      Included here are four brief biographies of Senator Breaux. One was written while John Breaux was still in the House of Representatives. Another details his entire political career, while the third is a brief statement of Senator Breaux’s accomplishments prepared for a tennis tournament in which the Senator participated. The fourth relates Breaux’s activities in relation to the University of Southwestern Louisiana and the proposal for the John B. Breaux, Sr., Endowed Chair in Political Science.
   
   c. Website, 2003 (0.1 linear foot)
      This brief sub-sub-series contains hardcopies of the Senator’s website (now unavailable online), as well as memos and other information dealing with a planned redesign of the site.
   
   d. Audio and Video Media, 1973-2004 (42 linear feet)
      Includes audio and video media in several formats, specifically: VHS, Betamax, 9-mm audio reel-to-reel, cassettes, compact discs, DVD, and computer diskettes.

      The VHS, Betamax, and reel-to-reel materials contain Senator Breaux’s campaign ads for television and recordings of his public and television appearances, while the cassettes record Senator Breaux’s radio campaign advertisements.
The compact discs, DVDs, and computer diskettes included here contain data files, video, and/or audio files. They are largely commercially produced materials sent to Senator Breaux’s office in support of appropriations or legislative requests from various organizations or corporations. The computer diskettes also contain data files created by the staff members for their own use.

e. Photographs, Negatives, and Slides, (10.5 linear feet)
The photographs sub-sub-series spans John Breaux’s career as both a Senator and a Representative. Inclusive dates are roughly 1970-2004. Contained herein are a variety of photographs, negatives, slides, contact sheets, and digital photographs on compact disc. Subjects include events, campaign stops, family photographs, trips to Louisiana and abroad, photographs of John Breaux with world leaders, well-known individuals, and constituents visiting his Washington D.C. office, posed and candid staff photographs, and John Breaux’s official portraits.

Individuals in the photographs are identified only insomuch as could be ascertained from the folders they arrived in, excepting cases of well-known individuals such as Presidents of the United States, easily recognizable foreign dignitaries, certain Members of Congress or administration figures, members of the Louisiana delegation, and Louisiana state officials. See the database/file list for more detail.

Largely kept in the order in which they were received, which was roughly chronological. Undated materials are arranged alphabetically by topic and placed at the end of the decade in which they seem to have been created.

f. Scrapbooks, 1972-2001 (25 volumes)
The John B. Breaux Papers contains twenty-five scrapbooks from Senator Breaux’s careers in the House and the Senate. These cover the period 1972-2002. Each scrapbook is an assemblage of media materials—such as newspaper and magazine clippings, photographs, and letters—commemorating the Senator’s achievements.

Restriction: Some pages of a few of the books have become glued together, and are thus in danger of tearing if handled improperly. These will be microfilmed in the future. Until such a time, there use is solely at the discretion of the Department of Special Collections.

B. SENATE COMMITTEE FILES, 1989-2004 (45 linear feet)
(RESTRICTED for 20 years from date of creation)

During his Senate career, Senator Breaux was a member of five committees: the Special Committee on Aging (1987-2004); the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation(1987-2004); the Committee on Finance (1989-2004); the Committee on Environment and Public Works (1987-1988), and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (1987-1988). In the course of these duties, he served on fourteen subcommittees under the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on Finance. These subcommittees are noted in the database entries.
Materials contained within the Committee Files include memoranda, emails, and other various means of correspondence between committee members, reports to the committee, minutes of meetings, testimonies before the committee and/or subcommittee, and research materials compiled by Senator Breaux’s staff in reference to committee work.

The Other Committees sub-series contains the materials for committees upon which Breaux did not sit, but whose work was pertinent to his interests. These include House and Senate Committees, Joint Committees, and Committees that Breaux followed after he was no longer a member (the Committee on Environment and Public Works).

C. COMMISSION FILES, 1997-1999 (6 linear feet)
(RESTRICTED for 20 years from date of creation)

In addition to his work with Congressional committees, Senator Breaux was also appointed the chair of the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare and co-chaired the National Commission on Retirement Policy, both of which produced Social Security reform legislation.

These materials include meeting agendas, minutes, memoranda, lists and brief biographies of commission participants, testimonies before the commission, research materials pertaining to commission work, reports, proposals, and the notes of legislative staff assigned to commission work (notably Darla Romfo and Sarah Walter, in whose Legislative Director and Legislative Assistant Files some commission materials may be located).

Rules regarding the availability of commission materials are not well-defined, but the processing staff decided that the Commission Files should follow the same rules governing the Senate Committee Files, except in cases where the documents in question had already been publicly released (such as the final reports of the commissions). Like the Committee Files, the Commission Files are unrestricted annually at the beginning of the twentieth calendar year from the date of creation.

II. POLITICAL FILES, 1976-2003

A. CAMPAIGN FILES (1978-2003) (.5 linear feet)
The Campaign Files are divided into House and Senate campaign materials. There is very little of such material in the John B. Breaux Papers. Files include research on opponents, campaign planning materials, statistical data about Louisiana voting patterns, and some campaign memorabilia such as bumper stickers flyers, and pamphlets.

Organized by House and Senate, and therein alphabetically by topic or genre.

B. PARTY LEADERSHIP (1976-1999) (1 linear foot)

1. Democratic Leadership Council (DLC)

As one of the founders of the Democratic Leadership Council, Senator Breaux was involved in many of its activities, including conferences, fundraising, and election year strategic planning for centrist Democrats. Materials include letters, reports, speeches, memos,
meeting schedules, and information from the Public Policy Institute. Also included are DLC published materials, *Mandate for Change*, “Middle Class Squeeze,” and *Politics of Evasion*.

Arranged alphabetically by topic.

2. **Caucus, 1976**

Senator Breaux was very active in national Democratic politics. These files detail his involvement in party caucuses and political strategy.

Materials include correspondence, memos, briefing books, and reports and are arranged alphabetically by topic.

### III. SOCIAL FILES, 1975-2001

A. **Mardi Gras, 1989-1999 (0.5 linear feet)**

The annual Washington D.C. Mardi Gras ball is a prestigious event not only for Louisianans but also for political figures nationwide. The ball is organized and hosted by the Louisiana delegation and the Mystick Krewe of Louisianians, an organization of prominent Louisiana citizens usually led by current or retired politicians. The John B. Breaux Papers contains some of the materials, including invitations and letters, related to the organizing of several of the balls during Senator Breaux’s tenure in office. Also included are materials from the balls themselves, such as programs, booklets with photographs of the Royal Court (the King and Queen, princesses, and festival queens from Louisiana), and a history of the balls entitled, *Golden Memories: A History of the First Fifty Washington Mardi Gras Balls*. These materials are arranged alphabetically by topic.

B. **Memorabilia, 1975-2001**

The Memorabilia Series consists mainly of awards given to Senator Breaux throughout his career in public service. These awards include plaques, trophies, certificates, statuettes, and other commemorative objects in addition to Presidential signing pens from Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan.

### IV. U.S HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FILES, ca. 1972-1986 (251 linear feet)

The U.S. House of Representatives Sub-Group contains many of the same types of materials on similar topics found in the U.S. Senate Sub-Group. The order in which the records were received has been maintained, so, for the most part, they are not organized into series and sub-series. Searchable description and indexing of each box is available in the [container list/database](#).
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APPENDIX: Legislative Staff Assignments

This appendix contains summarized lists of John Breaux’s legislative staff and their assignments for the years 1998-2004. This information was compiled by the processing staff from materials in the Senate Office Files of the collection and employed in arranging the Legislative Assistants’ and Legislative Correspondents’ Files.

Legislative Assistant and Legislative Correspondent Structure for 1998-2004. Legislative Assistants (LAs) are listed in bold with their designated Legislative Correspondents (LCs) following. The names of those LCs who worked with more than one LA will be italicized, and their specific duty assignments will be broken down in detail by year in the following section. Those LCs who were become LAs during the course of a year are listed in bold italics, because their correspondent duties are detailed in the next section.

I. 1998

A. Johnny Broussard
   1. Justin Oliver
   2. Philip Thevenet
   3. Sara Traigle

B. Rebecca Hawes
   1. Stephanie Leger
   2. Jeff Lewis

C. Adam Lawrence
   1. Stephanie Leger

D. Mark Ashby
   1. Jeff Lewis

E. Sarah Lyons
   1. Elizabeth Golden

F. Michelle Prejean
   1. Elizabeth Golden

II. 1999

A. Rebecca Hawes
   1. Stephanie Leger (until circa August 9th, 1999)
   2. Jeff Lewis
   3. Emily Bacque
   4. Lindsay Spiller (replaced Stephanie Leger circa August 9th, 1999)

B. Adam Lawrence
   1. Stephanie Leger (until circa August 9th, 1999)
   2. Emily Bacque

C. Johnny Broussard
   1. Sara Traigle

D. Mark Ashby
   1. Jeff Lewis

E. Sarah Lyons
   1. Elizabeth Golden (until circa August 9th, 1999)
   2. Philip Thevenet (replaced Elizabeth Golden circa August 9th, 1999)

F. Michelle Prejean
   1. Elizabeth Golden (until circa August 9th, 1999)
   2. Philip Thevenet (replaced Elizabeth Golden circa August 9th, 1999)
G. Stephanie Leger (became LA circa August 9th, 1999)
   1. Mallory Moore

III. 2000

A. Johnny Broussard
   1. Sara Traigle (LA responsibilities as designated by Johnny Broussard)
   2. Jennifer Guste
   3. Mary Dawn Pugh

B. Rebecca Hawes
   1. Lindsay Spiller

C. Stephanie Leger
   1. Mallory Moore (LA responsibilities in Government Affairs and Ethics)

D. Andy Vermilye
   1. Emily Bacque (LA responsibilities in Armed Services and Defense)

E. Sarah (Lyons) Walter (Sarah Lyons became Legislative Director circa March 1st, 2000)
   1. Philip Thevenet (until circa March 1st, 2000)
   2. Sara Traigle (replaced Philip Thevenet circa March 1st, 2000)

F. Michelle (Prejean) Easton
   1. Philip Thevenet (until circa March 1st, 2000)
   2. Sara Traigle (replaced Philip Thevenet circa March 1st, 2000)

IV. 2001

A. Johnny Broussard
   1. Mary Dawn Pugh
   2. Jennifer Guste
   3. Scott Privat (replaced Jennifer Guste circa August 1st, 2001)

B. Rebecca Hawes
   1. Lindsay Spiller (both LA and LC circa August 1st, 2001)
   2. Tommy Screen (given Lindsay Spiller’s LC duties circa August 1st, 2001)

C. Stephanie Leger
   1. Mallory Moore (both LA and LC circa August 1st, 2001)
      a. Tommy Screen (LC duties began circa August 1st, 2001)

D. Andy Vermilye
   1. Emily Bacque (until circa August 1st, 2001)
   2. Scott Payne (replaced Emily Bacque circa August 1st, 2001)

E. Sarah Walter
   1. Sara Traigle (until circa August 1st, 2001)
   2. Lisa O’Beirne (replaced Sara Traigle circa August 1st, 2001)

F. Michelle Easton
   1. Sara Traigle (until circa August 1st, 2001)
   2. Lisa O’Beirne (replaced Sara Traigle circa August 1st, 2001)

G. Sara Traigle (became LA circa August 1st, 2001)
   1. Lisa O’Beirne (LC duties began circa August 1st, 2001)

H. Emily Bacque (became LA circa August 1st, 2001)
   1. Scott Payne (LC duties began circa August 1st, 2001)

V. 2002

A. Johnny Broussard
   1. Noelle Zeringue
   2. Scott Kirkpatrick

B. Sarah Walter
1. Lisa O’Beirne

C. Rebecca Hawes
   1. Lindsay Spiller (both LA and LC)
   2. Tommy Screen

D. Mallory Moore (both LA and LC)
   1. Tommy Screen

E. Andy Vermilye
   1. Scott Payne

F. Emily Bacque
   1. Scott Payne

G. Michelle Easton
   1. Sara Traigle
   2. Lisa O’Beirne

VI. 2003

A. Sarah Walter
   1. Sara Traigle (both LA and LC)

B. Michelle Easton
   1. Sara Traigle (both LA and LC)

C. Rebecca Hawes
   1. Lindsay Spiller (both LA and LC)
   2. Tommy Screen

D. Mallory Moore
   1. Tommy Screen

E. Andy Vermilye
   1. Scott Payne

F. Emily Bacque
   1. Scott Payne

G. Johnny Broussard
   1. Noelie Zeringue (until circa April 23rd, 2003)
   2. Scott Kirkpatrick
   4. Patrick McConnell

VII. 2004

A. Johnny Broussard
   1. Hewitt Strange
   2. Patrick McConnell

B. Michelle Easton (became Legislative Director circa 2004)
   1. Paige Jennings (both LA and LC; Kori Forster assisted with LC duties)

C. Rebecca Hawes
   1. Jena Longo
   2. Tommy Screen (both LA and LC)

D. Lindsay Spiller
   1. Jena Longo

E. Tommy Screen (both LA and LC)
   1. Caryn Dyson

F. Andy Vermilye
   1. Scott Payne

G. Emily Bacque
Legislative Correspondents with multiple Legislative Assistant supervisors. In this section, the specific correspondence duties of LCs who worked with more than one LA will be listed.

1998

Elizabeth Golden for Sarah Lyons
Golden addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Sarah Lyons for the following issues:

- Finance Committee (*health, Medicare and long term care, health for families and the uninsured*)
- All health issues (*regardless of committee*)
- Special Committee on Aging

Elizabeth Golden for Michelle Prejean
Golden addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Michelle Prejean for the following issues:

- Welfare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Child Nutrition, SSI and SS Disability
- Veterans (*health only*)
- Food and Drug Administration
- Abortion
- Agriculture (*non-commodity*)

Jeff Lewis for Rebecca Hawes
Lewis addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Rebecca Hawes for the following issues:

- Armed Services
- Veterans (*except health*)

Jeff Lewis for Mark Ashby
Lewis addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Mark Ashby for the following issues:

- Foreign Trade
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation
- Special Committee on Intelligence

Jeff Lewis for Rebecca Hawes and Mark Ashby
Leger addressed constituent concerns on behalf of both Rebecca Hawes and Mark Ashby for the following issues:

- Judiciary Committee (*crime only*)
Jeff Lewis
Jeff Lewis served as and should be considered a Legislative Assistant for the following issues:

- Indian Affairs

Stephanie Leger for Rebecca Hawes
Leger addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Rebecca Hawes for the following issues:

- Judiciary Committee (*crime only*)
- Ethics Committee
- Governmental Affairs
- Rules and Administration
- Postal Service
- Campaign Finance
- Small Business

Stephanie Leger for Adam Lawrence
Leger addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Adam Lawrence for the following issues:

- Labor Committee (*except health*)
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Environment and Public Works
- Education
- Job Training

Stephanie Leger
Leger served as and should be considered a Legislative Assistant for the following issues:

- Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

1999
Elizabeth Golden for Sarah Lyons
Golden addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Sarah Lyons for the following issues:

- Finance Committee (*health, Medicare and long term care, health for families and the uninsured*)
- All health issues (*regardless of committee*)
- Special Committee on Aging

Elizabeth Golden for Michelle Prejean
Golden addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Michelle Prejean for the following issues:
• Welfare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Child Nutrition, SSI and SS Disability
• Veterans (health only)
• Food and Drug Administration
• Abortion

Circa August 9th, 1999, Philip Thevenet replaced Elizabeth Golden as Legislative Correspondent for both Sarah Lyons and Michelle Prejean. Thevenet assumed all of Golden’s assignments from both Lyons and Prejean.

**Jeff Lewis for Mark Ashby**
Lewis addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Mark Ashby for the following issues:

• Foreign Trade
• Commerce, Science, and Transportation
• Judiciary Committee (except crime)
• Special Committee on Intelligence

**Jeff Lewis for Rebecca Hawes**
Lewis addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Rebecca Hawes for the following issues:

• Armed Services
• Veterans (except health)

**Jeff Lewis**
Lewis served as and should be considered a Legislative Assistant for the following issues:

• Indian Affairs
• Foreign Relations

**Stephanie Leger for Rebecca Hawes**
Leger addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Rebecca Hawes for the following issues:

• Ethics Committee
• Government Affairs
• Rules and Administration
• Campaign Finance
• Small Business

**Stephanie Leger for Adam Lawrence**
Leger addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Adam Lawrence for the following issues:

• Labor Committee (except health)
• Energy and Natural Resources
Environment and Public Works
Education
Job Training
Agriculture (*non-commodity*)

**Stephanie Leger**
Leger served as and should be considered a Legislative Assistant for the following issues:

- Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

As of August 9, 1999, Stephanie Leger was promoted to Legislative Assistant. Lindsay Spiller and Emily Bacque replaced Leger as Legislative Correspondents for Rebecca Hawes and Adam Lawrence respectively. After August 9th, the following issues were covered by Leger and her new LC, Mallory Moore:

- Agriculture (*non-commodity*)
- Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Environment and Public Works
- Education
- Indian Affairs
- Labor Committee (*except health*)
- Job Training
- Relevant Appropriations and Bills (*including Interior and Agriculture (*non-commodity*)*)

All other assignments for Hawes and Lawrence were assumed by Spiller and Bacque respectively.

**2000**

**Philip Thevenet for Sarah Walter**
Thevenet addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Sarah Walter for the following issues:

- Finance Committee (*health, Medicare and long term care, health for families and the uninsured*)
- All health issues (*regardless of committee*)
- Special Committee on Aging

**Philip Thevenet for Michelle Prejean**
Thevenet addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Michelle Prejean for the following issues:

- Welfare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Child Nutrition, SSI and SS Disability
- Veterans (*health only*)
- Food and Drug Administration
- Abortion
Tobacco Settlement

**Sara Traigle for Johnny Broussard**

Traigle addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Johnny Broussard for the following issues:

- Agriculture Committee (*except non-commodity*)
- Environment and Public Works (*clean water and wetlands only*)
- Economic Development Administration
- Transportation (*highways only*)

**SPECIAL NOTE:**

Sara Traigle had Legislative Assistant assignments as directed by Johnny Broussard. For any issue listing Traigle as the contact that is not included on this list, we shall assume she was acting as a Legislative Assistant.

**Sara Traigle for Michelle Easton**

Beginning March 1st, 2000, Sara Traigle performed Legislative Correspondent duties on behalf of both Legislative Director Sarah Walter and Legislative Assistant Michelle Easton. Traigle addressed constituent concerns on behalf Easton for the following issues:

- Finance Committee (*Medicaid, public health, welfare, child care, child support, SSI and SSDI Disability, family planning, adoption*)
- Aging Committee (*Medicaid issues*)
- Unemployment Insurance, Food Stamps, Child Nutrition
- Welfare (*immigration issues*)
- Centrist Coalition Issues
- Social Security Issues
- Relevant Appropriations Bills

**Sara Traigle for Sarah Walter**

Beginning March 1st, 2000, in addition to her duties under Johnny Broussard, Sara Traigle performed Legislative Correspondent duties on behalf of both Legislative Director Sarah Walter and Legislative Assistant Michelle Easton. Traigle addressed constituent concerns on behalf Walter for the following issues:

- Finance Committee (*health and long term care only*)
- Aging Committee (*Medicare issues*)
- All Other Health Care Issues
- Food and Drug Issues
- Abortion
- Relevant Centrist Coalition Issues
- Veterans (*health only*)
- Tobacco Settlement
- Relevant Appropriations and Bills
2001

Lindsay Spiller
In addition to her duties as Rebecca Hawes’s Legislative Correspondent, Lindsay Spiller had Legislative Assistant responsibilities for the following issues:

- Judiciary (*all*)
- Rules and Administration (*not campaign finance*)
- Postal Service
- Related Appropriations

Lisa O’Beirne for Michelle Easton and Sara Traigle
As of August 1st, 2001, Lisa O’Beirne replaced Sara Traigle as Legislative Correspondent for Sarah Walter and Michelle Easton. O’Beirne addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Easton and Traigle on the following issues:

- Welfare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Child Nutrition, SSI and SS Disability, Kids Health
- Veterans (*health only*)
- Food and Drug Administration
- Abortion
- Tobacco Settlement

Lisa O’Beirne for Sarah Walter and Sara Traigle
As of August 1st, 2001, Lisa O’Beirne replaced Sara Traigle as Legislative Correspondent for Sarah Walter and Michelle Easton. O’Beirne addressed constituent concerns for Walter and Traigle for the following issues:

- Finance Committee (*health, Medicare and long term care, health for families and the uninsured*)
- All health issues (*regardless of committee*)
- Special Committee on Aging

Sara Traigle for Sarah Walter
Traigle addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Sarah Walter for the following issues:

- Finance Committee (*health, Medicare and long term care, health for families and the uninsured*)
- All Health Issues (*regardless of committee*)
- Special Committee on Aging

Sara Traigle for Michelle Easton
Traigle addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Michelle Easton for the following issues:

- Welfare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Child Nutrition, SSI and SS Disability
- Veterans (*health only*)
- Food and Drug Administration
Tommy Screen for Rebecca Hawes
Screen addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Rebecca Hawes for the following issues:

- Environment and Public Works
- Energy and Natural Resources

Tommy Screen for Mallory Moore
Screen addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Mallory Moore for the following issues:

- Agriculture (non-commodity)
- Education
- Labor Committee (except health)
- Job Training
- National Endowment for the Humanities

2002
Lindsay Spiller
In addition to her duties as Rebecca Hawes’s Legislative Correspondent, Lindsay Spiller had Legislative Assistant responsibilities for the following issues:

- Judiciary (all)
- Rules and Administration (not campaign finance)
- Postal Service
- Related Appropriations

Lisa O’Beirne for Sarah Walter and Sara Traigle
O’Beirne addressed constituent concerns for Walter and Traigle for the following issues:

- Finance Committee (health, Medicare and long term care, health for families and the uninsured)
- All health issues (regardless of committee)
- Special Committee on Aging

Lisa O’Beirne for Michelle Easton and Sara Traigle
O’Beirne addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Easton and Traigle on the following issues:

- Welfare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Child Nutrition, SSI and SS Disability, Kids Health
- Veterans (health only)
- Food and Drug Administration
- Abortion
- Tobacco Settlement
Scott Payne for Andy Vermilye
Payne addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Andy Vermilye for the following issues:

- Commerce, Science, and Transportation
- Banking
- Small Business
- International Trade

Scott Payne for Emily Bacque
Payne addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Emily Bacque for the following issues:

- Defense
- Veterans Affairs (except health)
- Foreign Relations
- Intelligence

Tommy Screen for Mallory Moore
Screen addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Mallory Moore for the following issues:

- Agriculture (non-commodity)
- Education
- Labor Committee (except health)
- Job Training
- National Endowment for the Humanities

Tommy Screen for Rebecca Hawes
Screen addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Rebecca Hawes for the following issues:

- Environment and Public Works
- Energy and Natural Resources

2003
Lindsay Spiller
Spiller addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Rebecca Hawes for the following issues:

- Campaign Finance
- Finance Committee (all tax)
- Budget
Additionally, Spiller served as and should be considered a Legislative Assistant for the following issues:

- Judiciary (*all*)
- Rules and Administration (*not campaign finance*)
- Postal Service
- Related Appropriations

**Sara Traigle for Sarah Walter**
Traigle addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Sarah Walter for the following issues:

- Finance Committee (*health, Medicare and long term care, health for families and the uninsured*)
- All health (*regardless of committee*)
- Special Committee on Aging

**Sara Traigle for Michelle Easton**
Traigle addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Michelle Easton for the following issues:

- Welfare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Child Nutrition, SSI and SS Disability, Kids Health
- Veterans (*health only*)
- Food and Drug Administration
- Abortion
- Tobacco Settlement

**Sara Traigle**
Traigle’s Legislative Assistant responsibilities for 2003 included:

- Finance Committee, Welfare, Child Care, Child Support
- Health Care
- Unemployment Insurance, Food Stamps, Child Nutrition
- Welfare
- All Health, Welfare, and Nutrition Appropriations

**Scott Payne for Andy Vermilye**
Payne addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Andy Vermilye for the following issues:

- Commerce, Science, and Transportation
- International Trade
- Banking
- Small Business

**Scott Payne for Emily Bacque**
Scott Payne addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Emily Bacque for the following issues:
• Foreign Relations
• Defense
• Veterans Affairs (*except health*)
• Intelligence

**Tommy Screen for Rebecca Hawes**
Screen addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Rebecca Hawes for the following issues:

• Environment and Public Works
• Energy and Natural Resources

**Tommy Screen for Mallory Moore**
Screen addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Mallory Moore for the following issues:

• Agriculture (*non-commodity*)
• Education
• Labor Committee (*except health*)
• Job Training
• National Endowment for Arts and Humanities

**2004**

**Jena Longo for Lindsay Spiller**
Longo addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Lindsay Spiller for the following issues:

• Judiciary (*all*)
• Rules and Administration
• Postal Service
• Campaign Finance

**Jena Longo for Rebecca Hawes**
Longo addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Rebecca Hawes for the following issues:

• Finance Committee (*all tax*)
• Budget
Paige Jennings
Jennings addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Michelle Easton for the following issues:

- Food and Drug Issues
- Health, Medicare, Medicaid, Long Term Care, Supplemental Security Income, and Disability
- Centrist Coalition

Scott Payne for Andy Vermilye
Payne addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Andy Vermilye for the following issues:

- Commerce, Science, and Transportation
- International Trade
- Banking
- Small Business

Scott Payne for Emily Bacque
Payne addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Emily Bacque for the following issues:

- Defense
- Veterans Affairs (*except health*)
- Foreign Relations
- Intelligence

Tommy Screen
Screen served as both Legislative Assistant and Legislative Correspondent for the following issues:

- Education
- Labor
- Environment and Public Works
- Indian Affairs
- Agriculture (*non-commodity*)
- Job Training
- Ethics
- Scandals, Hot Issues
- National Endowment for Arts and Humanities
- Energy and Natural Resources

Screen was had only Legislative Assistant responsibilities for the following issues:

- Government Affairs
- Related Appropriations
Screen was assisted by Caryn Dyson as Legislative Correspondent for the following issues:
- Education
- Government Affairs

Dyson also had other Legislative Correspondent responsibilities as assigned by Screen.