



CLAUDE PEPPER AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE: A GUIDE TO SELECTED MATERIALS IN THE CLAUDE PEPPER COLLECTION

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Throughout his long career in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, Claude Pepper was a strong and effective advocate for millions of Americans in health care reform. In 1937, during his first term as Senator, he co-authored legislation establishing the National Cancer Institute. Subsequently, he was instrumental in establishing thirteen National Institutes of Health. During the 1960s, Pepper was also influential in the passage of Medicare and Medicaid legislation. In later years, he helped establish ten research centers for the cure and treatment of Alzheimer's disease. During the 1930s and 1940s, he fought to help create a national health insurance program. In 1949, he became aware of the hardship that America's health care system imposed on those least able to afford it and introduced legislation to guarantee adequate health care for all Americans. His last legislative effort, in 1987, was to provide home health care to the disabled and elderly. Both bills did not pass. Today, despite his efforts, many are without any medical coverage. Claude Pepper's vision of an affordable, comprehensive health-care system, available for all, has yet to be realized. This guide will help you locate selected resources in the Claude Pepper and Robert Manning Strozier Libraries that demonstrate Pepper's commitment to health care benefiting all Americans.

BACKGROUND SOURCES

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Claude Pepper discusses the Albert Lasker Award he received for his support of national health care. Tape entitled "Rose Bud Tea." May 4, 1971. (Audiocassette AVA 1336)

VIDEO RECORDINGS IN CLAUDE PEPPER LIBRARY

Remarks by Claude Pepper during dedication of Mildred and Claude Pepper Auditorium at Horizon Club at Meadow Lakes Retirement Community in Deerfield Beach, Florida. Pepper speaks about the elderly in the U.S., modern retirement communities, mandatory retirement, Social Security, national health care system. May 30, 1986. (Audiocassette AVB 172)

Pepper Commission hearing on comprehensive health care. Representative Mary Dakar (Ohio). July 19, 1989. (Audiocassette AVB 407)

PHOTOGRAPHS IN CLAUDE PEPPER LIBRARY

Claude Pepper, Ted Kennedy, and Henry A. Waxman; on front of photo: "To Claude with deep appreciation for your courageous leadership in the fight for national health insurance. Your good friend, Henry A. Waxman." ca. 1976-1977. Photo B (973)

Claude Pepper, Senator Ted Kennedy, and Henry Waxman at Waxman Hearing on National Health Insurance. July 17, 1979. Photo B (1003)