

Demystifying Policy for Social Workers: Using Gemini Notebook to Scaffold Legislative Research

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THE CHALLENGE: THE "HEAVY LIFT"

- The Problem:** Graduate students in SOWK 7121 must analyze legislation without a policy background.
- The Barrier:** The dense, specific procedures of the U.S. Congress and the Georgia General Assembly are overwhelming.
- The Shortfall:** Traditional LibGuides provide links but fail to develop active policy research skills.

OUTCOMES: EMPOWERING ADVOCACY

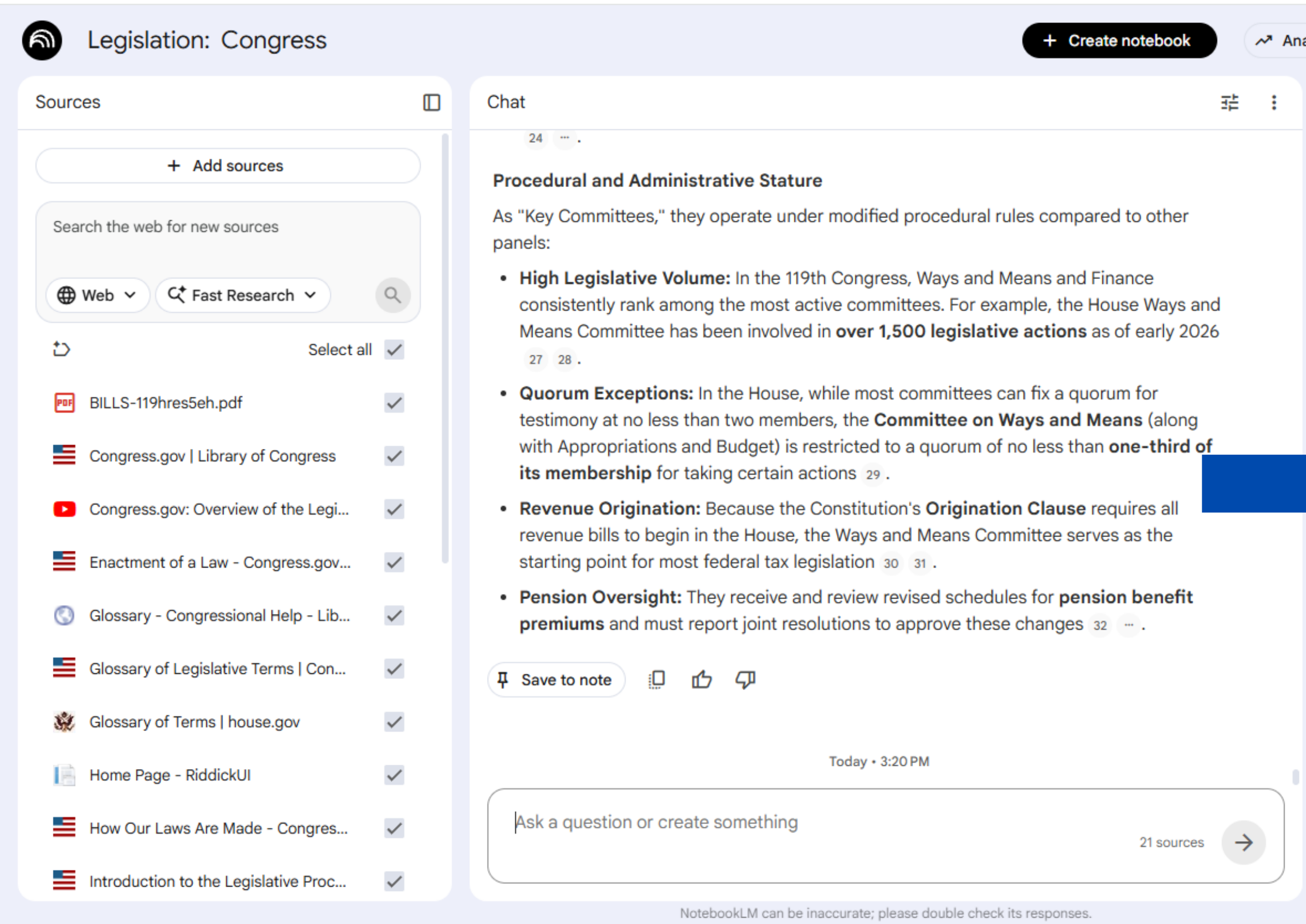
- This project models how future social workers can leverage AI effectively to better serve their clients.*
- Translating Policy:** Students successfully convert dense legislative text into accessible briefing documents and FAQs.
 - Professional Application:** This workflow directly mirrors the education and advocacy work they will perform for their communities.

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THE SOLUTION: "CURATED AI"

- Curated Sources:** Custom Notebooks are populated exclusively with authoritative documents, such as Congressional rules and procedures, plus CRS and GAO reports.
- Reduced Hallucinations:** Gemini Notebook grounds its answers entirely in these uploaded documents for a safer research sandbox.
- Jargon Translation:** Students use the AI chat to translate complex committee actions into plain, accessible language.



THE GOAL: AI INFORMATION LITERACY

- Modeling Future Work:** Students gain hands-on experience answering policy questions using government documents and grey literature.
- Quality In = Quality Out:** Using primary government documents teaches students that AI is only as reliable as its input.
- Verifiable Answers:** Inline citations teach students to trace AI-generated summaries back to the original text.

Decoding the 119th Congress: The Journey from Bill to Law

