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Overview

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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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The Administrative Procedure Act of 1946

Overview

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



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.



George Norris (right), c. 1922

SENATOR GEORGE NORRIS INTRODUCES S. 5154

<u>George Norris</u> served five terms in the House of Representatives before joining the Senate in 1913. A progressive liberal, Norris would later sponsor the bill to create the Tennessee Valley Authority, the federal economic development agency that would be the largest planning agency created under Roosevelt's New Deal.

Now, in 1929, as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Norris turns to an issue of concern currently swirling in legal circles: checking the power of administrative agencies. In England, a sensational book is published by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Hewart, titled <u>The New Despotism</u>, that takes a disparaging view of agencies' increasing power. Norris begins 1929 by proposing a bill that would <u>"establish a Court of</u> Administrative Justice, which would hear all appeals of, and <u>challenges to, agency conduct.</u>" It goes nowhere in Congress.



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.

Additional Bibliography

The collection's editors have combed HeinOnline to locate law review articles discussing, dissecting, and dedicated to the Administrative Procedure Act.

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- Articles can be sorted by title or by author
- Article titles link to the full text

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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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