

# U.S. Congressional Documents

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HeinOnline's U.S. Congressional Documents database features the complete Congressional Record bound volume set (1873-present) as well as its three predecessor titles: Annals of Congress (1789-1824), Register of Debates (1824-1837) and the Congressional Globe (1833-1873). Also available are the Congressional Record Dailies from 1980-present.

### In addition, this database includes the following:

- U.S. Congressional Serial Set
- Congressional Hearings
- Rules & Precedents
- Committee Prints
- Congressional Budget Office Publications
- CRS Reports
- Congressional Directory
- Other Works Related to Congress



## Featured Documents:

### U.S. Congressional Serial Set (1817-current)

The *United States Congressional Serial Set*, commonly referred to as the Serial Set, is considered an essential publication for unveiling American history. Spanning more than two centuries with more than **17,000 bound volumes**, the records in this series include House and Senate Documents, House and Senate Reports, and much more. The reports are usually from congressional committees dealing with proposed legislation and issues under investigation. The documents include all other papers ordered printed by the House or Senate. Documents cover a wide variety of topics, including reports of executive departments and independent organizations, reports of special investigations made for Congress, and annual reports of non-governmental organizations. During the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, executive-branch materials were also published in the Serial Set.

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### Congressional Hearings Database

*Prestigious databases from Covington & Burling and Arnold & Porter.*

Congressional hearings are the principal formal method by which committees collect and analyze information in the early stages of legislative policymaking. Whether on confirmation, legislation, oversight, investigation, or a combination of these, all hearings share common elements of preparation and conduct. Coverage includes **more than 74,000 hearings** and **more than 17.6 million pages** from the 50th (1889) Congress through the 114th (2017) Congress. Additional hearings will continue to be added as they become available.

*"Covington and Burling created not only one of the finest law libraries in Washington, D.C., but also developed a nationally recognized program for following legislation."*

-Stephen G. Margeton, Of Legislative Histories and Librarians  
85 Law Libr. J. 85 (1993)

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### Congressional Record: *Complete Historical Archive (Vols. 1-157, 1873-2011)*

The Congressional Record, first published in 1873, is essentially the complete printed chronicle of debates, proceedings and speeches of the United States Congress. Previously, congressional debates were cataloged in the Annals of Congress (1789-1824), Register of Debates (1824-1837) and Congressional Globe (1833-1873). The Record is the most complete and accurate account of congressional matters to date.

Divided into four sections, the Record features: the Proceedings of the House, the Proceedings of the Senate, which include the floor speeches, transcribed and edited by the Official Reporters of Debate; the Extensions of Remarks, containing material not included in part of the spoken debates; and the Daily Digest, a summary by chamber of each day's activities.

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### Congressional Record Daily (Vols. 126-162, 1980-current)

The Congressional Record is published daily when Congress is in session and appears as a newspaper-like edition. Once each session is over, the daily records are collected, re-paginated, and re-indexed to create the permanent bound edition. HeinOnline's U.S. Congressional Documents database features the daily records from 1980 to present, and we update this content daily!

The Daily to Bound Locator allows users to insert a specific date or citation from either the Daily edition or the Bound volume and quickly pull up the corresponding citations between the two publications. This makes it easy to jump from the Daily edition containing the exact proceedings to the Bound volumes, which may have been edited and expanded to include later insertions by members of Congress.

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### Annals of the Congress of the United States (1st Congress to 18th Congress, 1st Session, 1789-1824)

The Annals of Congress, formally known as The Debates and Proceedings in the Congress of the United States, cover the 1st Congress through the first session of the 18th Congress, from 1789 to 1824. The Annals were not published contemporaneously, but were compiled between 1834 and 1856, using the best records available, primarily newspaper accounts. Speeches are paraphrased rather than presented verbatim, but the record of debate is nonetheless fuller than that available from the House and Senate Journals.

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### Congressional Globe (Vols. 1-46 pt. 3, 1833-1873)

The Globe, as it is usually called, contains the congressional debates of the 23rd through 42nd Congresses (1833-1873). There are forty-six volumes in the series, based on the table found in the Third Edition of Checklist of United States Public Documents 1789-1909, Volume 1B (pp. 1466-69). Initially the Globe contained a "condensed report" or abstract rather than a verbatim report of the debates and proceedings. With the 32nd Congress (1851), however, the Globe began to provide something approaching verbatim transcription.

## Register of Debates in Congress (Vols. 1-14, 1825-1837)

The Register of Debates is a record of the congressional debates of the 18th Congress, 2nd Session through the 25th Congress, 1st Session (1824-1837). It is the second of four publications containing the debates of Congress. It was the first attempt to publish, contemporaneously, a record of the debates and proceedings of Congress. The Register of Debates is not a verbatim account of the proceedings, but rather a summary of the "leading debates and incidents" of the period.

## Journals of the Continental Congress (Vols. 1-34, 1774-1789)

The Journals are the records of daily proceedings of the Continental Congress, as kept by Secretary Charles Thomson. The Continental Congress was the first national government of the United States. Delegates from the thirteen colonies, except Georgia, met in Philadelphia in 1774 to oppose the unfair treatment of the colonies by the British.

During its fifteen-year tenure, the Continental Congress adopted several monumental and influential works, such as the Declaration of Independence, on July 4, 1776; the Articles of Confederation, Nov. 15, 1777; and the United States Constitution, Sept. 17, 1787.

## Congressional Budget Office Publications (1975-current)

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Publications contain the published and unpublished reports of the CBO from 1975 forward. For every bill that is reported by a congressional committee, the CBO must produce a report with cost estimates and mandate statements. These estimates and statements are published as part of the CBO publications. Also found in this set are other reports needed for the budget process, including the Budget and Economic Outlook and An Analysis of the President's Budget. Additional publications cover analytical studies, briefs regarding economic issues, budget issues, long-range fiscal policies, revenue and tax policies, the Monthly Budget Reviews, and other background papers and documents such as the CBO'S Economic Forecasting Record. The publications included in this set are organized into **40 subject areas**.

## Committee Prints

Congressional Committee Prints are issued by Congressional Committees and include topics related to their legislative and research activities. These prints are used for statistical and historical information, and are an excellent resource for legislative analysis. HeinOnline contains **more than 8,500** of these prints, and will continue to add more as they become available.

## Rules & Precedents, Including:

- Hinds' Precedents of the House of Representatives of the United States Including References to Provisions of the Constitution, the Laws, and Decisions of the United States Senate (Vols. 1-5 and indexes, 1907-1908)
- Cannon's Precedents of the House of Representatives of the United States Including References to Provisions of the Constitution, the Laws, and Decisions of the United States Senate (Vols. 6-11, 1935)
- Deschler's and Deschler-Brown Precedents of the House of Representatives (16 Vols., 1974, 1994)

## Congressional Research Service Reports

CRS Reports are research reports written for members of Congress and issued to clearly define issues in a legislative context. HeinOnline contains **more than 49,000** of these reports with more being added each month.

## Other Notable Titles:

- *Congress and Foreign Policy* (18 vols., 1974-1992)
- *Congressional Directory* (1887-2014)
- *Election Law Guidebook* (25 vols., 1952-1970)
- *Niles National Register* (Vols. 1-76, 1811-1849)
- *Territorial Papers of the United States* (Vols. 1-28, 1787-1848)
- *Historical Register of the United States* (4 vols.)
- *Journal of the Congress of the Confederate States* (25 vols., 1952-1970)
- And dozens more!



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## Tools

Easily search within the Serial Set with the citation lookup tool or by volume and/or citation with the free-field lookup tool.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with tabs for 'Introduction', 'American State Papers: 1st-25th Congress (1789-1838)', 'Congressional Serial Set: 15th-114th Congress (1817-2017)', and 'Congressional Documents: 115th-116th Congress (2018-2020)'. Below this are tabs for 'Congressional Reports 115th-116th Congress (2018-2020)', 'Secrets of the Serial Set', and 'Additional Resources'. The main content area features two search tools:

- Citation Lookup Tool:** Includes an example 'Example: H. Rept. 106-120' and three dropdown menus for 'Document Type', 'Congress', and 'Document Number', each with a search button.
- Free-Field Lookup Tools:** Includes two input fields for 'Citation' and 'Volume', each with a search button.

The screenshot shows the 'Congressional Hearings Quick Finder' tool with the following fields:

- Congress:** Select Congress...
- Chamber:** Select Congress First...
- Committee:** Select Chamber First...
- Text:** [Input field]
- Search:** [Search button]

The Congressional Hearings Quick Finder allows users to browse and search by Congress, Chamber, Committee, or Text. Search results display facets, allowing users to further refine results.

The screenshot shows a page from the House of Representatives with several blue hyperlinks. A red arrow points from the text 'Citations for congressional reports and documents are hyperlinked throughout HeinOnline. Hyperlinked citations are highlighted in blue.' to the blue links on the page, such as 'National Endowment for Democracy: Message wherein he transmitted the fiscal year 1997 Annual Report of the National Endowment for Democracy—referred to the Committee on International Relations'.

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HeinOnline provides an easy way to quickly locate a page from the daily edition in the bound volume, using the Daily to Bound Locator

The screenshot shows the 'Congressional Record Daily to Bound Locator' tool with the following sections:

- Bound Coverage:** Vols. 1-160 pt. 15 (1873-2015) (43rd Congress, Special Session to 113th Congress, 2nd Session)
- Daily Coverage:** Vols. 126-165 (1980-2019)
- Select a date:** January | 1 | 2010 | Go
- OR enter citation:** Table with columns Vol., Abbreviation, Page, and Citation. Example: 147 | Cong. Rec. (Daily Edition) | S1332 | Citation
- OR browse a month and year:** January | 2010 | Browse

The screenshot shows search results for 'Senate' on Tuesday, February 13, 2001. It lists 'Daily 147 Cong. Rec. S1241 (2001)' and 'Bound 147 Cong. Rec. 1683 (2001)'. A 'Terms to Compare with:' field contains 'Rome AND Watertown' and a 'Go' button.

The screenshot shows search results for 'Rome AND Watertown as type: word'. It displays two versions of a speech:

- Daily:** In Senate - Tuesday, February 13, 2001. Includes a 'Turn to page S1241' link.
- Bound:** In Senate - Tuesday, February 13, 2001. Includes a 'Turn to page 1683' link.

The text of the speech is visible in both versions, showing the speaker's remarks on the economy and budget.

Once users locate the corresponding citations, a search for a keyword or term across those citations can be made and quickly linked directly to the pages between the Daily edition and Bound volumes.

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