CLAUDE PEPPER AND LABOR:
A GUIDE TO SELECTED MATERIALS
IN THE CLAUDE PEPPER COLLECTION

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Claude Pepper saw labor issues as central to a progressive and caring government. He urged labor and government to work together to develop a society that valued the input of its members, including its workers. Because he was regarded as one of labor's strongest supporters in Congress, he earned its endorsement in many political campaigns. As early as 1938, Pepper was involved in the passage of the first federal minimum wage act, guaranteeing workers a 25 cents per hour salary. In 1948, he co-sponsored an amendment to the Fair Labor Standards Act to raise the minimum wage to 75 cents per hour. It took two years to pass. One of his most significant contributions to the labor movement in this country was his leadership in the crusade to abolish mandatory retirement. This guide will help researchers locate selected materials in the Claude Pepper and Robert Manning Strozier Libraries that demonstrate his dedication to America's working people during his political career.

BACKGROUND SOURCES


CORRESPONDENCE IN CLAUDE PEPPER LIBRARY

Federal Wage and Hour Bill. January 1937-October 1937. Series 201, Box 36, Folder 4A.

SPEECHES IN CLAUDE PEPPER LIBRARY

ARTICLES BY CLAUDE PEPPER IN CLAUDE PEPPER LIBRARY


UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS IN CLAUDE PEPPER LIBRARY


U.S. HOUSE COMMITTEE FILES


In addition to these materials, you may wish to consult the *Congressional Information Service (CIS) Annual*, 1970-1995 *(Doc Ref Z 1223 .Z7 C6)*, in the Documents/Maps/Micromaterials Department of the Florida State University Libraries.

U.S. HOUSE LEGISLATION FILES IN CLAUDE PEPPER LIBRARY

These files contain constituent correspondence and copies of bills initiated or sponsored by Claude Pepper, acts, laws, resolutions and reports, voting and attendance records and voting dockets. Topics include the minimum wage and the Fair Labor Standards Act. 1961-1989. See Series 309A, 309B.

AUDIO RECORDINGS IN CLAUDE PEPPER LIBRARY

American Federation of Labor (AFL) Convention, Davenport, Iowa. Claude Pepper speech on minimum wage bill, equal pay for equal work for women, labor strikes. August 9, 1946. *(Audiocassette AV A 41)*

VIDEO RECORDINGS IN CLAUDE PEPPER LIBRARY

Claude Pepper interview. Discusses aging issues including mandatory retirement, employment, discrimination, voting. February 1979. *(Audiocassette AV B 103)*

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