



Basic Government Resources for Reference

U.S. Government Information

- What it is
- Legislative, Executive, Judicial Branch publications
- Tips, strategies, hints

- GPO resources



James Madison said ...

“A popular Government without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy; or perhaps both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; And a people who mean to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.”

What is it?

- Produced by the Federal Government – “informational matter which is published as an individual document at government expense, or as required by law.” (1962 Federal Depository Library Act)
- Representing all branches of Government and independent agencies
- Primary source material - authoritative from issuing agency
- Legal, regulatory, and statistical but also subjects from A-Z
- In all formats, for all ages, in multiple languages
- History of *** *public access* ***



Publication 15
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(Circular E), Employer's Tax Guide

For use in **2016**



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What's New

Social security and Medicare tax for 2016. The social security tax rate is 6.2% each for the employee and employer, unchanged from 2015. The social security wage base limit is \$118,500, unchanged from 2015.

[H.A.S.C. No. 114-691]

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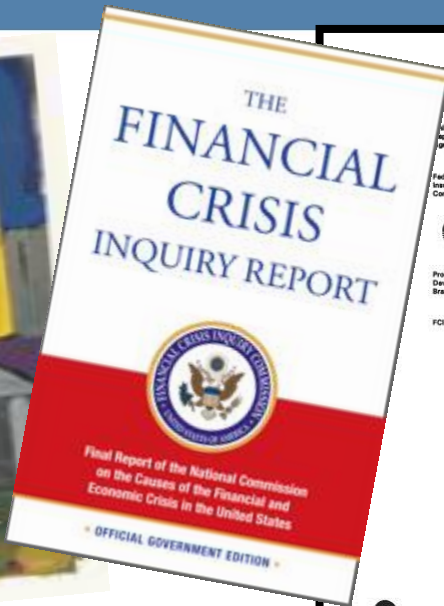


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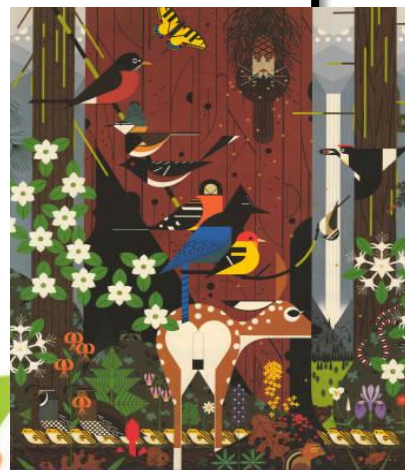
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POPCORN HANDBOOK



The Sierra Range

FDA Consumer Health Information
www.fda.gov/consumer

Magic Power Coffee: POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS Not Magical



Consumers should not use an instant coffee being sold online as a dietary supplement for sexual enhancement, warns the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

- The product, Magic Power Coffee, contains a potentially dangerous ingredient. The product is sold in a two-serving box as well as in a carton that contains six two-serving boxes. FDA's lab analysis determined that Magic Power Coffee contains a chemical similar to the active ingredient in the prescription drug Viagra to treat erectile dysfunction. The chemical may cause a health restriction device.
- blood pressure. Although Magic Power Coffee is labeled as an "all natural dietary supplement," it can cause serious harm. Sexual enhancement products that claim to work as well as prescription products are likely to expose consumers to unpredictable risks and the potential for injury or even death.
- Advice for Consumers
1. If you have experienced any bad side effects from Magic Power Coffee or any sexual enhancement products, talk to a health care professional.
 2. Report any side effects with the use of any sexual enhancement products to FDA's MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting Program either online, by regular mail, or...

STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT NAIL-GUN SAFETY

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Who Speaks for the Trees?

Students read (or watch) Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax* and examine the importance of the sustainable management of natural resources.

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Objective

- Students will discuss and analyze a fictional story related to natural resources.
- Students will determine whether the main ideas of the story build a case for the conservation and wise use of natural resources.

Assessment Opportunities

- Students' discussion question answers can be used to assess students' understanding of the environmental messages.
- Ask students to create a graphic organizer showing the main ideas presented.

Background

A quick look around the home or school reveals how many items are made from wood and other forest resources. Trees are important to us whether they are used for products or left in their natural environment where they provide oxygen, soil protection, beauty, and a habitat for plants and animals.

Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2012

Levels
Part A: Grades 2-8
Variations: Grades 4
Part B: Grades 6-8

Subjects
Science, Social Studies, Language Arts

Concepts

- Our increasing dependence on the Earth's resources influences our forest management and environmental conservation.
- Increased public awareness of environmental conservation have resulted in many cultural changes.

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Museums, Libraries, and Archives in a Digital Age

By C. Wayne Clough, Secretary

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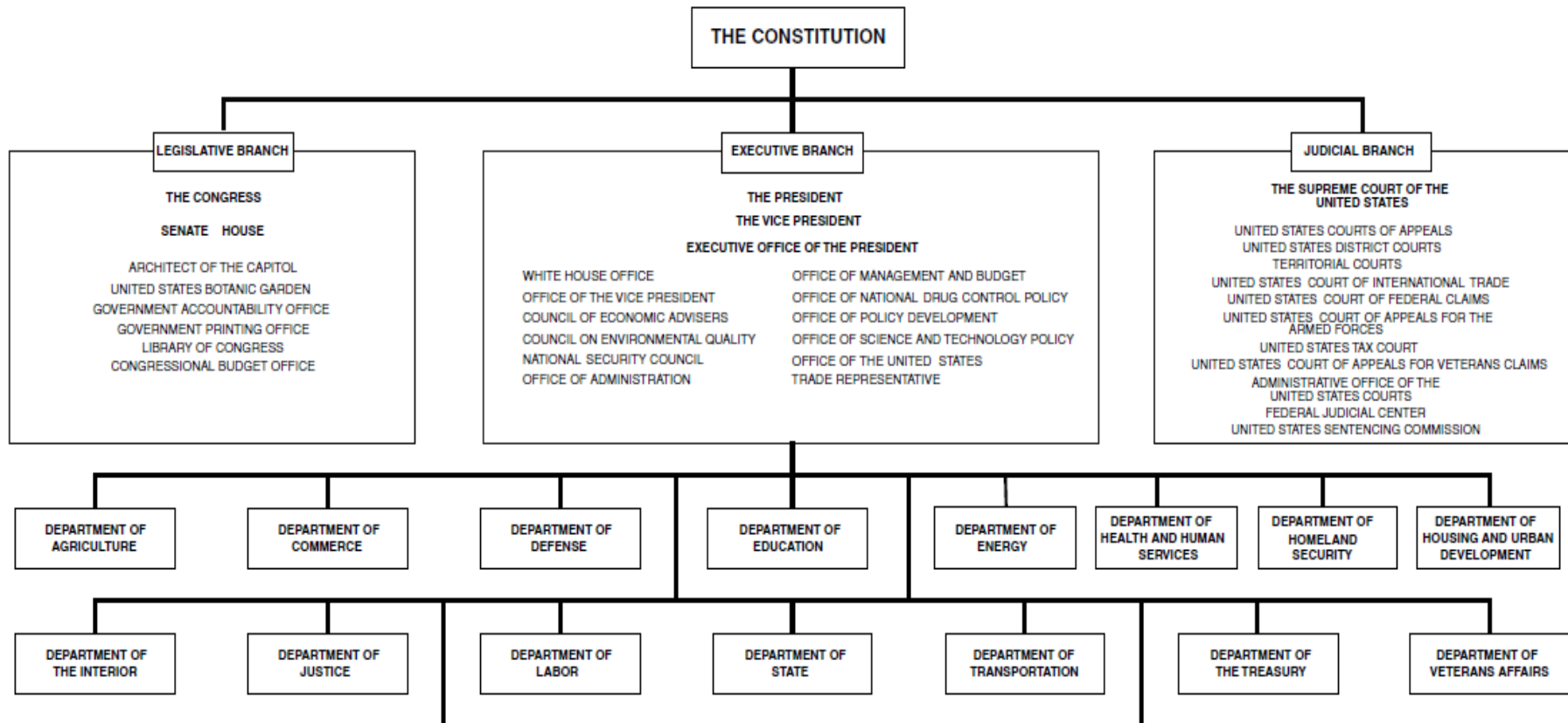
But wait, there's more

- Can be housed anywhere in a library, including by the Superintendent of Documents classification (by provenance)
 - Presently at DC Public, online publications are represented in the catalog and selected depository print documents are integrated into Central Library stacks
- Library government publication collections often include publications produced by the Government but also finding tools and other resources about the Government
- Very helpful to know the structure of Government when researching government information

Branches of U.S. Government

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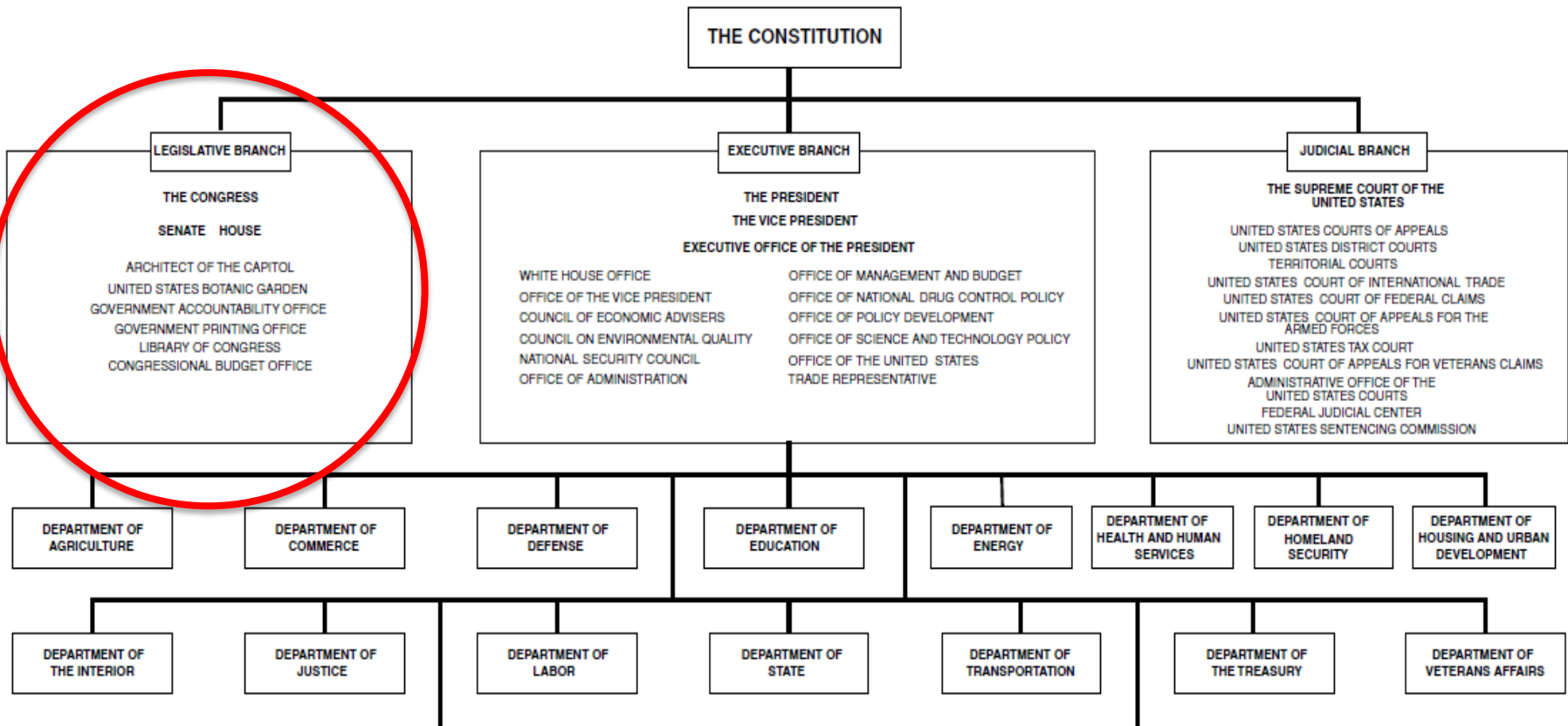
Legislative Branch

Article I, Section 1 of the *United States Constitution* states:

- “All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.” (House Document 110-49 *How Our Laws are Made*)
- The legislative branch declares war, regulates interstate and foreign commerce, controls taxing and spending policies, **and chief among all functions, makes laws.**

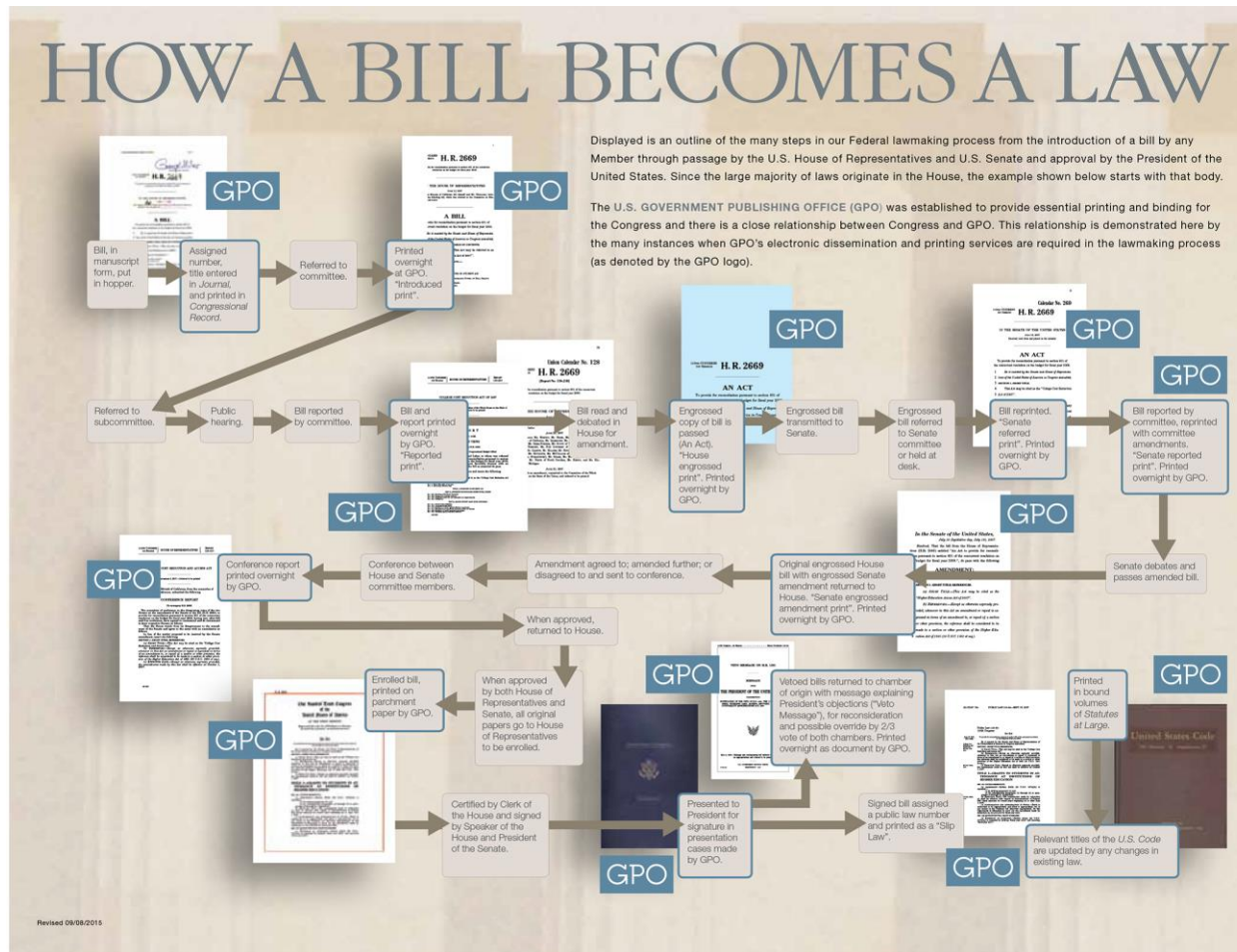
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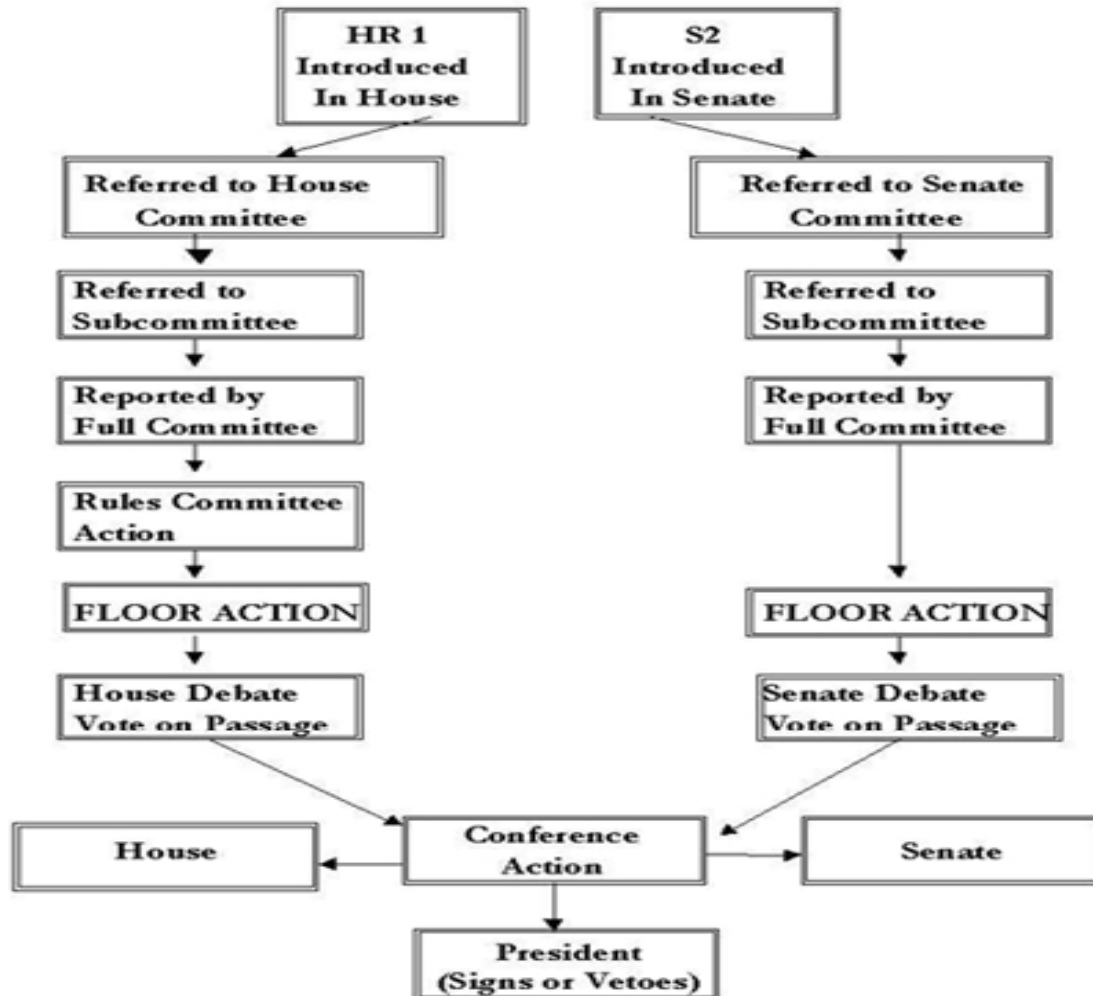




Legislative process



Legislative process





Major legislative publications

- Bill - legislative proposals from the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate.
 - Citation examples: 110 H.R. 1234 and 114 S. 1
- Calendar - includes the *Calendars of the U.S. House of Representatives and History of Legislation* and the *Senate Calendar of Business*.
- Print – issued by Congressional Committees that include topics related to their legislative or research activities, as well as other matters such as memorial tributes. (S. Prt. 1)



Major legislative publications

- **Hearing** - a meeting or session of a Senate, House, joint, or special committee of Congress, usually open to the public, to obtain information and opinions on proposed legislation, conduct an investigation, or evaluate/oversee the activities of a government department or the implementation of a Federal law.
- **Report** - originates from congressional committees and cover proposed legislation and issues under investigation. (S. Rept. 100-49)
- **Document** - includes reports of executive departments and agencies, as well as committee prints, that were ordered to be printed as documents. (S. Doc. 110-10)



Major legislative publications

- *Congressional Record* - official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress.
 - Daily: 153 Cong. Rec. E1040
 - Bound: 153 Cong. Rec. (Bound) 1040
- *U.S. Statutes at Large* - permanent collection of all laws and resolutions enacted during each session of Congress. (117 STAT. 1952)
- *U.S. Code* - codification by subject matter of the general and permanent laws of the United States, divided by broad subjects into 53 titles. (44 U.S.C. 19 § 1905)



Major legislative publications

- *U.S. Congressional Serial Set*
 - Commonly referred to as the Serial Set, contains the House and Senate Documents and the House and Senate Reports bound by session of Congress.
 - In general, it includes: committee reports related to bills and other matters, presidential communications to Congress, treaty materials, certain executive department publications, and selected non-governmental publications.
 - Started with the 15th Congress, 1st Session (1817). Documents before 1817 may be found in the *American State Papers*.

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Legislative Activity

Schedule | Floor Proceedings | Votes | Bills & Reports

Upcoming Events

Watch Most Recent House Floor Activity

Time (EST)	Session
4/12 2:30 pm	Hearing: A Presentation by National 4-H Conference Participants Concerning the Future of Agriculture in the United States <i>Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research</i>
4/12 5:00 pm	Business Meeting: H.R. 2686No Rate Regulation of Broadband Internet Access Act, H.R. 3340Financial Stability Oversight Council Reform Act, H.R. 3791To raise the consolidated assets threshold under the small bank holding company policy statement and for other purposes. <i>Committee on Rules</i>

House Overview

Representatives

Elected to a two-year term, each representative serves the people of a specific congressional district by introducing bills and serving on committees, among other duties.

Leadership

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Financial Disclosure Reports

Information about the source, type, amount, or value of the incomes of representatives, officers, and candidates.

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This Week in Senate History

April 9, 1867
On April 9, 1867, the Senate approved one of the great real estate bargains in history by agreeing to the Alaska purchase treaty. [More](#)

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Monday, Apr 11, 2016
3:00 p.m.: Convene and begin a period of morning business.

Thereafter, resume consideration of [H.R. 636](#), the legislative vehicle for FAA reauthorization.

Previous Meeting
Thursday, Apr 07, 2016
The Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:05 p.m. 3 [record votes](#) were taken.

[Daily Digest](#) (latest issue)
[Senate Calendar](#) (latest issue)
[Executive Calendar](#) (latest issue, PDF format)

Floor Activity
View the previous legislative day's [Floor Activity](#).

Established by the Constitution as one chamber of the federal government's legislative branch, the United States Senate is comprised of one hundred members—two senators from each of the 50 states—who serve six-year, overlapping terms. Senators, along with members of the House of Representatives, propose, author, and vote on federal legislation that touches upon all aspects of U.S. domestic and foreign policy. Senators provide advice and consent on executive nominations and treaties and conduct oversight of all branches of the federal government.



Postcard circa 1880. U.S. Senate Historical Office.

Administrations come and go, Houses assemble and disperse, Senators change, but the Senate is always there in the Capitol, and always organized, with an existence unbroken since 1789.
Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, "The Senate," 1903

Legislative Histories

Comprises the documents generated during the legislative process, recording legislative intent.

- **Numerous** sources are available
- Selected, compiled by Law Librarians' Society of Washington DC: <http://www.lsdcl.org/legislative-histories>
- Govinfo has expanded related publication linking
Example: "Details" in Public and Private Laws

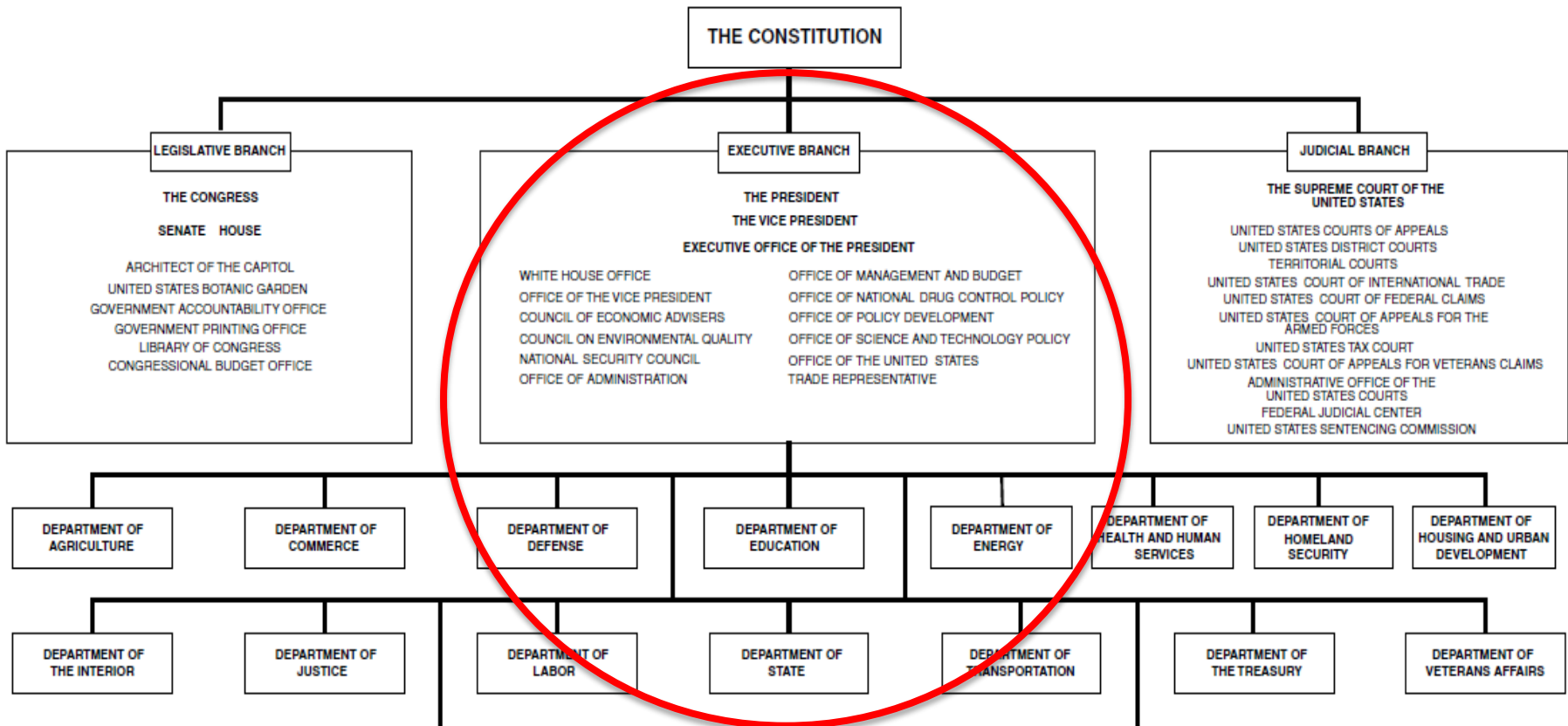


Executive Branch Documents

- Presidential Documents
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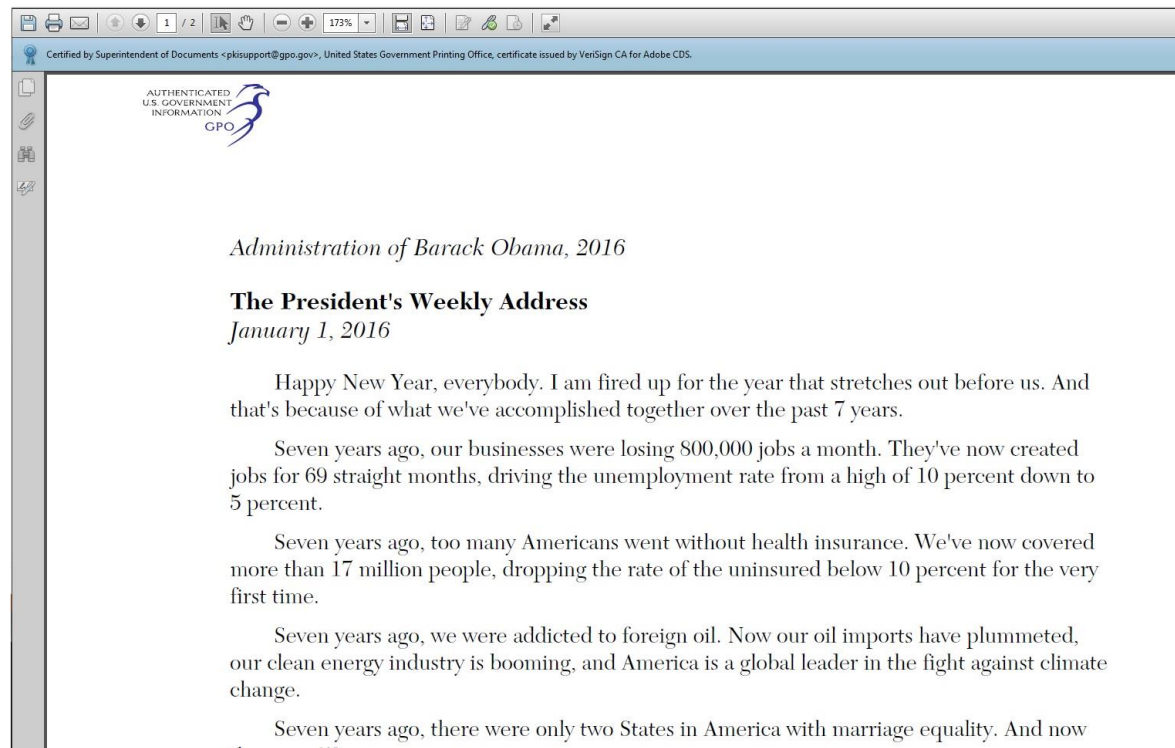
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Presidential Documents

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Public Papers of the Presidents









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The Higher Education Financial Services' programs and services include, but are not limited to:

The D.C. Adoption Scholarship (DCAS)- DCAS offers grant awards up to \$10,000 per year for up to six years, with a lifetime maximum of \$50,000, to District of Col...

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District of Columbia Healthy Families Insurance (SCHIP)

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provides health coverage to nearly eight million children and families with incomes too high to qualify for Medicaid, but can't afford private coverage.

In some states, CHIP covers parents and pregnant women....

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District of Columbia Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a Federally-funded program that helps low-income households with their home energy bills. LIHEAP can help you stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer. By doing so, you can reduce the risk of health and safety...

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District of Columbia Medicaid

Medicaid provides health coverage to millions of Americans, including children, pregnant women, parents, seniors and individuals with disabilities. In some states the program covers all low-income adults below a certain income level.

Note: Medicaid is someti...

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District of Columbia School Breakfast and Lunch Program

The School Breakfast Program (SBP) provides cash assistance to states to operate nonprofit breakfast programs in schools and residential childcare institutions. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition service administers the SBP at the Federal...

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- Statistical Abstract of the United States/Historical Statistics of the United States
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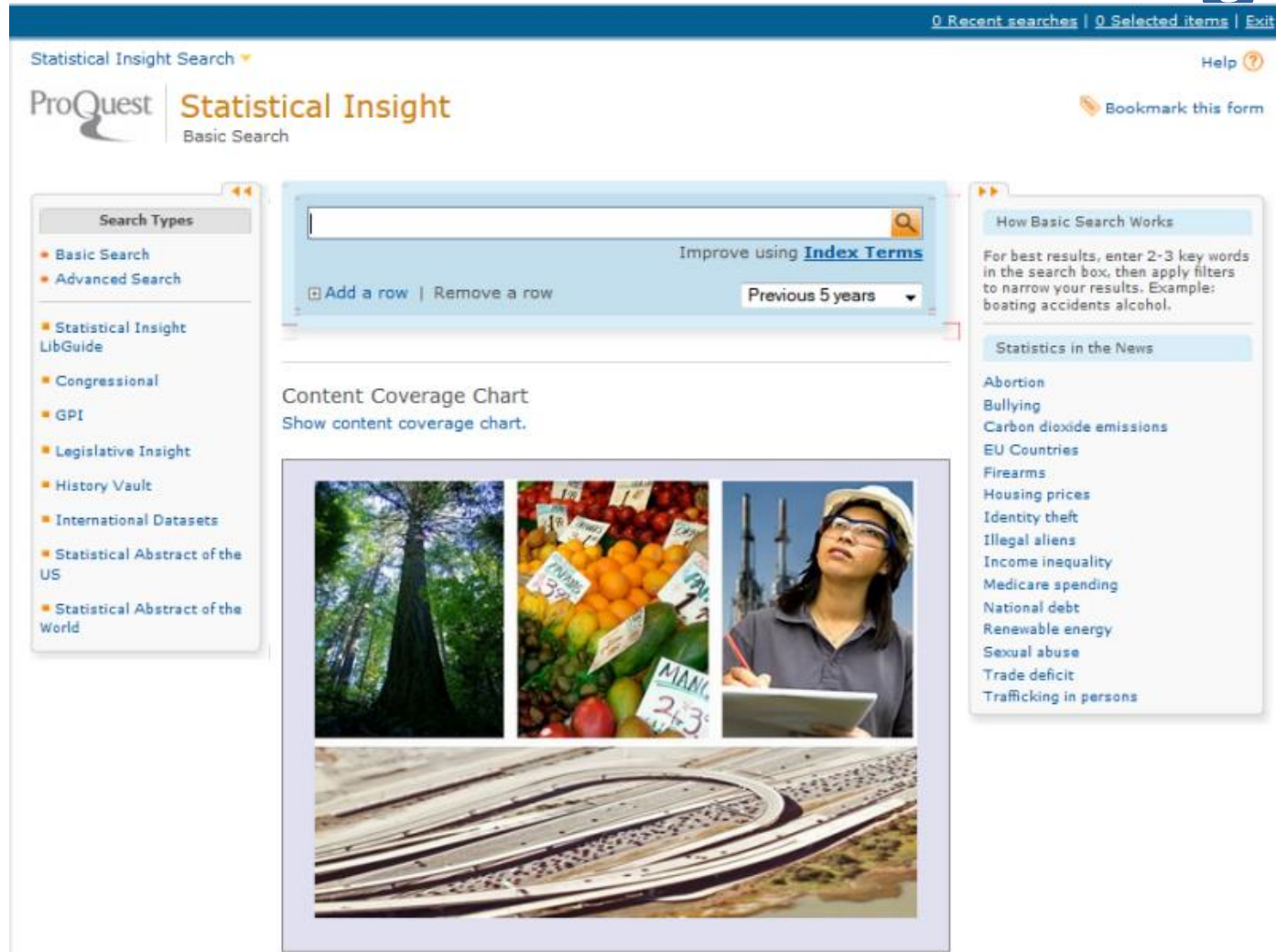
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- American Community Survey (ACS)
- American FactFinder
- Census of Governments
- Decennial Census of Population and Housing
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How Basic Search Works
For best results, enter 2-3 key words in the search box, then apply filters to narrow your results. Example: boating accidents alcohol.

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- Identity theft
- Illegal aliens
- Income inequality
- Medicare spending
- National debt
- Renewable energy
- Sexual abuse
- Trade deficit
- Trafficking in persons

The content coverage chart displays four images: a tree trunk, a fruit stand, a woman in a hard hat, and a road.

Note:
ProQuest is not an official government source



Regulations or Rule-making

- Congress passes laws.
- Federal agencies then take action by implementing rules within their authority that enforce those laws.
- Regulations are issued by Federal agencies under the authority delegated to them by Federal law or a Presidential executive order.



Regulatory publications

- *Federal Register* – the Federal Register is the official daily publication for rules, proposed rules, and notices of Federal agencies and organizations, as well as executive orders and other presidential documents (51 FR 33948)
- Unified Agenda – Semiannual compilation that reports Federal agency rulemaking activities for the upcoming year (within certain criteria)
 - Published in the *Federal Register*

Federal Register Sections

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
 16 CFR Part 310
Telemarketing Sales Rule
AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.
ACTION: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Trade Commission (the "Commission" or "FTC") issues a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to amend the FTC's Telemarketing Sales Rule, and requests public comment on the proposed changes. The Telemarketing Sales Rule prohibits specific deceptive and abusive telemarketing acts or practices, requires disclosure of certain material

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
Notice Concerning Telemarketing Sales Rule
AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.
ACTION: Notice.
SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission") announces that in response to petitions from the Direct Marketing Association ("DMA") and the American Teleservices Association ("ATA"), the Commission has decided to extend the date by which it will require full compliance with § 310.4(b)(4)(iii) of the Amended Telemarketing Sales Rule ("TSR") until October 1, 2003.
DATES: The Commission will require full compliance with § 310.4(b)(4)(iii) on October 1, 2003.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
 16 CFR Part 310
 RIN 3084-0098
Telemarketing Sales Rule
AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.
ACTION: Final rule.
SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission"), pursuant to a directive in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2004, issues its Statement of Basis and Purpose ("SBP") and final amended Telemarketing Sales Rule ("TSR" or "Rule") Section 310.4(b)(3)(iv). This amended section of the TSR now requires sellers and telemarketers in comply provis

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
 16 CFR Part 310
Telemarketing Sales Rule
AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.
ACTION: Final Amended Rule.
SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission") issues its Statement of Basis and Purpose ("SBP") and final amended Telemarketing Sales Rule ("amended Rule"). The amended Rule sets forth the FTC's amendments to the Telemarketing Sales Rule ("original Rule" or "TSR"). The amended Rule is issued pursuant to the Commission's

Presidential Documents
 Federal Register
 Vol. 71, No. 26
 Wednesday, February 8, 2006
 Title 3— Proclamation 7979 of February 3, 2006
 The President National Consumer Protection Week, 2006
 By the President of the United States of America



Regulatory publications

- *Code of Federal Regulations* - annual edition is the codification of the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register by the departments and agencies of the Federal Government (36 CFR 701.6)
- *List of CFR Sections Affected* - proposed, new, and amended Federal regulations that have been published in the Federal Register since the most recent revision date of a CFR title



Regulatory publications

Other ways to find if regulations have been updated:

- Browse “CFR Parts Affected from the Federal Register” in the CFR LSA collection in FDsys (www.gpo.gov/fdsys/)
- Electronic Code of Federal Regulations (e-CFR) - compilation of CFR and FR amendments, updated but unofficial version

Regulations.gov



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- Includes Proposed Rules, Rules, and Notices from the *Federal Register*
- Submit or find Public Comments
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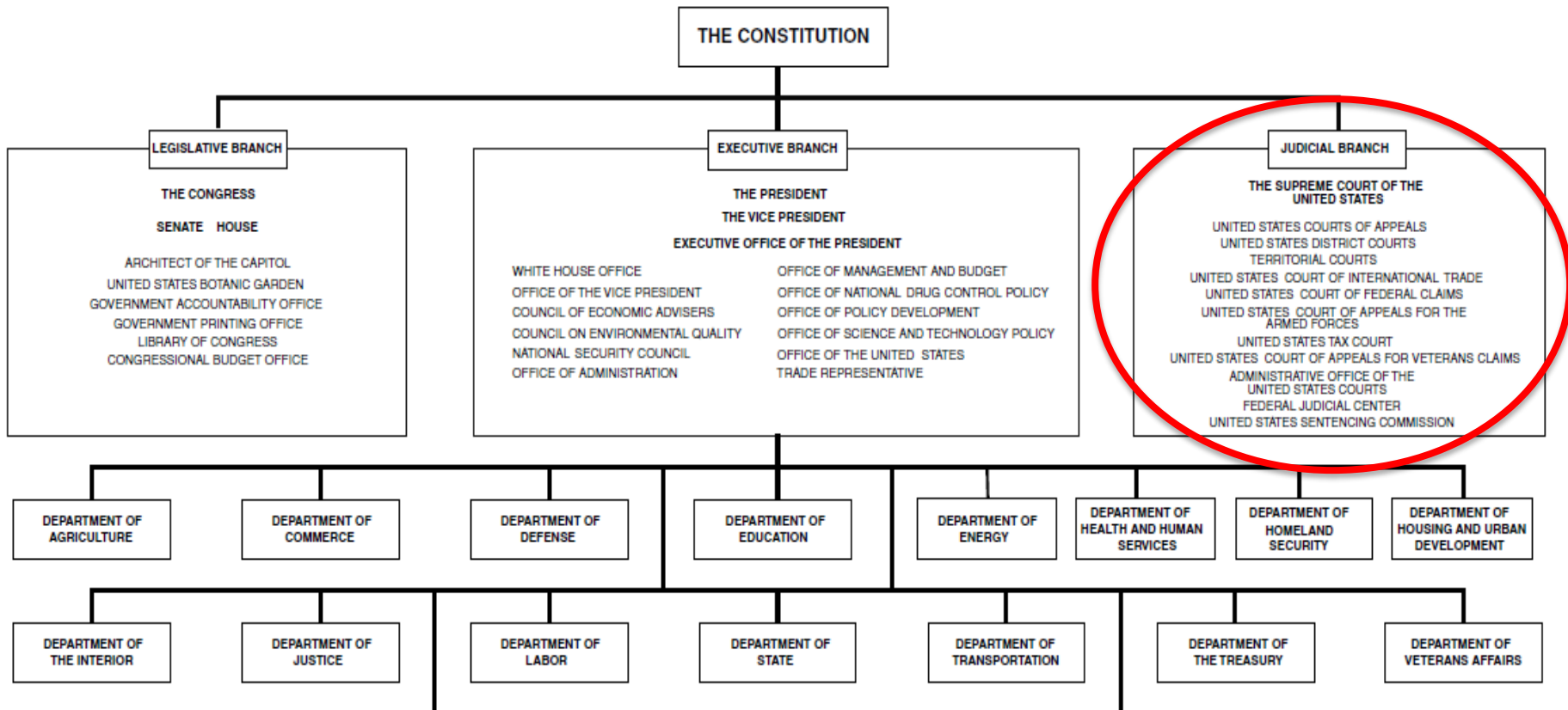
- “Federal courts hear cases involving the constitutionality of a law, cases involving the laws and treaties of the U.S. ambassadors and public ministers, disputes between two or more states, admiralty law, also known as maritime law, and bankruptcy cases.” (“Court role and structure”, U.S. Courts website)
- The Federal Judiciary encompasses the Supreme Court and the lower Federal courts (U.S. Courts of Appeals, U.S. District Courts, and U.S. Courts of Special Jurisdiction).

Judicial Branch

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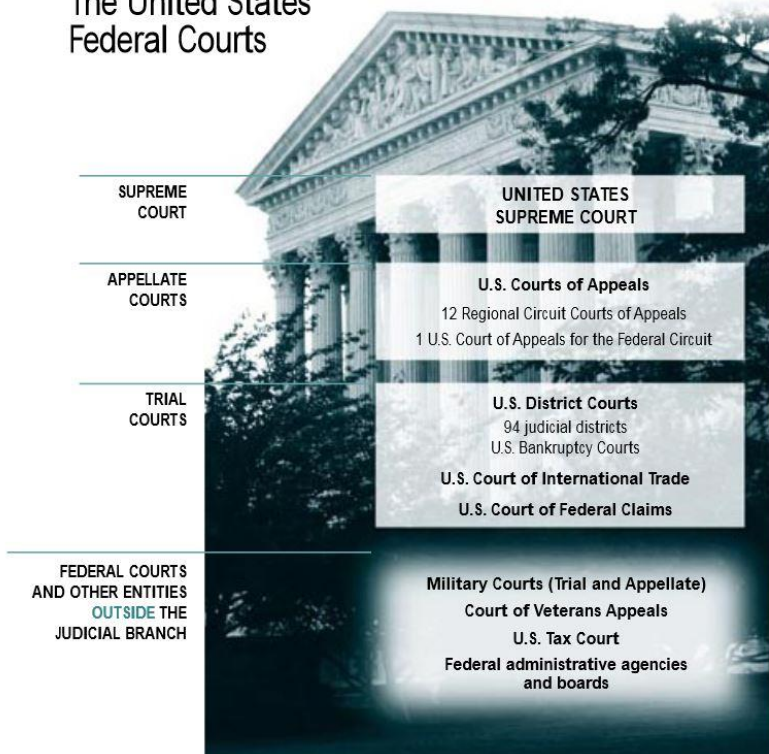
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Structure of Federal judiciary

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- Supreme Court
- Appellate Courts (U.S. Court of Appeals)
- Trial Courts (U.S. District Courts, +)
- Federal Courts and other entities outside the Judicial Branch



Supreme Court decisions

- *United States Reports* - final, official bound record of Supreme Court decisions
 - “Bluebook” citation example: *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973)
 - Preceding *United States Reports*, in order:
 - Bench opinions
 - Slip opinions
 - Preliminary prints
- Court’s website <http://www.supremecourt.gov/> includes opinions back to the 1991 term



Other Federal courts

- Available from numerous sources
- No official reporter exists for the U.S. Courts of Appeals or U.S. District Courts
- Not all opinions are ordered to be published
- Court websites - <http://www.uscourts.gov/court-locator>
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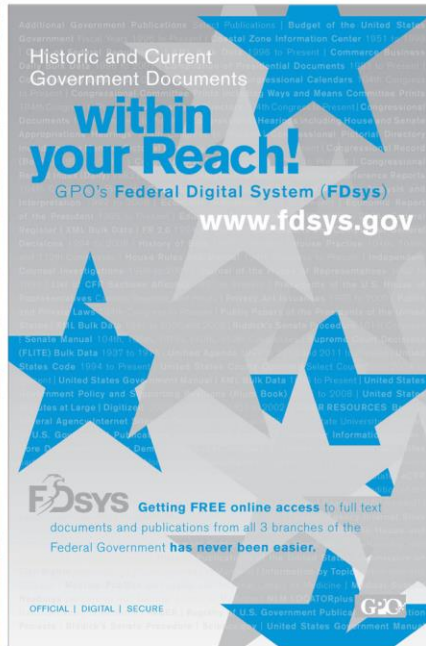
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