# Congressional Hearings Project

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# Background

There were concerns expressed, anecdotally, that there are a number of Congressional publications that are not available on FDsys.

In 2003, Barbara Costello, the depository coordinator at the DuPont-Ball Library at Stetson University, examined a sample of hearings available on *GPO Access* and published her findings in *College and Undergraduate Libraries*. She updated the study in a 2008 article in *Government Information Quarterly.*

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# Background

There was a need for a more recent and complete analysis to determine just how many Congressional hearings are not being made available on FDsys now that Web publishing is a more routine process for Congressional Committees.

# Goals

- Identify Congressional hearings distributed to depository libraries in a print and/or microfiche format from 1995-2012 that do not have an electronic version available on FDsys;

- Identify hearings that lack a bibliographic record in the CGP; and

- Report findings to the depository community and GPO management.

## Process

■Combined a file of bibliographic records from the ILS for the Y 4 hearings SuDoc classes with a file of shipping list records from DDM2

■Removed shipping lists records that duplicate ILS records

■Divided file by Congressional committee

■Compare file of distributed hearings for each committee to what is available on FDsys; both the hearings available in the Congressional hearings browse and through the search feature

■Began work in August and the effort is ongoing

## Results as of 12/1/2014

Committees Completed 1995-2012

Impeachment Trial Committee (Senate)
■ Available on FDsys: 100%

District of Columbia (House)
■ Available on FDsys: 0%

Special Committee on Aging (Senate)
■ Available on FDsys: 65.8%

Veteran's Affairs (Senate)
■ Available on FDsys: 85.2%

Agriculture (House)
■ Available on FDsys: 17.7%

# Results as of 12/1/2014

Committees Completed

Rules (House)
▪ Available on FDsys: 78.3%

Energy & Commerce (House)
▪ Available on FDsys: 0%

Budget (Senate)
▪ Available on FDsys: 62.5%

Ways & Means (House)
▪ Available on FDsys: 94.3%

Appropriations (House)
▪ Available on FDsys: 73.6%

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# Results as of 12/1/2014

Committees Completed

Energy & Natural Resources (Senate)
▪ Available on FDsys: 70%

Foreign Affairs (House)
▪ Available on FDsys: 80.4%

Finance (Senate)
▪ Available on FDsys: 7.6%

Congressional Executive Commission on China (House)
▪ Available on FDsys: 99%

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# Results as of 12/1/2014

Committees in Process

- Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs (Senate)
- Armed Services (Senate)
- Agriculture (House)
- Veteran's Affairs (House)

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# Results as of 12/1/2014

Committees in Process

- Total hearings reviewed: 819
- Total hearings on FDsys: 571
- Total hearings not available on FDsys: 248
- Percentage Available on FDsys: 69.7%
- Percentage Not Available on FDsys: 30.3%

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