



# **A Shared Obsession with Congress: Libraries, Archives, and the “Y” of It All**

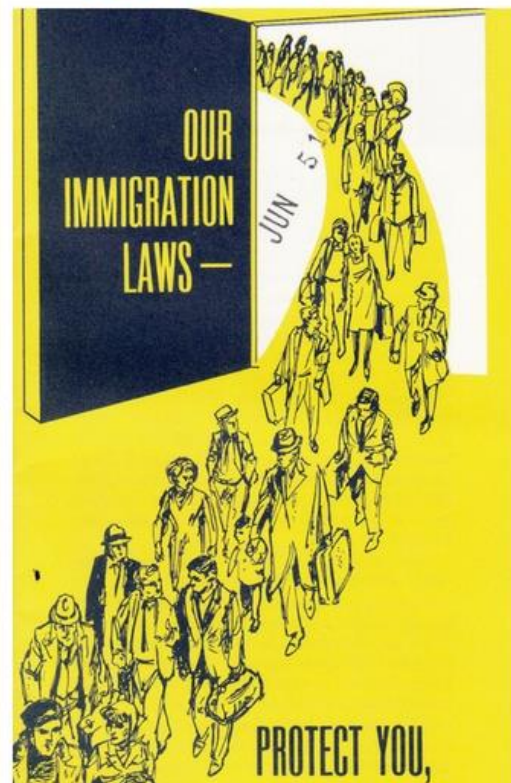
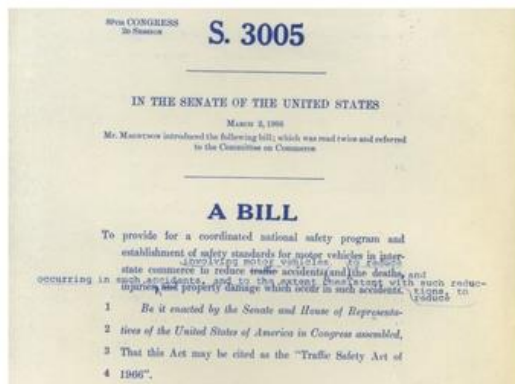
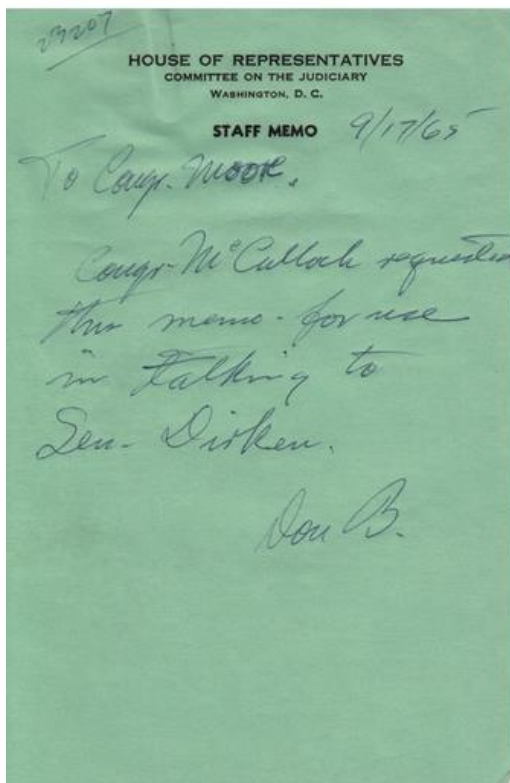
# Documenting Congress

Where We've Been and Where We're Going

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**October 17-19, 2016**

# Making It Happen Together: Demonstrating Results

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## Political papers versus congressional papers

### Political Papers

- Congressional papers, papers of state and local political figures, political parties, organizations and individuals concerned with public policy, journalists, diplomats

### Congressional Papers

- Personal papers of members of the U.S. Congress and institutional records of the individual house



## Congressional papers - personal versus official papers

**Personal papers are created in a member's office.**



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Senate Photographic Studio, Photograph of Senator Rockefeller with a staff member in his office, 1985  
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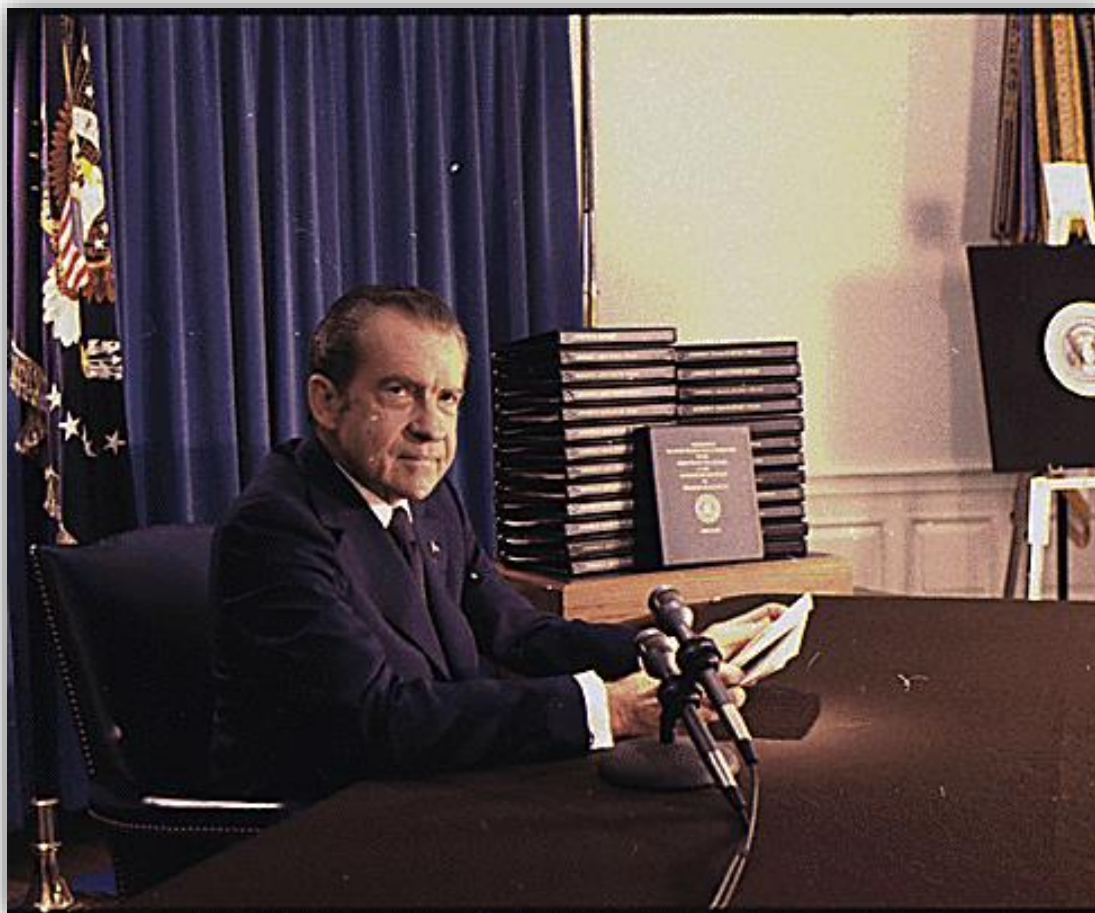
**Committee materials are the official records of Congress.**



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Senate Photographic Studio, Photograph of a Senate Commerce Committee hearing, 1985  
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## A brief history of congressional papers



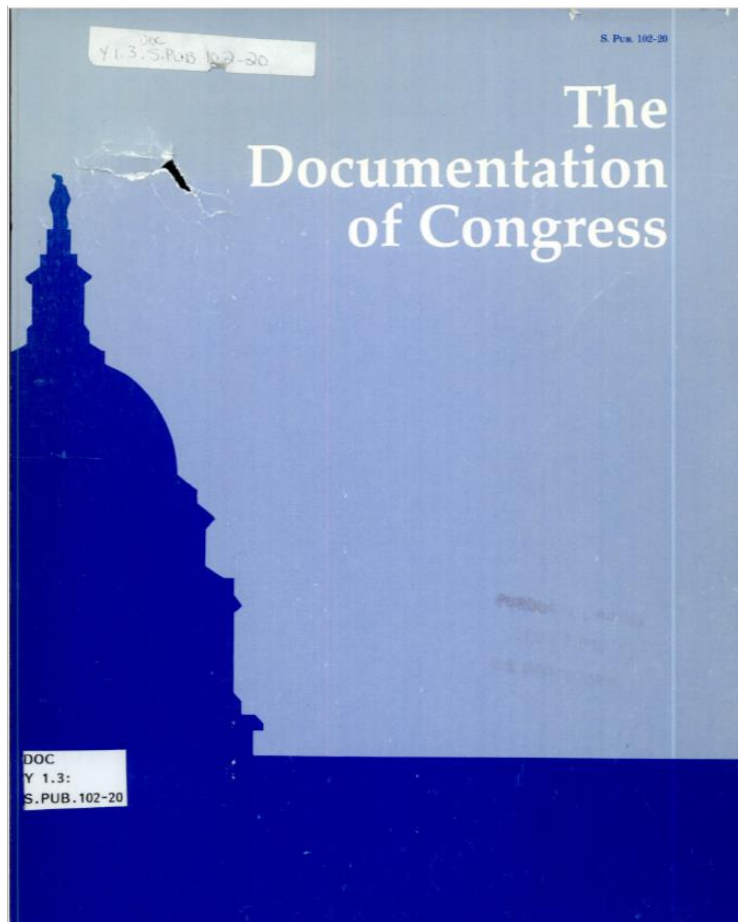
- Watergate and the Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities
- Public Documents Commission
- Presidential Records Act of 1978

Richard M. Nixon press conference releasing the transcripts of the White House tapes, April 29, 1974. National Archives and Records Administration <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/194576>





## A brief history of congressional papers



# H.Con. Res. 307 – 110<sup>th</sup> Congress

That it is the sense of Congress that—

Members' Congressional papers (including papers of Delegates and Resident Commissioners to the Congress) should be properly maintained;

(2) each Member of Congress should take all necessary measures to manage and preserve the Member's own Congressional papers; and

(3) each Member of Congress should be encouraged to arrange for the deposit or donation of the Member's own noncurrent Congressional papers with a research institution that is properly equipped to care for them, and to make these papers available for educational purposes at a time the Member considers appropriate.





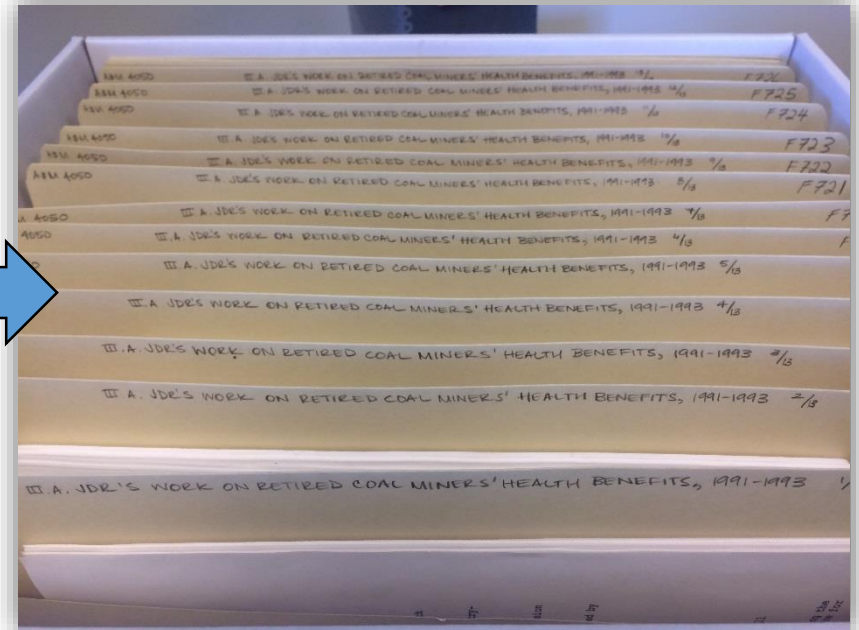
## The nature of congressional papers



- Complex
- Large
- Published and unpublished materials
- Multiple formats (paper, digital, audiovisual)
- Materials retained b/c unique, special, rare
- Can take years to process

## Archival processing

Arranging and describing the papers of an individual, family, or organization





# Archival processing

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## Senator John D. (Jay) Rockefeller IV papers

**Summary**

Identifier A&M 4050

**Dates**

1960-2015 (Creation)  
1985-2014 (Creation)

**Extents**

2011 Linear Feet (Whole) record cartons  
2 Terabytes (Whole)

**Agent Links**

- Rockefeller, John D., IV (John Davison), 1937-
- Rockefeller, Sharon Percy, 1944-
- United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Commerce
- United States. Congress. Senate. Select Committee on Intelligence
- United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Veterans' Affairs
- United States. Congress. Pepper Commission
- United States. National Commission on Children
- Rockefeller, John D., IV (John Davison), 1937-

**Subjects**

- United States -- Politics and government -- 20th century
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## ARCHIVEGRID

### Thomas J. Dodd papers, 1919-1971.

Dodd, Thomas J. (Thomas Joseph), 1907-1971.

University of Connecticut - Homer Babbidge Library  
Contact an Archivist or Librarian to learn more about access.

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**Details**

220 linear ft.

The Thomas J. Dodd Papers illuminate the diverse public life of a self-styled crusader. The collection consists primarily of material from Dodd's Senate years (1959-1971) and the Nuremberg war crimes trial before the International Military Tribunal from 1945-1946. Materials documenting his career prior to the Nuremberg Trials and the Senate are to be found only in the scrapbooks of clippings found in Series IX. There is almost no personal material in the collection.

[Item, Folder#]. Thomas J. Dodd papers, Archives & Special Collections at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, University of Connecticut Libraries.

WorldCat

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Libraries to search: Libraries Worldwide Advanced Search

### Edward E. "Ted" Kaufman papers, 1994-2013

Author: Edward E. Kaufman; Joseph B. Diden  
Archival material: English  
Database: WorldCat

Summary: The Edward E. "Ted" Kaufman papers span the dates 1994-2013, with the bulk of materials representing his 22 months of service as a U.S. Senator from Delaware, 2009-2010. The records consist mainly of files kept by Senator Kaufman's DC and Wilmington offices. Records include correspondence, legislative bills, photographs, press clippings, schedules, speeches, and other material related to Kaufman's service as a U.S. Sen. more...

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Edward E. "Ted" Kaufman papers finding aid in WorldCat <http://libwvu.worldcat.org/oclc/873950770>; Thomas J. Dodd papers in ArchiveGrid: <https://beta.worldcat.org/archivegrid/collection/data/75959581>



## Finding congressional archives

The screenshot shows the National Archives website. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search Archives.gov" and a "GO" button. Below the search bar are navigation tabs: "Research Our Records", "Veterans Service Records", "Teachers' Resources", "Our Locations", and "Shop Online". The main heading is "The Center for Legislative Archives". Below this, there is a breadcrumb trail: "Home > Legislative Branch: The Center for Legislative Archives > Repository Collections". The main content area is titled "Congressional Collections" and contains text about the history of the U.S. Congress and how to use the index. A sidebar on the left lists various resources and research options. At the bottom of the main content area, there is an alphabetical index from A to Z.

<http://archives.gov/legislative/repository-collections/>

The screenshot shows the search interface for the Biographical Directory of the United States Congress. The header is red with the text "Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774 - Present" and a circular seal. Below the header, there is a search form with the instruction "Enter desired criteria and click Search". The form includes fields for "Last Name:", "First Name:", "Position:", "State:", "Party:", and "Year OR Congress:". There are "Search" and "Clear" buttons at the bottom of the form.

<http://bioguide.congress.gov/biosearch/biosearch.asp>

## New Ways of Documenting Congress

- Born-digital congressional archives
- Constituent services data
- Web Archiving

# Sources and further reading

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- Paul, Karen Dawley, Glenn R. Gray, and L. Rebecca Johnson Melvin. 2009. *An American political archives reader*. Lanham, Md: Scarecrow Press.
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<https://archive.org/details/TheDocumentationOfCongress>
- United States. 1977. *Final report of the National Study Commission on Records and Documents of Federal Officials*. Washington: The Commission.
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<https://www.archives.gov/legislative/cla/advisory-committee/fifth-report.pdf>



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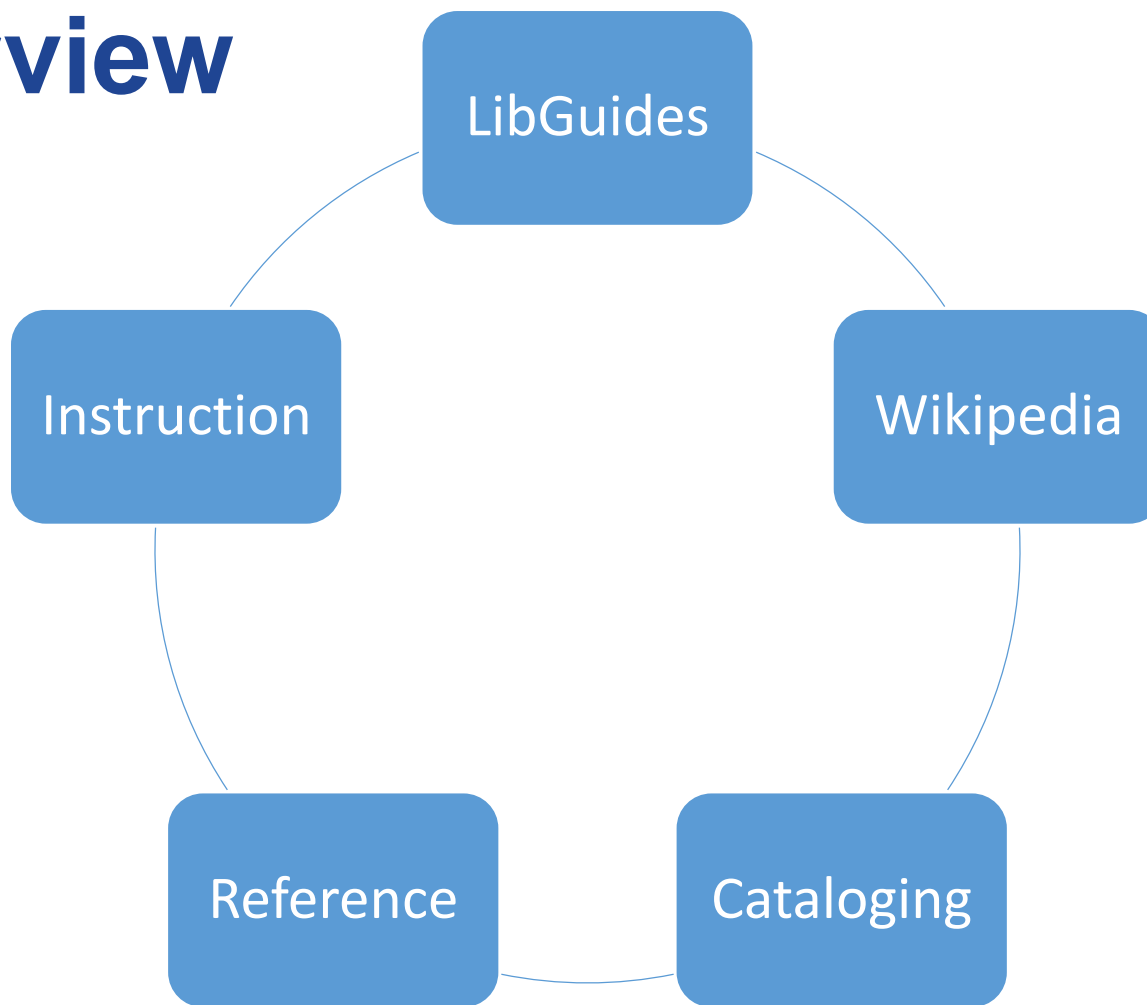
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# A Shared Obsession with Congress: Libraries, Archives, and the “Y” of It All

Promoting and improving access to Congressional material in federal depository libraries

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October 17-19, 2016**

## Overview





# Using LibGuides to promote Congressional material

University Library Home / Washington & Lee University LibGuides / U.S. CONGRESS: SITES AND DOCUMENTS / RESEARCH GUIDE


**U.S. CONGRESS: SITES AND DOCUMENTS**

Summer 2016  
<http://libguides.wlu.edu/congress>

**RESEARCH GUIDE**

Welcome!

This guide is intended to help Washington and Lee researchers discover and retrieve materials created by the U.S. Congress.



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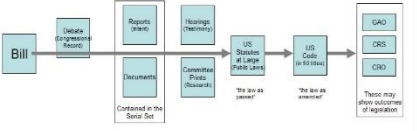
**Legislative Research (United States): Home**

Search the Guide Search


How to track a bill from the bill stage through passage into law

**Document Trail Chart**

**Document Trail of a Congressional Bill**  
 Note: Not all bills become law. Bills may only have some of these elements.



**Reference Librarian**



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Contact University Libraries  
 University of Denver

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U.S. Federal Government - Legislative Information: Congress: the basics

Search This Guide Search

**Congress: the basics** Bills & Resolutions Hearings Committee Prints & CRS Reports Congressional Record Serial Set

Presidential Signing Statements Treaties Legislative History Track Congressional Activity Workshops and Course Guides

U.S. Federal Government Information Government Information at Yale

**Overview of the Legislative Process**

The Legislative Process is a series of short videos (with fast transcripts) from Congress.gov. Now our Lane Ave Media, issued by the House of Representatives, describes the steps in the consideration of a bill and the documents produced at each step of the legislative process.

**Major resources for congressional information**

Begin with the resources below to explore documents produced by the legislative branch, or use the tabs above to locate current and historical congressional information, broken out by type of document (bill, hearing, etc.).


- ProQuest Congressional (Yale subscription database) more...
- Congress.gov more...
- THOMAS (Library of Congress) more...
- House (Government Printing Office) more...

**Who is (or was) who in Congress**

Need more information about a senator or representative?

- Congressional Directory, 1967-present (Government Printing Office) more...
- Biographical Directory of the U.S. Congress, 1774-present
- GovTrack.us Includes information about legislation and members of Congress, including campaign finance information. more...
- Politics in America (OUP Press; Yale subscription database)

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Contact:  
 Center for Science and Social Science Information  
 219 Prospect Street  
 New Haven, CT 06510  
 Schedule a meeting with Melanie: 203-432-3210

Specialty:  
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 Debates  
 1873-Present

Subjects:  
 Global Affairs, Government and ISO Information, Political Science and Policy Studies

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Congressional Search

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**Congressional Tutorials Home Page**

**Welcome to UC Berkeley Library's Congressional Research Tutorials!**

These tutorials show you how to find Congressional materials in the Library and on the Internet.

The tutorials are Flash videos. They should start playing automatically when you click on any tutorial in the left-hand sidebar. If they don't, you may need to [download the free Flash video player](#).

If you have suggestions to improve these tutorials, or would like to see a tutorial on an aspect of Congressional research that we haven't covered yet, please [write to us](#).

**More Help**

You can contact the UC Berkeley Government Information librarians [by email or phone](#), or use our [live chat service](#) from any computer with a Web connection.

**What's going on in Congress right now?**

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# Finding Congressional Papers

## Finding Hawai'i Congressional Papers: Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole (R) 1903-1922

Guide to the locations of the papers of Hawai'i's Congressional delegates, representatives, and senators.

Home
Senators Since Statehood ▾
Representatives Since Statehood ▾
Congressional Delegation Pre-Statehood ▾

### Hawaii State Archive Holdings


- Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole - Congressional Papers  
[Mostly includes congressional bills and correspondence]

### Finding Legislative Materials

You can search for bills, hearings, floor debate, and other Congressional documents by a member of Congress.

- ProQuest Congressional - Member Records Search  
Covers 1789-present. UHM login required. If you don't have a UHM login, please contact us for assistance.
- Congress.gov  
Search for bills introduced by members of Congress from the 93rd Congress (1973)-present. You can search by member name or by bill number.
- Congress.gov tutorials  
Tutorials explain how to use Congress.gov to find legislative material.

### Official Congressional Biography



- Official Congressional Biography  
Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole

### Featured Library Resources

**Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole : Hawaiian ali'i & congressional delegate ; Prince Kūhiō : an introduction to his life / by Daviana Pōmaika'i McGregor. The first election of ke Keikiālī'i Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole / by Noenoe Silva.** by McGregor, Davianna  
Call Number: DU627.7.K36 M34 2002  
Publication Date: 2002

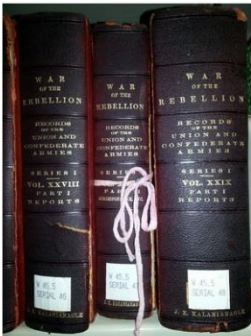
**In the matter of Jonah C. Kalaniana'ole : petition for a writ of Habeas corpus.** by Kalaniana'ole, Jonah Kuhio  
Call Number: KFH548 .K36  
Publication Date: 1895

**Passenger facilities for the Hawaiian Islands** by Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole  
Call Number: Y 4 M 53 H 31  
Publication Date: 1910

**Submarine warfare, remarks of Hon. J. Kuhio Kalaniana'ole of Hawaii in the House of Representatives, June 23, 1917** by Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole  
Call Number: REPRINT H054.05  
Publication Date: 1917

### Did you know?

The Government Documents Collection owns a few volumes of *War of the Rebellion* that formerly belonged to Prince Kūhiō.



### Finding Library Materials

HAWAII VOYAGER
Hawaii

Voyager Library Catalog

To search for works **about** a person, do a **Subject Browse** search for a member of Congress; e.g.,

**Inouye, Daniel K.**

To search for works written **by** a member of Congress, do an **Author Browse** search; e.g.,

**Mink, Patsy T.**

- Interlibrary Loan  
If UH Manoa Library does not own the title you need, please consider requesting the item via Interlibrary Loan.

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# The LibGuide is a growing organism

- LIS student project – free labor!
- Initially just listed location of Congressional papers
- Enhancements
  - Works by/about each member
  - Committees & key legislation
  - Contents of papers if no finding aid available
  - Wikipedia!



## Committees

- Daniel K. Inouye: Watergate, Iran-Contra, Appropriations, etc.
- Daniel Akaka: Indian Affairs

About Joseph R. Farrington

House Committees | Key Legislation | Official Congressional Biography

Delegate Farrington served on the following House committees:

Committee	Dates of Service
Agriculture	78th Congress, 1st Session, 1943 - 83rd Congress, 2nd Session, 1954
Armed Services	80th Congress, 1st Session, 1947 - 83rd Congress, 2nd Session, 1954
Immigration and Naturalization	78th Congress, 1st Session, 1943 - 79th Congress, 2nd Session, 1946
Interior and Insular Affairs	82nd Congress, 1st Session, 1951 - 83rd Congress, 2nd Session, 1954
Insular Affairs	78th Congress, 1st Session, 1943 - 79th Congress, 2nd Session, 1946
Merchant Marine and Fisheries	78th Congress, 1st Session, 1943 - 79th Congress, 2nd Session, 1946
Military Affairs	78th Congress, 1st Session, 1943 - 79th Congress, 2nd Session, 1946
Naval Affairs	78th Congress, 1st Session, 1943 - 79th Congress, 2nd Session, 1946
Public Lands	80th Congress, 1st Session, 1947 - 81st Congress, 2nd Session, 1950
Rivers and Harbors	78th Congress, 1st Session, 1943 - 79th Congress, 2nd Session, 1946
Territories	78th Congress, 1st Session, 1943 - 79th Congress, 2nd Session, 1946

# Key legislation

- Patsy Mink: Title IX
- Patricia Saiki: restitution for interned Japanese-Americans
- Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole: Hawaiian Homes Commission Act
- Joseph Rider Farrington: Hawaiʻi statehood

# Wikipedia – Spark Matsunaga

## Papers [edit]

In 1997, Matsunaga's widow donated his papers to the [University of Hawaii at Manoa](#). There were approximately 1200 boxes of material including documents, photographs, videos, and memorabilia from his 28 years in Congress. Also in the papers are professional and personal materials from his pre-Congressional life; especially noteworthy are documents, letters, photographs, and memorabilia from his Army service in the 100th Infantry Battalion.

Approximately 3000 books, journals, published reports, and state and federal government documents accompanied his papers. A few were kept with the papers and others were added to the collections of [University of Hawaii at Manoa Library](#), other UH campuses, or academic institutions in the Pacific region.

The papers were processed by archivist Ellen Chapman and are available to researchers in the Archives & Manuscripts Department by appointment. A Finding Aid, which provides a timeline, series descriptions, and list of topics covered in the collection, is available at [The Sen. Spark M. Matsunaga Papers](#) web site.

# Cataloging Congressional material

- Add records for key speeches or material in *Congressional record*

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## Statehood for Hawaii : Extension of remarks ... in the House of Representatives, May 27, 1953.

**Author:** [Farrington, Joseph R.](#)  
**Title:** Statehood for Hawaii : Extension of remarks ... in the House of Representatives, May 27, 1953.  
**Publisher:** [Washinton, D.C. : U.S. G.P.O.] 1953.  
**Description:** 7 pages.  
**Subjects:** [Hawaii--Annexation to the United States.](#)  
[Hawaii--Politics and government--1900-1959.](#)  
**Notes:** "An analysis prepared by the Hawaii Statehood commission ... of 20 Congressional hearings and reports on the subject of statehood for Hawaii"-p.1.  
**Local Notes:** UHM: Reprint from Congressional record, Proceedings and debates of the 83d Congress, First Session, May 27, 1953.

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# Cataloging Congressional material

- Add summary

## **County of Hawaii, T. H. : report to accompany H. R. 4300.**

**Author:** United States. Congress. House. Committee on Claims, author.

**Title:** County of Hawaii, T. H. : report to accompany H. R. 4300.

**Summary/Abstract:** The purpose of H. R. 4300 is to pay \$1,550 to the County of Hawaii in settlement of claims against the U.S. for property damage cause by the U.S. Marine Corps at Camp Tarawa in 1944. Includes transcript of a hearing held in Hilo regarding the bill.

# Reference using Congressional publications and papers

- Example: Finding the establishing legislation for the Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance in Honolulu



# Legislative history - earmarks

## C3I INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS

The conferees have provided an increase of \$5,000,000 only for disaster planning and preparedness activities as approved by the Senate. The conferees are aware of a proposal to develop a prototype center in the State of Hawaii to permit evaluation and refinement of the concept of regional disaster centers. The conferees direct that a portion of the funds shall only be available for this regional prototype center as part of this effort to define a national strategy to improve disaster planning. The conferees agree to provide an additional \$5,000,000 only for the National Drug Intelligence Center as discussed in the classified report accompanying the statement of the managers. The conferees agree to a \$16,000,000 reduction as proposed by the Senate.





# Private legislation

**Calendar No. 1260**

82D CONGRESS <i>2d Session</i>	} SENATE	} REPORT No. 1330
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CHING WONG KEAU (MRS. CHING SEN)

MARCH 17 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 25), 1952.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

**R E P O R T**

[To accompany H. R. 5389]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 5389) for the relief of Ching Wong Keau (Mrs. Ching Sen), having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

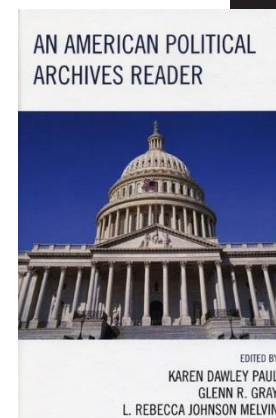
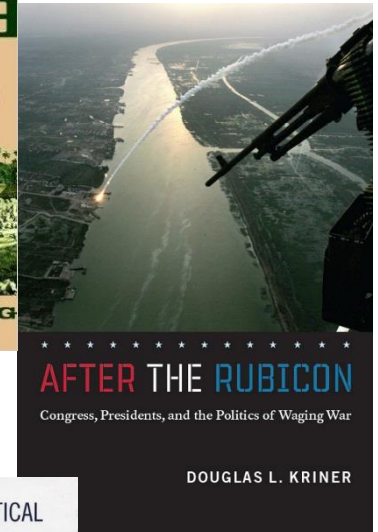
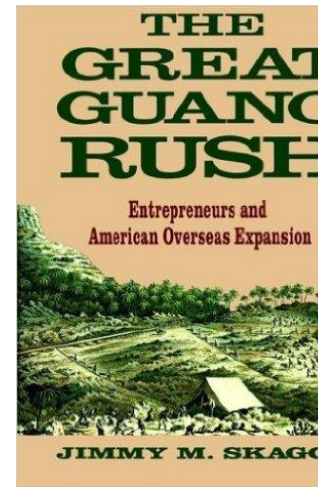
**PURPOSE OF THE BILL**

The purpose of the bill is to provide for the readmission into the United States of Ching Wong Keau (Mrs. Ching Sen), who is a former resident of the United States and the mother of 11 United States citizen children.



# The librarian is a growing organism

- Course-based instruction
- Tutorials
- Teaching
- Research using Congressional material
- Take a class
- Read a book!



# Mahalo!

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# Collaborating on Congress

Engaging New Audiences in the Study of the People's Branch

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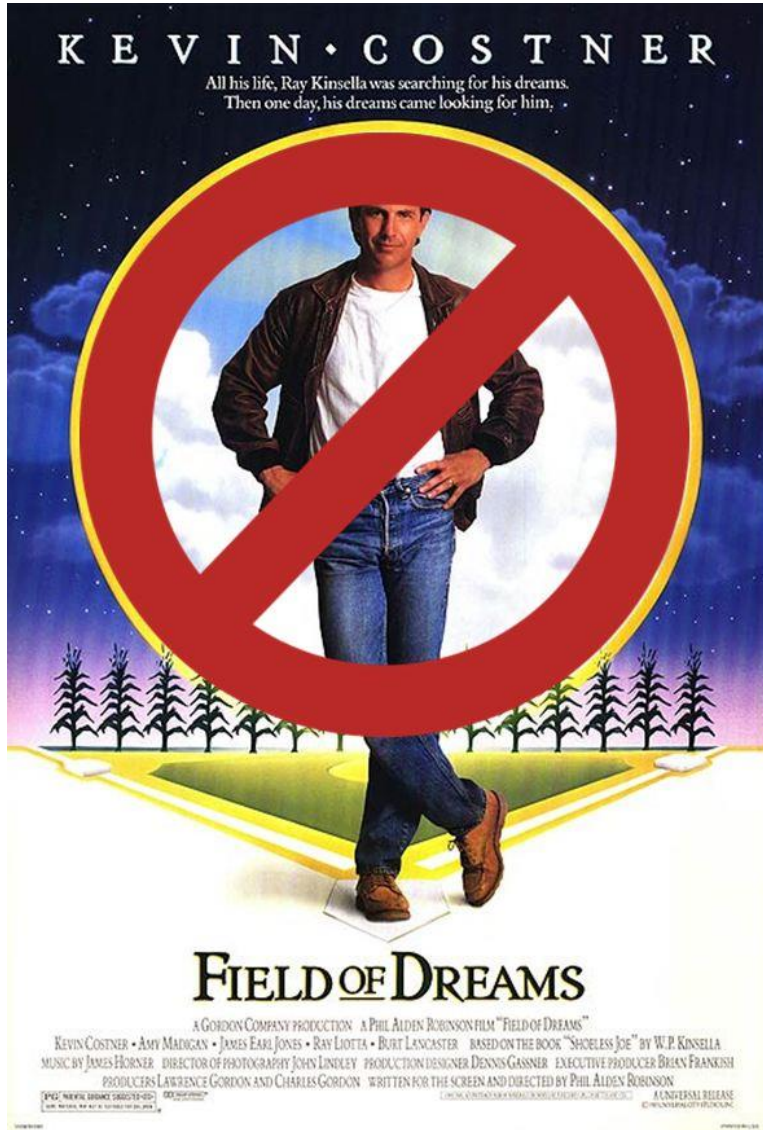
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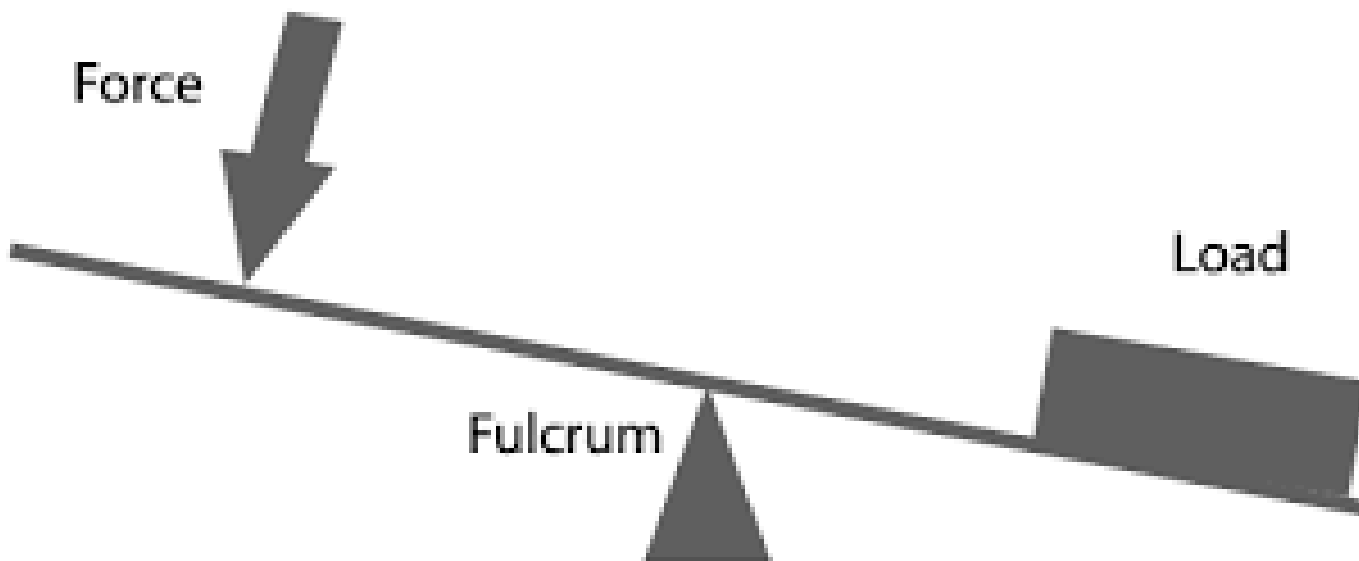
**Build It  
and They  
Will  
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## Where Do We Go From Here?



# The Fulcrum of Democracy



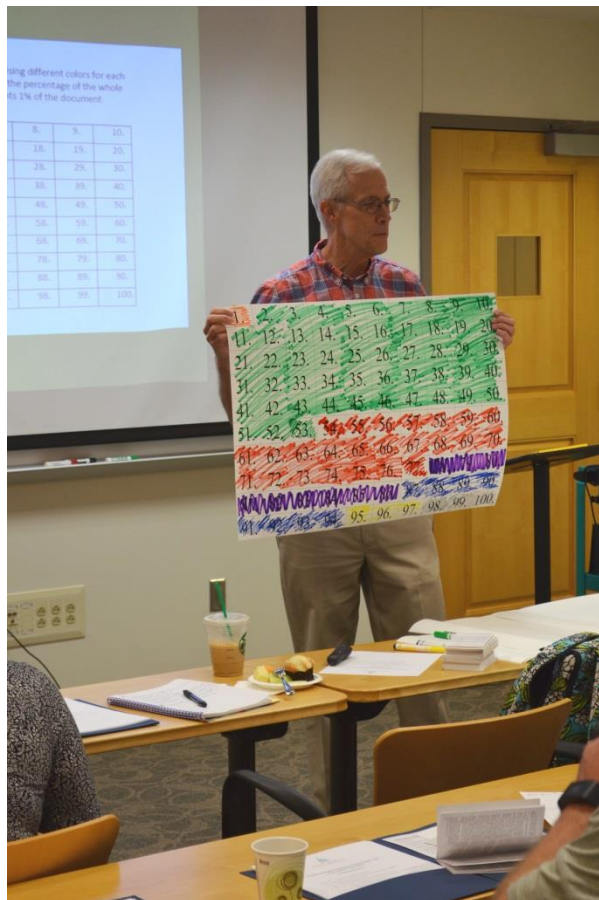


# A Multitude of Utilities



- **Political History**
- **Political Science**
- **Policy History**
- **Social History**
- **Cultural History**
- **Environmental History**
- **And Much More**





## Engaging Educators



# Higher Ed.

- Facilitate Subject/Content Specific Tours
- Develop In-Class Embedded Archivist/Librarian Programs
- Require Student Meetings and Use of Materials

## High School & Jr. High

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- Host Training Institutes and Workshops for Teachers
- Support Local/State/National Social Studies Competitions





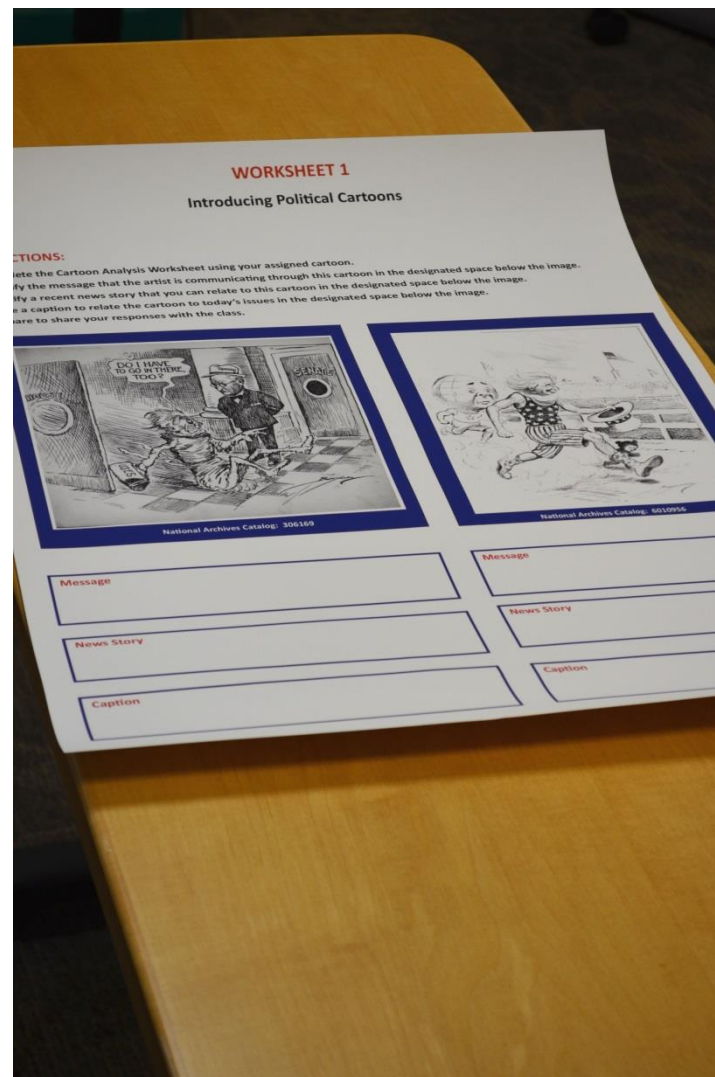
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# Collaborate, Celebrate, & Create

## Congress Week April 1-7

- Social Media
- Blogging
- Events



[www.congressweek.org](http://www.congressweek.org)



# The Great Society Congress

- 400+ Primary Sources
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