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Summary Information

Repository: M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Creator: Fino, Paul A.
Title: Fino, Paul A. Papers
ID: apap246
Date [inclusive]: 1948-1969
Physical Description: 68 cubic ft.
Physical Location: The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material: English
Mixed Materials [Collection]: X

Abstract: Paul A. Fino was a United States Representative from Bronx, New York. Fino was a member of the New York State Senate from January 1945 to May 1950. He was then member of the New York City Civil Service Commission from June 1, 1950, to December 31, 1952. Fino was elected as a Republican to the 83rd and to the seven succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1953, until his resignation December 31, 1968, to become a New York Supreme Court Justice having been elected November 5, 1968. Fino assumed his duties as a justice on January 1, 1969. Fino passed away in 2009. This collections contains records related to Fino's time in office. These records include constituent files, legislative files, and records related to the national lottery that Fino tried to implement.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows: Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Paul A. Fino Papers, 1949-1969. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Fino Papers).

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Biographical / Historical

Paul A. Fino was a U.S. Representative for the Bronx, New York. Fino was born in New York City on December 15, 1913. Paul Fino attended public schools and graduated from St. Johns University School of Law in 1937. Fino was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1938 and began practice in New York City. He served as an assistant attorney general in state government from March 1943 to December 1944. Fino was a member of the New York State Senate from January 1945 to May 1950. He was then member of the New York City Civil Service Commission from June 1, 1950, to December 31, 1952. Fino was elected as a Republican to the Eighty-third and to the seven succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1953, until his resignation December 31, 1968, to become a New York Supreme Court Justice having been elected November 5, 1968. During his time in the Senate, Fino was known for trying to implement a national lottery. Fino assumed his duties as a justice on January 1, 1969. Fino was a delegate to the Republican State Convention from 1940 through 1966 and to the Republican National Conventions in 1960, 1964, and 1968. Paul Fino wrote the book My Life in Politics and Public Service (Great Neck, N.Y.: Todd and Honeywell, Inc., 1986). Fino resided in Atlantic Beach, New York until his death in 2009.

Scope and Contents

The Paul A. Fino Papers include constituent files, legislative material, records relating to the national lottery that Fino tried to implement, biographical materials, and other records related to his time in the United States Senate and New York Supreme Court.

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Processing Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Paul Fino initially donated his papers to Syracuse University in 1968 and 1969. In 2006, the papers were transferred to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is restricted because it is unprocessed.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Congressional Records
- Constituent Communication
- Lotteries - United States
- Paul A. Fino
- Politics and Politicians
- Public Servants
- New York (State) -- Politics and government.

Collection Inventory

Biographical, 1949-1969
Scope and Contents

This series contains personal records and personal correspondence of Paul A. Fino.

Legislation, 1949-1969

Scope and Contents

This series contains legislative records that Paul A. Fino worked with during his time in Congress from January 3, 1953 to December 31, 1968. During this time, Fino tried to inact a national lottery. During his time in the House of Representatives, he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1960, 1964, and 1968. This series contains records of his time in Congress as well as records related to the National Lottery.

Constituent Files, 1949-1969

Scope and Contents

This series contains Paul A. Fino's constituent files from his time in the United States House of Representatives. Fino's constituents were mostly from the Bronx, New York, but some constituents in Brooklyn wrote to Fino because they did not have a Republican representative. This series contains correspondence from constituents relating to the Vietnam and Korean War. Soldiers would often write to Fino and ask for help relating to hardship discharges, compassionate reassignments, medical discharges and transfers. While Fino did not have the authority to grant these assignments, he often had the contacts to help speed the process of receiving a response from the Army, Military, and Navy. This series also includes records of constituents who asked Fino to recommend them for the United States Naval Academy, constituents asking for Fino to help them find a job, veterans asking for help related to Social Security and benefits, as well as general questions about housing and government information. This series gives a glimpse of what was happening during times of War in the United States and how people responded to these war
efforts. Many records contain medical information and social security numbers. These folders are restricted. Please contact an archivist for more information.

Subject Files, 1948-1968

Physical Description: 6 cubic ft.
Language of the Material: English.

Arrangement

Scope and Contents

This series contains a variety of materials relating to Paul A. Fino's career as a Member of Congress. The materials within this series allow for one to see the variety of activities that Mr. Fino engaged in over his career. Within the series there is a variety of correspondence from his constituents, to that pertaining to specific legislation, and with departments within the government. Press releases relating to specific bills he sponsored the bills of which can be found within the series entitled legislation. Mr. Fino received numerous invitations during his time in office from constituents inviting him to an anniversary party to the inauguration of Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy which are located within folders entitled Inaugural Materials. There are also within the series newspaper clippings, newsletters, and campaign materials.