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**MS 0648  
PATTEN, HAROLD A., 1907 - 1969  
Papers, 1933-1969****DESCRIPTION**

This small collection contains correspondence and political documents related to the life of Harold A. Patten. The collection contains biographical materials, commissions and certificates, clippings of activities at the University of Arizona (1926-1935), Congressional resolutions initiated by Patten (1949-1954), and copies of his voting record in the 81st, 82nd, and 83rd Congresses. Proposed political bills and resolutions include support for armed forces and veterans' affairs, public lands, and interstate and foreign commerce. Patten served on the House of Representatives Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Armed Services. Specific bills of interest include proposals to protect scenic landscape along the Grand Canyon (#1213), establishment of an Air Force Academy at Davis-Monthan (#1212), and erecting of a memorial to the crew of battleship Arizona destroyed at Pearl Harbor (#2871). Newspaper clipping record Patten's life and political activities (1948-1969). A 22 minute reel-to-reel tape, "The Office Gang" provides best wishes from Washington D.C. workers and friends for a speedy recovery and happy Valentines Day (1969?).

1 Box, 1 Outside Item, .75 linear feet

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Harold A. Patten was born in Husted, Colorado October 6, 1907. He attended the University of Arizona where he won varsity letters in football, basketball, and track. Upon graduation in 1931 he was named "outstanding man" in his senior class. During World War II Patten served with the Army Air Corps and participated in the North African invasion. Between 1945 and 1950 he worked as Director of City Recreation Department and in an insurance company in Tucson. In 1949 Patten successfully ran for the House of Representatives for Arizona's Second District. He remained in Congress for three terms. In 1956 Patten became assistant manager for Arizona Mutual Life and 8 years later worked with Del E. Webb in Sun City, California. Patten's affiliations with civic and fraternal organizations included Sigma Chi Fraternity, the Arizona Development Board, the Elks, VFW, Lion's International, American Legion and Knights of Columbus. He died September 6, 1969

**RELATED ITEM**

Photo Collection #94, Harold A. Patten

**ACQUISITION**

Collection received between 1969 and 1975.

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