

Wilson  
Box 43  
Folder 18  
Medicare  
1964-1965

A folder containing an extensive amount of letters commenting on Medicare, a few postal cards, two government reports & office notes, news clippings, a resolution & a newsletter.

**Examples:** a letter (10/1/64) from Congressman Wilson to constituent Roger Chapin re/ "we are exploring the suggestions you made in regard to a workable social security tax refund as a substitute for the Administration's Medicare Bill;" office note & attached copy of news clipping – an editorial from *The San Diego Union* (12/8/64) – re/ criticism of "Socialized Medicine Costly" & note saying "Save for basis for Medicare Form Letter;" a letter (1/11/65) from Harold Slater (American Medical Assn.), hia attached 5 page "News Release from The American Medical Assn." (1/9/65) & Wilson's reply (1/18/65) re/ the AMA's views in connection with medicine and health care; a copy of "Resolution No. 26 Legislative Reapportionment" (12/4-5/64) re/ California Cattlemen's Assn.'s Annual Meeting supports preservation of rural representation and opposes U.S. Supreme Ct. 6/15/64 decision; Rep John W. Byrnes' newsletter, *Memo*, (2/2/65) re/ commentaries on Health Care for the Aged; **a large number of stapled copies of letters with standard replies from Wilson dated Feb.-Mar. 1965. Examples are:** a letter (1/5/65) from Santee constituent Mrs. Bess Woods re/ "AGIN" Medicare – "I hate to think of my son's Social Security going for my medical care;" a letter (2/3/65) from constituent H. H. Warner, M.D. re/ "I am in full support of a health plan for the aged . . . I am in complete opposition to the King-Anderson Bill;" a letter (1/14/65) from El Cajon constituent Mrs. Helena H. Temple re/ support for the Medicare program through Social Security and Rep. Roosevelt's Bill #8826 gearing Soc. Sec. to the minimum wage for 40 hours a week; a letter (1/29/65) from constituent Gordon Sproul, M.D. re/ support for the AMA plan to care for the aged (Kerr-Mills Bill) ; a letter (1/19/65) from constituent R. St. John re/ criticism of King-Anderson Bill and support for Kerr-Mills to keep medical care "in step with the ideology of the free enterprise system;" there are many more such letters in those responded to in Feb. by Wilson that follow a similar trend with just a few supporting the King-Anderson approach or with some modification; letters & memorandum (Feb.-Mar. 1965) re/ El Cajon constituent Lloyd C. Taylor's comments & "Memo to Wilson from William H. Quealy, Minority Council, Committee on Ways and Means" critiquing Taylor's view on insurance costs, etc.; a letter (2/22/65) from constituent Mrs. Faith K. Younie re/ support for AMA's Eldercare Bill; **Wilson's responses in March 1965**, focused on his support for the above concept and usually enclosed a copy of "Eldercare" to his constituents, most were against the King-Anderson Bill and favored some version of the A.M.A approach; a copy of "REMARKS OF JAMES B. UTT IN RE BYRNES MEDICARE BILL . . . REPUBLICAN ALTERNATIVE TO KING-ANDERSON BILL" (n.d.) 2 pages; copies of "Benefits Under Major Medicare Bills Before the 89<sup>th</sup> Congress -- Comparing the Curtis-Herlon & Hall 'Eldercare Bills (Identical) with the Byrnes's Bill & the Administration Bill (3 pages); 2 copies of "Medical Care for the Aged; A History of Current and Past Proposals and Pro and Con Arguments," Education and Public Welfare Divison, March 15, 1963, Rerun October 11, 1963, The Library of Congress Legislative Reference Service, Washington 25, D.C. (53 pp.).