



# Cohen, Congress and Controversy

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#### Political papers in Maine

Bill Cohen's donation of his papers came on the leading edge of an effort to document the activities of Congress and the Executive Branch. Archival preservation and access here in Maine parallels the work of the National Archives, which collects official congressional and cabinet level records, and other nationwide groups supporting this effort.

In addition to the Cohen Papers, Fogler Library holds other collections of congressional papers as do several other research libraries in Maine including Bowdoin College, Bates College, the Margaret Chase Smith Library, and the Maine Historical Society.

The Maine Political Papers Network website provides links at [www.library.umaine.edu/mainepoliticalpapers](http://www.library.umaine.edu/mainepoliticalpapers).

#### Educational websites

##### The Center on Congress

<http://congress.indiana.edu/index.php>

The central mission of The Center on Congress is to help improve the public understanding of Congress and to improve civic engagement, especially among our young people, as a way to strengthen our basic institutions of government.

##### Democracy for Kids and Young Voters

[www.maine.gov/portal/government/edemocracy](http://www.maine.gov/portal/government/edemocracy)

The Maine state website features election information for young voters.

##### FirstGov for Kids

[http://www.kids.gov/k\\_gov.htm](http://www.kids.gov/k_gov.htm)

The U.S. government interagency Kids' Portal provides links to Federal sites along with some of the best kids' sites from other organizations all grouped by subject.



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