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PROVENANCE

St. Louis native Ben Senturia, an ardent environmentalist, campaign finance reform advocate, and nuclear disarmament campaigner, donated this collection on February 6, 2010.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

SERIES 1—CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM IN MISSOURI, 1996-2001
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From the late 1980s through the presidential election of 2000, Senturia worked with various groups to gain legislation that would limit the amount of money individuals and organizations could donate to political candidates. This effort culminated when campaign reform
advocates succeeded with their petition drive to put campaign finance law, Proposition B, on the 2000 election ballot. Voters soundly rejected Proposition B. This series contains correspondence and documents from the major campaign reform groups, Missouri Voters for Fair Elections (MVFE), Missouri Alliance for Campaign Reform (MACR), and Missouri Voters for Clean Elections (MVCE). Most of the material in Series 1 reflects the efforts of members of the reform groups to assess the overwhelming failure of Proposition B and consider new methods to gain campaign finance reform in Missouri.

SERIES 2—PAMPHLETS AND BOOKS ADVOCATING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM, 1977-2001

FOLDERS 27-78

Senturia collected readings on campaign finance reform for over 20 years. The books and pamphlets here include material on campaign finance reform from other states as well as independent groups from across the nation.

SERIES 3—NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREEZE CAMPAIGN, 1980-EARLY 1990S

FOLDERS 79-97

Senturia long advocated a freeze on the construction and deployment of nuclear weapons. Books and pamphlets compose the greater amount of material in this series but there is some correspondence and memoranda from the St. Louis National Clearing House, an organization headed by Senturia and located in St. Louis. The Clearing House played an important role in coordinating the Freeze campaign across the nation.

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2. Articles of Incorporation of Missourians for Clean Government, December 1999
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5. Revised Agenda of Joint Board Meeting (MACR, MCG, MFVE) in re Campaign Finance Reform, sometime in December 2000
7. MVFE Report to the Piper Fund in re how MFVE spent the money it received in a Piper Fund Grant ($70,000) for the Proposition B campaign. No date, but would have been late 2000-early 2001.
8. Undated memo to “Dear MoVFE Supporter,” with thanks for their donation and regrets that Proposition B lost. Late 2000-early 2001
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11. Campaign Finance Reform Reorganization discussions, March 1-2, 2001
12. Transition Plans: Discussions and Comments, by e-mail and phone conferences, March 12-14
13. Revised Transition Budget, March 15, 2001
14. Discussion on composition of Board of Directors for new campaign finance organization, March 16 and March 26, 2001
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83. Nuclear Freeze Campaign in California, 1982-1983
84. Board of Greater Cleveland Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, Organizing the Campaign, 1986-1987
85. Information from SANE/FREEZE Organization—How to Organize a Protest Group, 1989
86. Material in re Nuclear Freeze Campaign, From Organizations in Various States, 1980s
87. Material in re Nuclear Freeze Campaign, various sources, 1980
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