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 healthcare 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 benefitting all Americans.

BACKGROUND SOURCES


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Compulsory Health Insurance. 1949. Series 201, Box 162, Folder 3

Health and Education-Subcommittee-Insurance. 1949. Series 431A, Box 12, Folder 15

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U.S. HOUSE/SENATE COMMITTEE PAPERS IN CLAUDE PEPPER LIBRARY

Pepper, Claude. United States Senate. Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, 1939-1950. Series 202E. Includes statements, hearings, reports, background information concerning health care, national health insurance, disease research, and other topics. (Claude Pepper Library)


You may also wish to consult the Congressional Information Service (CIS) Congressional Master file 1, (Strozier Documents CD-ROM CIS MFI) and the CIS Index to Unpublished US Senate Committee Hearings, 1823-1964 (Strozier Documents Ref Z 1223 .Z7 C48), and the CIS Annual, 1970-1995 (Doc Ref Z1223 .Z7 C6), in the Documents/Maps/Micromaterials Department of the Florida State University Libraries.

SPEECHES IN CLAUDE PEPPER LIBRARY


AUDIO RECORDINGS IN CLAUDE PEPPER LIBRARY

"America United" program. NBC Forum. Washington, D.C. Topic is "Does America Need Health Insurance?" Discussion with Claude Pepper, AFL, and National Farmers Union. Topics include Wagner Bill, poverty, health. February 3, 1946. (Audiocassette AV A 305)

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 AV A 1336)

VIDEO RECORDINGS IN CLAUDE PEPPER LIBRARY


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)


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