Bremer-Kovacs Collection: Historic Documents Related to the Administrative Procedure Act of 1946

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Overview

The Bremer-Kovacs Collection: Historic Documents Related to the Administrative Procedure Act of 1946 is a comprehensive database designed to make the APA more accessible and understandable.

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Winner of the 2022 Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award
The Administrative Procedure Act of 1946
The creation history of the APA spans nearly two decades, including failed bills, a presidential veto, and tons of congressional documents.

Much documentation was produced not by Congress, but by the executive branch and the American Bar Association’s Special Committee on Administrative Law.

Research conducted by the Attorney General’s Committee on Administrative Procedure, commissioned by President Roosevelt, became the foundation for administrative reform.
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A comprehensive database designed to make the APA’s history more accessible and understandable.

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- Collection begins in 1929 with the APA’s first predecessors: bills to regulate administrative procedure introduced in Congress but never enacted.

- Coverage expands in 1933, tracking heightened interest in administrative reform following President Roosevelt’s first inauguration and New Deal expansions of federal administrative apparatus.

- Also includes legislative history of the Walter-Logan Bill of 1940 (approved by Congress, vetoed by Roosevelt) and later bills that culminated in the eventual APA.
Database Content

Works within the database include:

• Congressional hearings held on proposed legislation
• Treatises written by the men involved in the issue of administrative reform
• Reports on administrative agencies
• Textbooks written after the APA’s passage

The database also includes tools to help researchers:

• Navigate the content
• Understand documents in their historical context
• Quickly identify relevant material

Rounding out the collection are:

• A timeline charting the APA’s passage
• An essay written by the editors that provides a concise narrative of the APA’s adoption
• A bibliography of relevant law review articles in HeinOnline’s Law Journal Library
The Timeline

This database features an interactive timeline of the efforts and historical events leading to the passage of the APA, illustrating how what was happening in the world influenced Congress’s actions.

Hyperlinks take users to the quoted documents where they reside in HeinOnline, or to supplemental resources.

Photos put faces to the names of people mentioned on a given timeline point. Source information and captions are included.

The linear calendar plots all the timeline points by month and year. It can also be used to jump to different events.
The collection's editors have combed HeinOnline to locate law review articles discussing, dissecting, and dedicated to the Administrative Procedure Act.

### Additional Bibliography

- Articles can be **sorted by title or by author**
- Article titles **link to the full text**
- Certain **articles with particular relevance** to this history of the APA, such as those cited in foundational monographs, hearings, or congressional reports from the time, are **annotated in italics**

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