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## Kenneth A. Roberts Congressional Notebooks: Finding Aid

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## Summary Information

### Repository

Houston Cole Library  
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### Creator

Houston Cole Library

### Title

Kenneth A. Roberts Congressional Notebooks

### Date

1951-1961

### Extent

3 boxes (9 notebooks)

## Background Information

### Scope and Content Note

This collection (cataloged on Bib #713139) contains notebooks related to legislation brought before the US House of Representatives during the tenure of Democratic Congressman Kenneth A. Roberts' (1912-1989; representative from 1951-1965). Each notebook contains a table of contents listing legislation sponsored by Roberts, in alphabetical order by subject (eg, Cuba, juvenile delinquency), along with other congressional activities, voting records, etc.

Kenneth Allison Roberts was born in Piedmont, Alabama in 1912 where he attended public school and then Samford College in Birmingham. He graduated from the University of Alabama Law School in 1935 and practiced law in Talladega from 1937-1942. He was elected to the Alabama State Senate in 1942, but resigned to join the US Navy, serving in the Atlantic and Pacific Theatres until his discharge in 1945. After serving as a US Representative from 1951-1965, he returned to practicing law until his retirement in 1979. He was a resident of Anniston, Alabama until his death in 1989. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

(Sources: Information found in the materials and the *Biographical Directory of the U.S. Congress*.)

### Arrangement

This collection is arranged by type of material:

- Box 1.
  - *Notebook 1 (1951)*
    - *Press Releases, Newspaper Clippings, Biography Information*

- *Committee on Foreign and Interstate Commerce*
- *Increase Benefits to Veterans*
- *Cotton Farmers*
- *Roberts Reports on Misbranding, False Advertising, and False Invoicing of Fur Products and Furs Bill*
- *The Alabama Journal's "A Freshman Congressman Arrives in Washington"*
- *Congressman Kenneth Roberts Back in District for Primary Campaign*
- *Roberts Biographical Information*
- *Roberts Sparks Fight for Cotton Farmers*
- *The Anniston Stars "Roberts Says U.S. Builds World House"*
- *Production and Marketing of Cotton*
- *Extension of Remarks and Radio Address*
- *Bills Introduced by Roberts*
  - *H.R. 3226*
  - *H.R. 5453*
  - *H.R. 5471*
  - *H.R. 5500*
  - *H.R. 5575*
  - *H.R. 5703*
  - *H.R. 5718*
  - *H.R. 6541*
  - *H.R. 6755*
- *Press and News Releases*
  - *Universal Military Training*
  - *Office Staff*
  - *U.S. Coast Guard Academy*
  - *Alabama Institute for the Deaf*
- *Notebook 2 (1953/54)*
  - *Voting Record of Congressman Kenneth A. Roberts*
  - *Congressional Record*
    - *Federal Aid for School Districts*
    - *WAC – Center, Move to Fort McClellan*
    - *Federal Aid for School Districts*
    - *TVA – Appropriation*
    - *Trip Leasing*
    - *Air Force Cut*
    - *School Construction*
  - *Congressional Record Appendix*
    - *Working Mothers' Bill*
    - *FHA Loan Repair Insurance*
    - *Threat to Farm Marketing*
    - *Come South Young Men*
    - *Address by Mr. Roberts regarding Air Force Cuts*
    - *Marble Industry of Alabama*
    - *Working Mothers' Bill*

- *Miscellaneous*
    - *Voting Record of Congressman Roberts*
    - *Suggested Topics for Speeches*
    - *Issues*
    - *Topics to Work up Statements On*
    - *Federal Spending Facts*
    - *Business News Reports*
- *Notebook 3 (1955)*
  - *Legislative Resume 84<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Session*
  - *Congressional Record*
    - *Eulogy to Dwight L. Rogers*
    - *Cotton Acreage Allotment*
    - *Reorganize Capitol Police Force*
    - *Rural Electrification Administration*
    - *Eulogy to Pete Jarman*
    - *Coosa River Survey Funds*
    - *Ann Arbor Construction Company*
    - *Minerals Production Extension Act*
    - *Natural Gas Act Amendment*
  - *Congressional Record Appendix*
    - *The Anniston Star's Man of the Year*
    - *Extension of Educational Benefits*
    - *The Alabama-Coosa River*
    - *Alabama's Waterways*
    - *American Legion Prize Winning Essay by Carolyn Parks*
    - *Red Cross Programs and Services*
    - *Editorial regarding Refrigerators*
    - *Alcoholic Beverage Advertising*
    - *American Legion Prize Winning Essay by Olivia Pienezza*
    - *Birth of a Nation*
    - *Operation Alert*
  - *Bills Introduced by Roberts*
    - *H.R. 4487*
    - *H.R. 3135*
    - *H.R. 46*
    - *H.R. 2181*
    - *H.R. 3610*
    - *H.J.RES. 130*
    - *H.R. 6842*
    - *H.R. 7136*
    - *H.Con.Res. 185*
    - *H.R. 5666*
  - *Press Releases*
    - *Tax Relief for Working Mothers*
    - *Roberts sponsors Social Security Improvements*
    - *Roberts Commends Agriculture Committee for Increase of Allotments*

- *Capitol Police Force*
  - *Funds for Coosa River Survey*
  - *Roberts Reports on Civil Service Pay Increase Bill*
  - *Roberts sponsors Social Security Amendments to Aid Widows*
  - *Roberts Urges Bill to End Tragic Refrigerator Deaths*
  - *Safety Devices on Refrigerators*
  - *Committee Testimony*
    - *Statement on H.R. 587, to continue education benefits for servicemen*
    - *Statement on H.R. 1, Trade Agreements Extension Act*
    - *Statement on H.R. 4560, to Amend the Natural Gas Act*
    - *H.R. 3611*
    - *Statement on Safety Devices for Refrigerators*
    - *Statement in behalf of INSAC Station, Anniston, Ala.*
  - *Miscellaneous*
    - *Statement on Appropriations for the Civil Aeronautics Administration*
    - *Roberts Reports on Salk Legislation, Rough Draft*
    - *Statement on H.R. 7920, to Build a Safer Ice Box, Rough Draft*
    - *Statement on H.R. 2181, Latches on Refrigerator Doors, Draft*
    - *Appointments Available to West Point and Annapolis*
- *Box 2.*
  - *Notebook 4 (1956)*
    - *Legislative Resume 84<sup>th</sup> Congress, 2nd Session*
    - *Congressional Record*
      - *Correction of the Record*
      - *House Res. 357, To Provide for Traffic Safety Investigation*
      - *Report on Public Health Service Act*
      - *Traffic Safety Statement*
      - *Library Services Bill*
      - *Textile Imports*
      - *Report from Interstate Committee*
      - *Definition of Nonfat Dry Milk*
      - *Statement on Mr. Carlyle*
      - *Statement on H.R. 11695, Education Bill*
      - *Health Research Facilities Bill*
      - *Civil Rights Statement*
      - *Refrigerator Bill*
      - *Omnibus Health Bill*
      - *Automobile Dealer's Bill*
      - *Statement on Housing*
      - *Bill for Herman E. Mosley and Bill for Paul H. Sarvis, Sr.*
      - *Safety Devices for Refrigerators, Action in the Senate*
      - *Safety Devices for Refrigerators, Passed House*
    - *Congressional Record Appendix*
      - *Highway Deaths*
      - *Medical Aspects of Automotive Crash Injuries and Deaths*

- *The Price of Freedom is High – VFW Speech*
- *The Supreme Court Integrate on Decision*
- *Pell City Courthouse Dedication*
- *Auto is Greatest Killer*
- *Roberts Address Before Reserve Officers Assn.*
- *Miss Carrie L. Allen*
- *Uneasy Quiet Along the Potomac*
- *Petition Of Residents of Sylacauga*
- *Petition in Support of H.R. 4627*
- *Motor Skyway*
- *Medical Aspects of Automobile Crash Injuries and Death*
- *Safety Devices for Household Refrigerators*
- *Textile Imports*
- *Idea for an Icebox Latch*
- *Resolution by Alabama Historical Society*
- *Press Releases*
  - *West Point and Annapolis Announcement for Exams*
  - *Criteria Proposed for Ending Children’s Deaths in Refrigerators*
  - *Roberts Urges 5-Acre Cotton Acreage Minimum*
  - *Rep. Roberts Files for Reelection*
  - *Roberts Urges Congress Investigate Causes of Traffic Deaths*
  - *House Adopts H.Res. 357 – Traffic Accidents*
  - *Roberts Urges Congress Act to Prevent Flood of Foreign Textiles*
  - *Roberts Urges Enactment of Rural Library Services Bill*
  - *Congress Acts Further to Save Children from Refrigerator Death Traps*
  - *Cong. Roberts Holds Hearing to Eliminate Children’s Deaths in Refrig*
  - *Special Subcommittee Named for Highway Accident Study*
  - *Roberts Supports Bill to Increase Railroad Retirement*
  - *Roberts Supports Bill to Prohibit Liquor on Airplane Flights*
  - *Academy Vacancies Announced by Congressman Roberts*
  - *Roberts Committee to Investigate Highway Slaughter*
  - *Roberts’ Bill to Stop Refrigerator Deaths Reported*
  - *Traffic Safety Hearings Set*
  - *Roberts Urges Bill Protect Auto Dealers’ Rights*
  - *Under Roberts’ Leadership House Passes Health Research Bill*
  - *Roberts Urges House Defeat Civil Rights Bill*
  - *Congress Acts to Save Children from Refrigerator Death Traps*
  - *Roberts Supports Omnibus Health Bill*
  - *Senate Passes Roberts’ Refrigerator Bill*
  - *Roberts Urges House Act for Auto Dealers*
- *Bills Introduced by Roberts*
  - *H.R. 1420*
  - *H.R. 3062*
  - *H.R. 3610*
  - *H.R. 3611*
  - *H.R. 6842*

- *H.R. 8915*
  - *H.R. 9160*
  - *H.R. 9161*
  - *H.R. 10002*
  - *H.R. 10083*
  - *H.R. 11174*
  - *H.R. 11969*
  - *H.R. 130*
  - *H.R. 357*
- *Committee Testimony*
  - *Statement on Cotton Acreage*
  - *Statement on the Nation's Housing Needs*
  - *Statement on School Education*
  - *Statement on "The Textile Fiber Products Identification Act"*
  - *Statement on "The Battle of Horsehorse Bend"*
  - *Statement on Civil Rights*
- *Miscellaneous*
  - *Stack of hand written index cards*
- *Notebook 5 (1957)*
  - *Congress Roundup*
  - *Legislation*
    - *Agriculture*
    - *Traffic Safety*
    - *Social Security*
    - *Veterans & Servicemen*
    - *Other Public Bills*
    - *Private Bills*
  - *General Affairs*
    - *Alabama-Coosa River*
    - *Civil Rights*
    - *Springville Armory (Statement & Press Release)*
  - *Record Miscellany*
    - *Eulogies*
    - *Unclassified Remarks*
    - *Private Calendar Affairs*
    - *Miscellaneous Concerning KAR*
  - *Bills Introduced by Roberts*
    - *H.R. 5948*
    - *H.R. 3735*
    - *H.RES. 101*
    - *H.R. 5416*
    - *H.R. 7882*
    - *H.R. 9448*
    - *H.R. 8986*
    - *H.R. 5277*
    - *H.R. 8846*

- *H.R. 8847*
  - *H.R. 8848*
  - *H.R. 4596*
  - *H.R. 7302*
  - *H.R. 7782*
  - *H.R. 9362*
- *Private Bills Introduced by Roberts*
  - *H.R. 1682*
  - *H.R. 1683*
  - *H.R. 1684*
  - *H.R. 4476*
  - *H.R. 4477*
  - *H.R. 4881*
  - *H.R. 7080*
  - *H.R. 9010*
- *Notebook 6 (1958)*
  - *Congress Roundup*
    - *Personal Voting Record, 85<sup>th</sup> Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session*
    - *Resume of Session, Including KAR Activities*
    - *Congressional Record Resume of Legislation*
    - *Roberts Reports Resume of Second Session*
  - *Legislation*
    - *Academy Appointments*
    - *Agriculture*
    - *Aviation*
    - *Fort Toulouse*
    - *Hospital Construction*
    - *Medical Research Facilities*
    - *Segregation*
    - *Traffic Safety*
    - *Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Compact*
    - *Veterans*
    - *Private Bills*
  - *General Affairs*
    - *Air Carrier Capital Gains Legislation*
    - *Railroad Aid Legislation*
    - *Federal Aviation Agency*
    - *Federal Airport Act*
    - *Education, Federal Aid to Impacted Areas*
    - *Fort McClellan Hospital*
    - *Coosa-Alabama River*
    - *Personal References*
  - *Miscellaneous*
    - *Congressional Record Extensions Not Otherwise Classified*
    - *Press Releases Not Otherwise Classified*
    - *Classified Subject Not Otherwise Classified*



- *Calendar*
- **Box 3.**
  - *Notebook 7 (1959)*
    - *Congress Roundup*
      - *Personal Voting Record, 86<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1st Session*
      - *Resume of Session, Including KAR Activities*
      - *Congressional Record Resume of Legislation*
      - *Roberts Reports Resume of First Session*
    - *Legislation*
      - *Traffic Safety*
      - *Aviation Safety*
      - *Other Safety*
      - *Health*
      - *Veterans and Servicemen*
      - *Segregation*
      - *Education*
      - *Agriculture*
      - *Federal Employees*
      - *Other Public Bills*
      - *Private Bills*
    - *General Classified Activities*
      - *Subcommittee Assignment & names of members*
      - *Anniston Hospital, floor statement on*
      - *Laminated Tires*
      - *TVA Financing, floor statement on*
      - *Fort McClellan Hospital, floor statement & Sikes remarks*
      - *Natural Gas Legislation, memo to mayors on*
      - *Inflation, press releases on*
      - *Coosa-Alabama River, remarks and releases on*
  - *Notebook 8 (1960)*
    - *Congress Roundup*
      - *Activities of Hon. Kenneth A. Roberts, M.C.*
      - *Voting Record*
      - *Resume of Session*
    - *Legislation Sponsored by KAR*
      - *List of Bills*
      - *Air Pollution*
      - *Educational Television*
      - *Fort Toulouse*
      - *Hazardous Substances*
      - *Health*
      - *Library Services Act*
      - *National Forests*
      - *Natural Gas*
      - *Tidelands*

- Traffic Safety
  - Veterans
  - Private Bills by Kar
- General Classified Activities
  - Agriculture
  - Air Safety
  - Alabama Coosa
  - Amorphous Graphite
  - Anniston Hospital
  - Area Redevelopment
  - Cape Canaveral
  - Capitol Pages
  - Census
  - Civil Rights
  - Federal Employees
  - Gorgas Memorial Hospital
  - Graduates of 1960 & Job Outlook
  - Minimum Wage
  - National Guard
  - Payola
  - Personal Tributes
  - Politics
  - Social Security
  - Textile Industry
- *Notebook 9 (1961)*
  - Legislation Sponsored by KAR
    - Civil Service
    - Communism
    - Cuba
    - Education
    - Election Day
    - Equal Sea Boundaries
    - Health
    - Juvenile Delinquency
    - Social Security
    - States Rights
    - Taxes
    - Television
    - Traffic Safety
    - Veterans
    - Working Mothers
    - Private Bills
  - General Activities
    - Coosa River
    - Dedication Anniston Memorial Hospital
    - Health

- Military Installations
- Primary Results
- Recognition
- Rules Committee
- Supreme Court Decision
- Textiles
- Transpiration
- Unemployment

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### ***Preferred citation***

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### **Provenance**

The provenance of these items is unknown. They were given a minimal catalog record by Sonja McAbee, Head of Technical Services, in 2006.

### **Processing Information**

Arranged and described by Bethany Latham, 2021.

Inventory by Alisha Cantrell, 2021.

### **Physical Condition**

Most items are in fair condition. Pages are yellowed and somewhat brittle; the paste has disintegrated and many glued items have come loose from the page backing.

### **Related Materials**

Kenneth A. Roberts Papers (Bib #708422)

## ROBE 2

### Container Contents and Collection Inventory

(see "Arrangement" section for Tables of Contents)

#### BOX 1 | Congressional Notebooks 1-3 (1951, 1953-1955)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Title/Description</i>	<i>Date</i>
<b>1</b>	Black legislation notebook kept by Congressman Kenneth Allison Roberts	1951
<b>2</b>	Black legislation notebook, 83rd congress, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> sessions, kept by Congressman Kenneth Allison Roberts	1953/54
<b>3</b>	Black legislation notebook, 84 <sup>th</sup> congress, 1 <sup>st</sup> session, kept by Congressman Kenneth Allison Roberts; "Materials Survey Bauxite" on front cover	1955

#### BOX 2 | Congressional Notebooks 4-6 (1956-1958)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Title/Description</i>	<i>Date</i>
<b>4</b>	Black legislation notebook, 84 <sup>th</sup> congress, 2 <sup>nd</sup> session, kept by Congressman Kenneth Allison Roberts; "1956" written on front cover	1956
<b>5</b>	Black legislation notebook, 85th congress, 1 <sup>st</sup> session, kept by Congressman Kenneth Allison Roberts	1957
<b>6</b>	Black legislation notebook, 85th congress, 2 <sup>nd</sup> session, kept by Congressman Kenneth Allison Roberts	1958

#### BOX 3 | Congressional Notebooks 7-9 (1959-1961)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Title/Description</i>	<i>Date</i>
<b>7</b>	Black legislative activities notebook, 86th congress, 1 <sup>st</sup> session, kept by Congressman Kenneth Allison Roberts	1959
<b>8</b>	Black legislative activities notebook, 86th congress, 2 <sup>nd</sup> session, kept by Congressman Kenneth Allison Roberts	1960
<b>9</b>	Black legislative activities notebook, 88th congress, kept by Congressman Kenneth Allison Roberts	1961