U.S. Senator James O. Eastland joined the Judiciary Committee in 1945. He assumed the chairmanship in 1956 and retained leadership until his retirement in 1978. During Eastland’s tenure as chair, the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary as outlined by Senate Rule XXV included the following:

- Judicial proceedings, civil and criminal, generally
- Constitutional amendments
- Federal courts and judges
- Local courts in territories and possessions
- Revision and codification of the statutes of the United States
- National penitentiaries
- Protection of trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies
- Holidays and celebrations
- Bankruptcy, mutiny, espionage, and counterfeiting
- State and territorial boundary lines
- Meetings of Congress, attendance of Members, and their acceptance of incompatible offices
- Civil liberties
- Patents, copyrights, and trademarks
- Patent Office
- Immigration and naturalization
- Apportionment of Representatives
- Measures relating to claims against the United States
- Interstate compacts generally.

Changes to Rule XXV in 1977 transferred jurisdiction over meetings of Congress, attendance of Members, and acceptance of incompatible offices to the Rules and Administration Committee.

Eastland chaired the following Judiciary subcommittees: Civil Rights, FBI Oversight, Internal Security, and Immigration & Naturalization. As chairman of the full committee, Eastland was an ex officio member of all subcommittees and a regular member of the Criminal Laws & Procedures, Separation of Powers, and Constitutional Amendments subcommittees.

The eighteen boxes in this subseries contain minutes, action sheets, correspondence, clippings, legislation, and other records related to the activities of the larger Judiciary Committee and its individual subcommittees. However, due to their size and scope, Internal Security Subcommittee records are located in a separate subseries. Although the files of the Judiciary Committee subseries possess separate folders on subcommittees, researchers should realize that documents related to these subcommittees will be found throughout general Judiciary Committee folders. Finally, immigration case files of the Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee are located in a separate subseries, although other material related to the Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee are available in the Judiciary Committee subseries.

Please note that the Center for Legislative Archives at the National Archives and Records Administration is responsible for the official committee records of the U.S. Senate and will maintain a more comprehensive set of papers than will be found in the Eastland Collection. By law, Congress retains ownership over committee records, and the Modern Political Archives has returned any items in this
Eastland Collection subseries identified as official committee records, maintaining photocopies in their place.

**Access Restrictions:** By Senate rules, committee records are closed for twenty years and investigative records for fifty years. To abide by this rule, the Modern Political Archives will permit researcher access to all files whose last dated material is older than fifty years. Files related to investigations and confirmations will remain closed for fifty years; those not concerned with investigations or confirmations are open. The Political Papers archivist will transfer restricted files that have passed the fifty-year mark to open status once a year in January (i.e., in January 2015, researchers will have access to material in those files dated 1964 and earlier). As a consequence of these restrictions, researchers will not have access to several of the boxes in this subseries – only the folders. The access status of each folder in this subseries is identified in the list below. The Modern Political Archives has adopted a conservative approach and applied a 2028 open date for undated documents, not necessarily because the content dates from 1977.

The Modern Political Archives identified a number of classified documents within this subseries during processing. Those documents have been removed and sent to the Information Security Oversight Office (ISSO) of the National Archives and Records Administration for declassification review. Their removal is documented within relevant files with a form. When declassified and returned, the Modern Political Archives will replace said items in the appropriate file (ISSO has already returned a number of these documents which will be marked as “declassified”).

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Folder 1-3: Judiciary Committee (1943)  
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Folder 1-4: Judiciary Committee (1944)  
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Folder 1-5: Judiciary Committee (1945)  
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Folder 1-6: Judiciary Committee (1946)  
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Folder 1-7: Judiciary Committee (1947)  
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Folder 1-8: Judiciary Committee (1947) – Fair Labor Standards Act
Folder 4-4: Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee (1953)
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Folder 4-5: Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee (1953)
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Folder 4-6: Patents, Trademarks, & Copyright Subcommittee (1953)
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Folder 4-7: Refugees & Escapees Subcommittee (1953)
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Folder 4-8: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1954)
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Folder 4-9: Judiciary Committee Action Sheets (1954)
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Folder 4-10: Judiciary Committee (1954)
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Folder 4-11: Antitrust & Monopoly Subcommittee (1954)
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Folder 4-12: Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee (1954)
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Folder 4-13: Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee (1954)
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Folder 4-14: National Penitentiaries Subcommittee (1954)
Access: Open

Folder 4-15: Patents, Trademarks, & Copyright Subcommittee (1954)
Access: Open

Folder 4-16: Refugees & Escapees Subcommittee (1954)
Access: Open

Folder 4-17: Trading with the Enemy Subcommittee (1954)
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Folder 4-18: Judiciary Committee Agendas (1955)
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Folder 4-19: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1955)
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Folder 4-20: Judiciary Committee (1955)
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Folder 4-21: Judiciary Committee Legislation (1955)
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Folder 4-22: Judiciary Committee Private Bills (1955)
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Folder 4-23: Antitrust & Monopoly Subcommittee (1955)
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Folder 4-24: Constitutional Rights Subcommittee (1955)
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Folder 4-25: Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee (1955)
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Folder 4-26: Improvements in the Federal Criminal Code Subcommittee (1955)
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Folder 4-27: Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee (1955)
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Folder 4-28: National Penitentiaries Subcommittee (1955)
Access: Open

Folder 4-29: Patents, Trademarks, & Copyright Subcommittee (1955)
Access: Open

Folder 4-30: Refugees & Escapees Subcommittee (1955)
Access: Open

Folder 4-31: Trading with the Enemy Subcommittee (1955)
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BOX 5

Folder 5-1: Judiciary Committee Agendas (1956)
Access: Open

Folder 5-2: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1956)
Access: Open

Folder 5-3: Judiciary Committee Action Sheets (1956)
Access: Open
Folder 5-4: Judiciary Committee (1956)  
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Folder 5-5: Judiciary Committee (1956-1957) – Legislation  
Access: Open

Folder 5-6: Judiciary Committee Private Bills (1956)

Folder 5-7: Judiciary Committee (1956-1957) – Civil Rights  
Access: Open

Folder 5-8: Antitrust & Monopoly Subcommittee (1956)  
Access: Open

Folder 5-9: Constitutional Rights Subcommittee (1956)  
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Folder 5-10: Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee (1956)  
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Folder 5-11: Improvements in the Federal Criminal Code Subcommittee (1956)  
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Folder 5-12: Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee (1956)  
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Folder 5-13: National Penitentiaries Subcommittee (1956)  
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Folder 5-14: Patents, Trademarks, & Copyright Subcommittee (1956)  
Access: Open

Folder 5-15: Refugees & Escapees Subcommittee (1956)  
Access: Open

Folder 5-16: Trading with the Enemy Subcommittee (1956)  
Access: Open

Folder 5-17: Judiciary Committee Agendas (1957)  
Access: Open

Folder 5-18: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1957)  
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BOX 6

Folder 6-1: Judiciary Committee Action Sheets (1957)  
Access: Open
Folder 6-2: Judiciary Committee (1957)
Access: Open

Folder 6-3: Judiciary Committee Private Bills (1957)
Access: Open

Folder 6-4: Judiciary Committee (1957) – U.S. v. Jencks (FBI Files)
Access: Open

Folder 6-5: Judiciary Committee (1957) – Legislation Not Introduced

Folder 6-6: Antitrust & Monopoly Subcommittee (1957)
Access: Open

Folder 6-7: Constitutional Amendments Subcommittee (1957)
Access: Open

Folder 6-8: Constitutional Rights Subcommittee (1957)
Access: Open

Folder 6-9: Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee (1957)
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Folder 6-10: Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee (1957)
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Folder 6-11: Patents, Trademarks, & Copyright Subcommittee (1957)
Access: Open

Folder 6-12: Judiciary Committee Agendas (1958)
Access: Open

Folder 6-13: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1958)
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Folder 6-14: Judiciary Committee Action Sheets (1958)
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Folder 6-15: Judiciary Committee (1958)
Access: Open

Folder 6-16: Judiciary Committee (1958) – Private Bills
Access: Open

Folder 6-17: Antitrust & Monopoly Subcommittee (1958)
Access: Open
Folder 6-18: Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee (1958)
Access: Open

Folder 6-19: Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee (1958)
Access: Open

Folder 6-20: Trading with the Enemy Subcommittee (1958)
Access: Open

Folder 6-21: Judiciary Committee Agendas (1959)
Access: Open

BOX 7

Folder 7-1: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1959)
Access: Open

Folder 7-2: Judiciary Committee Action Sheets (1959)

Folder 7-3: Judiciary Committee (1959)
Access: Open

Folder 7-4: Judiciary Committee Private Bills (1959)
Access: Open

Folder 7-5: Antitrust & Monopoly Subcommittee (1959)
Access: Open

Folder 7-6: Constitutional Amendments Subcommittee (1959)
Access: Open

Folder 7-7: Constitutional Rights Subcommittee (1959)
Access: Open

Folder 7-8: Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee (1959)
Access: Open

Folder 7-9: Improvements in the Judicial Machinery Subcommittee (1959)
Access: Open

Folder 7-10: Refugees & Escapees Subcommittee (1959)
Access: Open

Folder 7-11: Trading with the Enemy Subcommittee (1959)
Access: Open

Folder 7-12: Judiciary Committee Agendas (1960)
Access: Open
Folder 7-13: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1960)
Access: Open

Folder 7-14: Judiciary Committee Action Sheets (1960)
Access: Open

Folder 7-15: Judiciary Committee (1960)
Access: Open

Folder 7-16: Judiciary Committee Private Bills (1960)
Access: Open

Folder 7-17: Antitrust & Monopoly Subcommittee (1960)
Access: Open

Folder 7-18: Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee (1960)
Access: Open

Folder 7-19: Improvements in the Criminal Code Subcommittee (1960)
Access: Open

Folder 7-20: Refugees & Escapees Subcommittee (1960)
Access: Open

Folder 7-21: Trading with the Enemy Subcommittee (1960)
Access: Open

Folder 7-22: Judiciary Committee Agendas (1961)
Access: Open

Folder 7-23: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1961)
Access: Open

Folder 7-24: Judiciary Committee Action Sheets (1961)
Access: Open

Folder 7-25: Judiciary Committee (1961)
Access: Open

Folder 7-26: Judiciary Committee Private Bills (1961)
Access: Open

Folder 7-27: Antitrust & Monopoly Subcommittee (1961)
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Folder 7-28: Constitutional Amendments Subcommittee (1961)
Access: Open
Folder 7-29: Constitutional Rights Subcommittee (1961)
Access: Open

Folder 7-30: Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee (1961)
Access: Open

Folder 7-31: Refugees & Escapees Subcommittee (1961)
Access: Open

Folder 7-32: Judiciary Committee Agendas (1962)
Access: Open

Folder 7-33: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1962)
Access: Open

Folder 7-34: Judiciary Committee Action Sheets (1962)
Access: Open

Folder 7-35: Judiciary Committee (1962)
Access: Open

Folder 7-36: Judiciary Committee Private Bills (1962)
Access: Open

Folder 7-37: Judiciary Committee (1962) – University of Mississippi Integration
Access: Open

Folder 7-38: Antitrust & Monopoly Subcommittee (1962)
Access: Open

Folder 7-39: Constitutional Amendments Subcommittee (1962)
Access: Open

Folder 7-40: Constitutional Rights Subcommittee (1962)
Access: Open

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Folder 8-1: Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee (1962)
Access: Open

Folder 8-2: Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee (1962)
Access: Open

Folder 8-3: Judiciary Committee Agendas (1963)
Access: Open
Folder 8-36: Antitrust & Monopoly Subcommittee (1966)
Access: Open

Folder 8-37: Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee (1966)
Access: Open

Folder 8-38: Separation of Powers Subcommittee (1966)
Access: Open

Folder 8-39: Judiciary Committee Agendas (1967)
Access: Open

Folder 8-40: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1967)
Access: Open 2018

BOX 9

Folder 9-1: Judiciary Committee Action Sheets (1967)
Access: Open

Folder 9-2: Judiciary Committee (1967)
Access: Open

Folder 9-3: Judiciary Committee (1967) – Legislation
Access: Open

Folder 9-4: Constitutional Rights Subcommittee (1967)
Access: Open

Folder 9-5: Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee (1967)
Access: Open

Folder 9-6: Patents, Trademarks, & Copyright Subcommittee (1967)
Access: Open

Folder 9-7: Refugee Subcommittee (1967)
Access: Open

Folder 9-8: Separation of Powers Subcommittee (1967)
Access: Open

Folder 9-9: Judiciary Committee Agendas (1968)
Access: Open

Folder 9-10: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1968)
Access: Open 2019

Folder 9-11: Judiciary Committee Action Sheets (1968)
Access: Open

Folder 9-12: Judiciary Committee (1968)
Access: Open

BOX 10

Folder 10-1: Judiciary Committee (1968) – Legislation
Access: Open

Folder 10-2: Antitrust & Monopoly Subcommittee (1968)
Access: Open

Folder 10-3: Constitutional Amendments Subcommittee (1968)
Access: Open

Folder 10-4: Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee (1968)
Access: Open

Folder 10-5: Separation of Powers Subcommittee (1968)
Access: Open

Folder 10-6: Judiciary Committee Agendas (1969)
Access: Open

Folder 10-7: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1969)
Access: Open 2020

Folder 10-8: Judiciary Committee Action Sheets (1969)
Access: Open

Folder 10-9: Judiciary Committee (1969)
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Folder 10-10: Constitutional Amendments Subcommittee (1969)
Access: Open

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Folder 10-12: Improvement in the Judicial Machinery Subcommittee (1969)
Access: Open

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Folder 10-14: Judiciary Committee (circa 1960s) – Contents of Binder “Power of Investigation”
Access: Open
Folder 10-15: Judiciary Committee
Access: Open

Folder 10-16: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1970)
Access: Open 2021

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Folder 11-1: Judiciary Committee Action Sheets (1970)
Access: Open

Folder 11-2: Judiciary Committee (1970)
Access: Open

Folder 11-3: Judiciary Committee Legislative Calendar (1969-1970)
Access: Open

Folder 11-4: Antitrust & Monopoly Subcommittee (1970)
Access: Open

Folder 11-5: Constitutional Rights Subcommittee (1970)
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Folder 11-6: Criminal Laws & Procedures Subcommittee (1970)

Folder 11-7: Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee (1970)
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Folder 11-8: Improvements in Judicial Machinery Subcommittee (1970)
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Folder 11-10: Judiciary Committee (1970-1974) – School Busing
Access: Open

Folder 11-11: Judiciary Committee Agendas (1971)
Access: Open

Folder 11-12: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1971)
Access: Open 2022

Folder 11-13: Judiciary Committee Action Sheets (1971)
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Folder 11-14: Judiciary Committee (1971)
Folder 13-1: Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee (1972)
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Folder 13-2: Judiciary Committee Agendas (1973)
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Folder 13-3: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1973)
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Folder 13-4: Judiciary Committee Action Sheets (1973)
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Folder 13-5: Judiciary Committee (1973)
Access: Open

Folder 13-6: Judiciary Committee (1973) – Special Prosecutor – Watergate
Access: Open 2024

Folder 13-7: Judiciary Committee (1973-1975) – School Busing
Access: Open

Folder 13-8: FBI Oversight Committee (1973)
Access: Open

Folder 13-9: Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee (1973)
Access: Open

Folder 13-10: Judiciary Committee Agendas (1974)
Access: Open

Folder 13-11: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1974)
Access: Open 2025

Folder 13-12: Judiciary Committee Action Sheets (1974)
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Folder 14-1: Judiciary Committee (1974)
Access: Open

Folder 14-2: FBI Oversight Committee (1974)
Access: Open

Folder 14-3: Judiciary Committee Agendas (1975)
Access: Open

Folder 14-4: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1975)
Access: Open 2026

Folder 14-5: Judiciary Committee Action Sheets (1975)
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Folder 14-6: Judiciary Committee (1975)
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Folder 14-7: Judiciary Committee (1975) – Budget
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Folder 14-8: Administrative Practice & Procedures Subcommittee (1975)
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Folder 14-9: Antitrust & Monopoly Subcommittee (1975)
Access: Open

Folder 14-10: Constitutional Amendments Subcommittee (1975)
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Folder 14-11: Constitutional Rights Subcommittee (1975)
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Folder 14-12: Criminal Laws & Procedures Subcommittee (1975)
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Folder 14-13: FBI Oversight Subcommittee (1975)
Access: Open

Folder 14-14: Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee (1975)
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Folder 14-15: Judiciary Committee Agendas (1976)
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Folder 14-16: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1976)
Access: Open 2027

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Folder 15-1: Judiciary Committee Action Sheets (1976)
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Folder 15-2: Judiciary Committee Calendar (1975-1976)
Access: Open

Folder 15-3: Judiciary Committee (1976)
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Folder 15-4: Antitrust & Monopoly Subcommittee (1976)  
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Folder 15-5: Criminal Laws and Procedures Subcommittee (1976)  
Access: Open

Folder 15-6: FBI Oversight Committee (1976)  
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Folder 15-7: Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee (1976)  
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Folder 15-8: Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee (1976)  
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Folder 15-10: Separation of Powers Subcommittee (1976)  
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Folder 15-11: Judiciary Committee Agendas (1977)  
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Folder 15-12: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1977) (1 of 3)  
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Folder 15-13: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1977) (2 of 3)  
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Folder 16-1: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1977) (3 of 3)  
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Folder 16-2: Judiciary Committee Action Sheets (1977)  
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Folder 16-3A: Judiciary Committee (1977)  
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Folder 16-3B: Judiciary Committee (1977)  
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Folder 16-4: Judiciary Committee (1977) – Legislation  
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Folder 16-5: Antitrust & Monopoly Subcommittee (1977)
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Folder 16-6: Constitutional Amendments Subcommittee (1977)
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Folder 16-7: Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee (1977)
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Folder 16-8: Judiciary Committee Agendas (1978)
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Folder 16-9: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1978) (1 of 2)
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Folder 17-1: Judiciary Committee Minutes (1978) (2 of 2)
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Folder 17-2: Judiciary Committee Action Sheets (1978)
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Folder 17-3: Judiciary Committee (1978)
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Folder 17-4: Judiciary Committee (1978) – Administrative Law Judges

Folder 17-5: Judiciary Committee (1978) – Legislation
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Folder 17-6: Judiciary Committee (1978) – Department of Justice Authorization Request
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Folder 17-7: Criminal Laws & Procedures Subcommittee (1978)
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Folder 17-8: FBI Oversight Subcommittee (1978)
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Folder 17-9: Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee (1978)
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Folder 17-10: Improvements in the Judicial Machinery Subcommittee (1978)
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Folder 17-11: Separation of Powers Subcommittee (1978)
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Folder 17-12: Contents of Binders “Judicial Conference – Criminal Rules” (circa 1970s)
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BOX 18

Folder 18-1: Judiciary Committee (undated)
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Folder 18-2: Judiciary Committee Private Bills (undated)
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Folder 18-3: Constitutional Amendments Subcommittee (undated)
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Folder 18-4: Constitutional Rights Subcommittee (undated)
Access: Open

Folder 18-5: FBI Oversight Subcommittee (undated)
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Folder 18-6: Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee (undated)
Access: Open

Folder 18-7: Improvements in Judicial Machinery Subcommittee (undated)
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Folder 18-8: Patents, Trademarks, and Copyright Subcommittee (undated)

Folder 18-9: Refugees & Escapees Subcommittee (undated)
Access: Open

Folder 18-10: Trading with the Enemies Subcommittee (undated)
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