



Governor Richard F. Kneip
Years in Office: 1971-1978

Birth: January 7, 1933; Tyler, Minnesota

Death: March 9, 1987; Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Governor Kneip was the first governor to serve more than two terms and the fourth democratic governor. Indian-White relations, tax reform, aid to education, highway construction, and water development were major issues during his governorship. He carried out a major reorganization of State government. He resigned on July 24, 1978 during his eighth year as governor to serve as ambassador to Singapore. In 1980 he resigned the ambassadorship and returned to South Dakota. The official administrative records of Governor Richard F. Kneip are at the University of South Dakota.

Classification Number: 1/35/14

Collection Name: Governor Richard F. Kneip

Series Title & Inclusive Dates: Speeches, 1971-1978. This collection includes speeches from the Kneip administration with copies recorded on cassette tape as well as reel to reel tape. Speeches included on reel to reel and cassette tape are: Governor Kneip's state reorganization address; Governor Kneip's second Inaugural address; Richard Nixon's comments at Governor Kneip's second Inaugural Address; Northeast South Dakota's Lake Region; 1974 State of the State address; 1975 Inaugural Address; and 1973 State of the State Address.

Shelf Location: 2256A

Classification Number: 14C/1/22

Accession Number: 84-089

Collection Name: Department of Economic & Tourism Development, Tourism Promotion

Series Title & Inclusive Dates: Midwestern Governor's Conference Photographs, 1971-1978.

Shelf Location: 1385B

Classification Number: 14C/1/20

Accession Number: 84-090

Collection Name: Department of Economic & Tourism Development

Series Title & Inclusive Dates: Proclamations, 1971-1978. This collection contains more than 30 executive proclamations made by Governor Richard F. Kneip, as well as several photographs of Governor Kneip signing proclamations and meeting with visitors.

Shelf Location: 2386

Classification Number: 1/35/16

Accession Number: 92-126

Collection Name: Governor Richard F. Kneip

Series Title & Inclusive Dates: Cabinet Meeting Minutes, October 1973 – January 1978.

Shelf Location: 5495A

Classification Number: 1/35/17

Accession Number: 96-118

Collection Name: Governor Richard F. Kneip

Series Title & Inclusive Dates: Reports, 1973-1975. Included is a review of the Executive Air Travel Program by the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission, a report by the South Dakota Indian Businessmen's Association, and an Action Plan for an official goodwill tour of key market cities by Governor Kneip and Mayor Barnett.

Shelf Location: 4613

Classification Number: 1/35/17

Accession Number: 96-153

Collection Name: Governor Richard F. Kneip

Series Title & Inclusive Dates: Reports, 1970-1973. Included are three reports; "South Dakota Tax Action Program Handbook"; "Information Review, Report by task force that investigated informational systems in the state government"; and "Preliminary report on Air Transportation for the State of South Dakota.

Shelf Location: 4623

Classification Number: 1/35/18

Accession Number: 96-155

Collection Name: Governor Richard F. Kneip

Series Title & Inclusive Dates: Speeches, 1971-1978. This collection includes the 1971, 1972 State of the State; 1973 Inaugural Message; 1974 Message to the Legislature; and the 1978 Farewell Address.

Shelf Location: 4624

Classification Number: 1/35/15

Accession Number: H75-540

Collection Name: Governor Richard F. Kneip

Series Title & Inclusive Dates: November 2, 1982, Proclamation Proclaiming 83rd Anniversary of Statehood.

Shelf Location: 3563B

Classification Number: 1/35/14

Accession Number: H76-101

Collection Name: Governor Richard F. Kneip

Series Title & Inclusive Dates: 1976 Address to Legislature on cassette tape.

Shelf Location: 3568B

Accession Number: 96-332

Collection: Governor, Inaugural Addresses

Series Title & Inclusive Dates: Message to the Legislature 1971, Message to the Legislature 1972, Message to the Legislature 1975, Message to the Legislature 1976, Budget Message 1975, Farewell Address 1978.

Shelf Location: 7136C

Classification Number: 10A/1/3

Accession Number: 79-085

Collection Name: Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, Harvey Wollman

Series Title & Inclusive Dates: Scheduling Correspondence addressed to both Governor Kneip and Governor Wollman, 1978. Correspondence originating during Governor Wollman's term as lieutenant-governor for Governor Kneip through the beginning of Harvey Wollman's term as Governor.

Shelf Location: 6B