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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.

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 **nearly 80,000 hearings** and **more than 18 million pages** from the 50th (1889) Congress through the 114th (2017) Congress. Additional hearings will continue to be added as they become available.

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

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.

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.

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.

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 **nearly 9,000** 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 **nearly 54,000** 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 a navigation bar with tabs for: Introduction, American State Papers: 1st-25th Congress (1789-1838), Congressional Serial Set: 15th-114th Congress (1817-2017), Congressional Documents: 115th-117th Congress (2018-2022), Congressional Reports 115th-117th Congress (2018-2022), Guides & Indexes, Secrets of the Serial Set, and LibGuide. Below this are two search tool boxes. The 'Citation Lookup Tool' has dropdowns for Document Type, Congress, and Document Number, with an example 'H. Rept. 106-120' and a search button. The 'Free-Field Lookup Tools' has input fields for Citation and Volume, each with a search button.

The 'Congressional Hearings Quick Finder' form includes dropdown menus for Congress, Chamber, and Committee, a text input field, and a 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 various sections like 'Chamber Action', 'Committee Meetings', and 'Presidential Messages'. Several citations and links are highlighted in blue, 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'.

Citations for congressional reports and documents are hyperlinked throughout HeinOnline. Hyperlinked citations are highlighted in blue.

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 'Congressional Record Daily to Bound Locator' form includes a date selector (January 1, 2010), a search button, and an 'OR enter citation' section with fields for Vol. (147), Abbreviation (Cong. Rec. (Daily)), and Page (S1332). There is also a 'Browse a month and year' section.

The search results for 'Senate' on Tuesday, February 13, 2001, show 'Daily 147 Cong. Rec. S1241 (2001)' and 'Bound 147 Cong. Rec. 1683 (2001)'. A search term 'Rome AND Watertown' is entered with a 'Go' button.

The search results for 'Rome AND Watertown' show a snippet of text from the Daily edition: 'President, yes-terday I was in Rome and Watertown, NY, to speak with members of the Rotary Clubs and chambers of commerce about the upstate New York economy and how we can work together to promote investment and job creation in these communities. I will carry their concerns about the economy to the Budget Committee on which I am pleased to serve and where we are fashioning the framework for the next Federal budget. ...It is an issue that is important to the people in Rome and Water-town, Rochester and Brooklyn, and everywhere I have been in recent weeks. It will be foremost in my mind as the outlines of the 2002 budget take shape: that is, improving access to quality, affordable health care for New Yorkers, for all Americans, and especially for our children. In this session of Congress, we will need to focus on many aspects of health care, medical privacy, Medicaid funding, genetic discrimination, providing prescription drug coverage for our seniors, and long-term care for our families, among others.'

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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