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Summary Information

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Physical Location: The materials are located onsite in the department.
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Mixed Materials [Collection]: X
Abstract: This collection documents John R. Dunne's first years of service in the New York State Senate in the mid-late 1960s.

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Biographical History

John R. Dunne was born on January 28, 1930, in Baldwin, New York. He graduated from Georgetown University in 1951 and received a law degree in 1954 from Yale Law School.

Dunne from Garden City, Nassau County, New York, was a leading political figure in New York. He was a Republican member of the New York State Senate from the 6th District from 1966 through 1989.

Dunne was much remembered for his involvement in the Attica Prison riots. During the 1971 riots, Dunne was the chairman of the Senate Corrections Committee. This committee is charged with overseeing the prison system. Dunne was famous for entering the prison during the riots with a New
York Times editor Tom Wicker and Assemblyman Arthur Eve to try to negotiate with some of the prisoners.

Dunne retired from the State Senate in 1989 to practice law.
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Acquisition Information

John R. Dunne initially donated his papers to Syracuse University in a series of acquisitions in 1969-1970. The papers were transferred to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives in 2006.

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