

THE ALEX PILCH COLLECTION

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The papers of Alex Pilch were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in December of 1972 by Mr. Pilch and were opened for research in May of 1983.

Alex Pilch was born in Aurora, Illinois on March 18, 1913. He graduated from East Aurora High School in 1931 and attended the University of Michigan, Rackham Branch, and Wayne State University. After three years in the Civilian Conservation Corps he became a reporter, first in southern Illinois followed by four years in Washington D.C. reporting for a national publication and news service. The years 1940 to 1948, interrupted by 33 months of army service during World War II, were spent as editor of the Dearborn Press. In 1948 he was appointed Director of Public Relations by Mayor Orville Hubbard of Dearborn, and in 1950 he became Director of Research and Information.

Mr. Pilch, in his first try for public office, won the Democratic nomination in the 1966 primary and subsequently was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives. As a legislator he served as Chairman of the House Drainage Committee, Vice Chairman of the Tourist Industry Relations Committee, Vice Chairman of the Towns and Counties Committee, and was a member of the Labor Committee and of the Consumers and Agriculture Committee. Representative Pilch left office in December of 1972 to return to Dearborn.

The papers of Representative Pilch reflect his legislative work as a proponent of Parochiaid and his opposition to liberalizing the abortion laws, cross-district busing, and open housing. There is also material on other various issues current during his term in office.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Abortion	Parochiaid
Busing	Education
Open Housing	

Among the important correspondents are:

Lawrence M. Carino	Everett M. Dirksen
John D. Dingell	William G. Milliken
Robert P. Griffin	William Proxmire
Philip A. Hart	Mary Ellen Riorden
Frank J. Kelley	Joseph D. Tydings.

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This series consists mainly of correspondence between Representative Pilch and his constituents of the 32nd District during his term of office. His "Lansing Letters," a constituent newsletter, reflect his views on current issues. There is considerable constituent mail on the subject of Parochiaid, and also such controversial subjects as open housing, busing, and abortion. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

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Sub series A: House and Senate Bills, 1967-1972; Boxes 13-16

This series consists of House and Senate bills, arranged chronologically and includes bills that Representative Pilch sponsored and co-sponsored in the House.

Sub series B: Committee Business, 1967-1972; Boxes 16-17

This series contains files which include information about the committees that Representative Pilch chaired or those of which he was a member. Resolutions made before the House by Mr. Pilch are also to be found in this series along with other Legislative related business.

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A small number of photographs have been placed in the Archives Audio Visual Collections.

Series I  
Correspondence, 1967-1972  
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Correspondence between Representative Pilch and his constituents as well as related items. Mainly the correspondence is concerned with Parochiaid, busing, open housing, and abortion. There is also other material relating to issues current during the term of Representative Pilch. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

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Legislative Files 1967-1972  
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Files relating to the Legislative work of Representative Pilch.

This series is divided into the following two sub series:

Sub series A: Senate and House Bills, 1967-1972, Boxes 13-16

House and Senate bills and related correspondence. Included are bills sponsored and co-sponsored by Representative Pilch. Files are arranged chronologically.

Sub series B: Legislative Business, 1967-1972. Boxes 16-17

Files of correspondence and other materials relating to the committees on which Representative Pilch served. Also are copies of Resolutions made before the House which Mr. Pilch either sponsored or co-sponsored. There are also files concerning house policy and education funding.

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