

Descriptive Summary for Ronald V. Dellums Collection (Rebecca Maher and Kristin Yiotis)

Title

Ronald V. Dellums House of Representative Bills from the 99th Congress

Date Range

April 1985 to December 1986

Collection number

Unavailable

Collector

Ronald V. Dellums

Extent

1 box (21 x 17 x 15 in. or 5,355 cubic inches)

Repository

African-American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO)
659 14th Street
Oakland, CA 94612
510 637-0200

Shelf location

Scope and Content

The Ronald V. Dellums Papers from the 99th Congress consists of Bills H.R. 2001 to H.R. 5588, correspondence from Members of Congress sponsoring the Bills, correspondence from parties interested in the Bills, and documents supplementary to and supporting of H.R.Bills, such as copies of newspaper articles and press releases, Congressional Gazette articles, statements by Members of Congress, and other various documents. The Bills in this collection have been either sponsored or co-sponsored by Congressman Dellums or were of particular interest to him. They do not represent all legislation occurring during the inclusive dates of April 1985 to December 1986. Bills included here are in the areas of: health care and social services, worker, minority, and human rights, energy conservation and environment, peace and nuclear disarmament, Africa and apartheid, gun, tobacco, and drug control.

Biography of Ronald V. Dellums

Retired California Congressman Ronald V. Dellums had a distinguished twenty-seven year career on Capitol Hill (1971-1998) that included serving as the first black chairman of the Armed Services Committee, and chairing the Congressional Black Caucus. He spoke out most often and passionately on issues of peace and civil rights, joining in the anti-war protests of the Vietnam

era, seeking to promote consensus for peace and disarmament, and repeatedly calling for the U.S. to impose economic sanctions on the apartheid government of South Africa. A devoted advocate of international peace initiatives, Dellums opposed every American military intervention abroad, with the exception of the 1992 emergency relief effort in Somalia.

Dellums was born in Oakland on November 24, 1935, and grew up in a rough Oakland neighborhood. Following high school, he served two years in the United States Marine Corp, 1954-1956, after which he earned an AA degree from Oakland City College in 1958. Two years later he received a BA degree from San Francisco State College, and in 1962 completed a master's degree in social work at the University of California, Berkeley. During the next several years, he held a series of social services positions in the San Francisco Bayview-Hunters Point district. In 1967, he ran for the Berkeley City Council, and served for four years, until his election to Congress in 1971, from the then Seventh Congressional District (now the Ninth).

Since retiring from Congress in 1998, Dellums currently serves as the President of Healthcare International Management Company, which does work in health and conflict mediation. He has also written an autobiography entitled "Lying Down with the Lions: A Public Life from the Streets of Oakland to the Halls of Power." In memory of Dellums' work to help end the Cold War, the University of California, Berkeley has established an endowed chair in his honor in the Peace and Conflict Studies Department.

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Organization

The collection is organized into 1 record series and 4 record subseries.

Series

- I. Bills, House of Representative, the 99th Congress (5,355 cubic inches)

Subseries

- A. Bills, H.R. 2001-5588 (14 folders)

- B. Correspondence from members of Congress (2 folders)
- C. Correspondence from interested parties (1 folder)
- D. Supporting documents (7 folders)

Controlled Access Headings

Library of Congress Subject Headings

Personal names:

Dellums, Ronald, V. 1935 –

Subjects:

Legislators—United States.

United States—Congress —History 20th century congresses.

United States—Congress—House.

United States—Politics and government—1981-1989.

Container List

Series I: Bills, House of Representative, the 99th Congress

This series contains H.R. Bills, correspondence from Members of Congress, correspondence from interested parties, and supplementary documents.

Subseries A: H.R. Bills (14 folders)

This subseries contains the Bills as printed by the Government Printing Office (GPO).

Folder 1	H.R. 2001 – 2066 (3 items)
2	H.R. 2069 – 2282 (13 items)
3	H.R. 2320 – 2422 (8 items)
4	H.R. 2424 – 2443 (3 items)
5	H.R. 2525 – 2691 (7 items)
6	H.R. 2701 – 2851 (4 items)
7	H.R. 2866 – 3085 (6 items)
8	H.R. 3100 – 3470 (7 items)
9	H.R. 3654 – 4300 (14 items)
10	H.R. 4412 – 4756 (10 items)
11	H.R. 4762 – 5109 (7 items)
12	H.R. 5140 – 5283 (6 items)
13	H.R. 5484 (1 item)
14	H.R. 5520 – 5588 (2 items)

Subseries B: Correspondence from Members of Congress (2 folders)

This subseries contains correspondence from Members of Congress pertaining to the Bills.

- Folder 1 April to December, 1985 (56 items)
- 2 January to November, 1986 (45 items)

Subseries C: Correspondence from interested parties (1 folder)

This subseries contains correspondence from parties interested in the Bills.

- Folder 1 July to December, 1985, March to September, 1986 (29 items)

Subseries D: Supplementary documents related to H.R. Bills (7 folders)

This subseries contains documents that support the Bills such as copies of newspaper articles and press releases, copies of articles from the Congressional Gazette, statements from Members of Congress, and other various documents.

- Folder 1 H.R. 2020, H.R. 2443, H.R.2472 (20 items)
- 2 H.R. 2567, H.R. 2700, H.R.3008, H.R.3042, H.R. 3099, H.R. 3295 (13 items)
- 3 H.R. 3442, H.R. 3797, H.R.4096 (13 items)
- 4 H.R. 4138, H.R. 4155, H.R.4194, H.R. 4223 (26 items)
- 5 H.R. 4205, H.R. 4412, H.R. 4300, H.R. 4488, H.R. 4515, H.R.4612, H.R. 4696 (14 items)
- 6 H.R. 4846, H.R. 4938, H.R. 4972 (44 items)
- 7 H.R. 5165, H.R. 5220, H.R. 5588 (9 items)