

## Congress.gov: Updates and Overview – Transcript of audio

Please stand by for realtime captions.

---

Hello, everyone. We are giving you an opportunity to set the volume on your speakers. We will get started in about two minutes.

---

Hello and welcome. Today's webinar is entitled updates an overview and are presenters are Barbara Bavis and Robert Brammer. Robert is here and is MLS from Florida State and his bachelor of arts from the University of Kentucky and Barbara is a bibliographic and research instruction librarian at the law library of Congress and has been here since 2012 and earned a bachelor of arts in history from Duke and a JD from the North Carolina school of law and MS LAS from Catholic University and are presenters will be sharing their screens for most of the webinar today which means the chat will disappear and to activate that you can hover over the screen and there will be a blue bar in the chat will be on the left and you will click on that to reactivate your chat and with that introduction, I will let Robert take it away.

---

I will go ahead and share my screen.

---

There are policy area subjects and they are subjects you may expect and only one of these subjects are assigned to a piece of legislation. And this is about a little over 30 terms. Legislative subject terms is a broader vocabulary and this encompasses over 1000 terms. It also includes not just subjects you expect but also geographic entities. If you're interested in legislation that impacts a particular place, this is a good place to start. Also organization names and governmental entities. For example if you are interested in legislation about the Peace Corps this would be a good place to start.

---

Underneath this search box you have bills that are getting the greatest amount of page views and here you see it doesn't just capture bills from the most current Congress and sometimes you have bills from a prior Congress show up. If you click on the top 10 you can look at and archive going back to 2014. These here are topics frequently of interest to patrons and you can find legislation introduced by sponsor and I will show you what that looks like. So here you will find the representatives last name and you will find representative and then click on bills they have sponsored or amendments, bills they have cosponsored and even where they were the original cosponsor and you can find where they have withdrawn their sponsorship.

---

Underneath that, you can look at legislation introduced in the current Congress. Public laws are here passed during the current Congress and U.S. Code. So for legislation that has been on the books a little longer, it will be categorized by title and those correspond to subjects. And appropriations. We do try to make it easy for you to track the status of appropriations legislation. The first thing you want to do is choose a fiscal year and we will go with 2022 for more content and go down and you have regular appropriations, continuing resolutions, supplementals, and budget resolutions. If you start on the left, you have the bill and if you continue to the right you go through the legislative process. You will find things like roll call votes, committee reports and conference reports and things you use when you research appropriations legislation. If you're looking for these reports, you can click read more appear and this shows the changes made to this table, the updates and then you have these reports down here. Okay. Now, continuing on to look under current legislative activities. Whenever the chamber is in session you have to wait for a live video feed that you can click on and there are two unique items under the Senate and you have nominations and treaty documents. Click on nominations. And this is a good

place to introduce the filters menu. We have our 41,000 results and say I'm only interested in nominations for vice admirals in the 118th Congress. I can quickly go down and choose military nominations. And I will search within my results by choosing within. I will type vice Admiral" so it searches for it as an exact phrase. You can hit search. And narrow it down by entering that filter and you see the results and you have your sort options appear as well. Just a quick introduction the filters which is what it is built around. And a lot of the important work in Congress and Senate committees so if you go up to the top we have committee pages. And you can go ahead and choose house agriculture. Here you have the schedule and a live and archived video. This is important because it takes a while for transcript to be put on and if it is recent you may have to watch the video. You also have committee membership and you can take a look now at activity using the filter menu. So a lot of people are interested in committee reports. You could choose that to narrow down your results. And you have the 117th Congress perhaps. You have narrowed them down and we originally started with 10,000. Of course you have sort options appear. And continuing down the screen, we will talk about the Library of Congress reports available and the Congressional research service rights reports that are objective and nonpartisan and you can browse them by clicking search on the screen and you will get a filters menu to easily browse service reports on a variety of topics. One of the popular filters is topics. So for example you may want to narrow it down to foreign affairs and one of the things I will point out on the screen as you will see clock icons and I don't know if they have updated this report and you can also view the previous version if you like. Next we want to talk about the Library of Congress reports. So the specialty is for an international comparative law. What they do is take a given topic and discuss how countries around the world have regulated that topic so that Congress can learn from it. You can browse their reports by topic, region, year of publication, or you can browse all of them. And we will show you some recent ones. Let's try that again. Here are some down here at the bottom and we are having some technical issues with the site and you get the idea like they may write about asylum processes and to see how Congress approaches that issue from that standpoint.

---

Let's talk about the Constitution annotated. It is written by the Congressional research service and summarizes constitutional provisions and decisions and it is a great place to begin your constitutional research. You can search or browse it and you can go ahead and use browse and I will show you what one of their annotations looks like. You can choose the First Amendment and look at something on the establishment clause. Sought the top you have the constitutional provision and then you have a summary of supreme court decisions interpreted here and you have footnotes and you can go to the bottom and you see these are citing Supreme Court cases authority and you have the full text of the Supreme Court decision you can go and read. And other features that I want to point out you have featured issues on the left so if you are keeping up with current events. Over here under Constitution annotated research there are a few things I want to point out. Here there are some overruled by subsequent decisions and something more frequent is things unconstitutional by the Supreme Court as another resource we use frequently. So continuing down we will talk about member profile pages. We will go ahead and pick a member. Okay. So we will start here and you have the contact information and if they have changed chambers over the course of the career you will see them represented and you will see their biography and if this is a member who has retired, you can click on the biography and find out where the papers are house and you have the member committee assignments over here on the right and you can also click here up toward the top allowing you to get an email alert every time that member sponsors or cosponsors legislation and you can also get an email where every time that member speaks on the floor of Congress as recorded in the Congressional record. So continuing down the screen what most people use these pages for us to find legislation sponsored by a given member. Again you can do this pretty quickly and say you choose sponsored legislation in the hundred 18th Congress and so using the filters we have narrowed down the results quite a bit. And anytime you want to get rid of one of

these, you can click on the X next to it to get rid of it and, like you said you can use this page to find remarks in the Congressional record where this member has spoken. And let's talk about legislative process videos. There are nine of those that were written by the Congressional research service that provides an overview of the legislative process and a transcript for each of them at the bottom and these are great for teaching a first year law class or political science students and the overview of the process is also translated into Spanish. So next let's talk about what is included. And up to support. You can go up to the help center. And you can go to collections and coverage dates and this We'll tell you by document type what is included so, for example this goes back to 1891. And the committee reports back to 95 and so forth. Let's talk about advanced searches. Up here you can click on advanced searches and there are two I want to cover in detail and this is the advanced legislation search page and it is self-explanatory. You fill out the different fields to build your search and you may choose Congress or legislation and law number and type in a citation there or you can do words and phrases and narrow it by legislation type for example if you're interested in a Senate resolution then you would leave that checked. Maybe subjects are narrow by that and we talked about that earlier. Actions and where it is in the legislative process. You can narrow by associated sponsor or cosponsor and even the associated committee. This is a little less self-explanatory so I will go ahead and build out an example search so you can see how it works and in a search for the patient protection and affordable care act assuming I know the title and the sponsor but nothing else and I don't know the Congress and I will choose the legislation Congress. And it is all congresses and now I will enter my full title. I will choose all as a phrase and now I add another line for the sponsor and click on the plus symbol. Now I choose the sponsor field. And we search for that is a phrase as well and you can type the first few letters of the sponsor, it will try to auto complete it for you. And so there is the patient protection for The Affordable Care Act and if there were it had been more than one result you could browse that here. And let's talk about search tools and advanced search tools. Clicking on this page up at the top. And you can search operators so if you I do want to point out. We talked about earlier if you put quotes around your search terms, you search for them as an exact phrase and if you put the word and between your search terms in capital letters, you are telling it to return results with both of those terms for the results. And what you see here you do see this", enhanced, space body space armor," and this is telling it to and searched enhanced within 10 terms of body and armor so it is a proximity search. And then wildcards. Using this question mark here, that is telling you to search for women and woman and return both of those results based on that wildcard and similarly you can use one at the end with the\*and this would search for appropriations. So that is a quick overview of the homepage and now I will turn it over to Barbara who will take you to the legislation.

---

Hello. Let me share my screen with you. Give me just a moment. You should see my screen now. I do want to go over a few sample searches to give you an idea of what it looks like if you do a search. I will start today with a bill search and since it just started I will choose a bill from 117th Congress so it has the examples of what we are looking for. I will choose a bill that passed the house but didn't ultimately become law. That was also in our most viewed bills list during the Congress. I want to quickly note that the defaults drop down menu here is going to default to current congresses. As I said, 118th Congress just began in January. We give people a few months grace period. This current option will search options from the 117th and 118th right now. As we get further into the 118th, it will default to current and you will be searching the current. For this case, I want to hit the more options link which will open up the legislative quick search and I am doing this for a reason and I don't want to spoil it too soon. From here, you notice that I can select the congresses I want to search and for purposes of this I want to cast my net widely and search as many as possible in case I was confused about the Congress that I was searching in. I will hit 93 through 118 which is the congresses and that will take me through 1973 to the current day and if I wanted to do a more historical search you will notice at the top that there is a box

that I can hit here that will tell it to search the historical collections. I don't need that as much today but it is an option. And I am not sure about my bill number so I won't fill out these legislation and law numbers box here. If you did know the bill number you could take yourselves directly to that bill by putting your citation here in this box and also as you can see you can limited by sponsors and cosponsors and committees that may have dealt with the bill and I don't know those things off the top of my head so I will scroll back up to the top and do a phrase search or keyword search. I want to do a larger search so I will hit include full text when available and this will search the bill text as well as the metadata for a bill like sponsor cosponsor or titles and it will also include the full text of those bills as well. I will just put my keywords in here. So paycheck fairness act. And I will just hit search. And I must have done something wrong. I somehow deselected those so I will run that search again. And there you go. We have a little over 170 results. Always do also like to note if you even get hundreds or even over 1000 results, that doesn't mean you have done a bad search. That just means it is time to use the filters on the left-hand side of the page. Robert talked about that earlier and I would show you how I would filter this down. Don't get thrown off if you get a lot of results. There are a lot of ways you can narrow down those from the results page. Before I do that I do want to note a few things. You will see on the top left-hand side of your page that you have some links here. One of them is save this search. You can save your keyword search of legislation on the congressional record of the items that we have in Congress and all you have to do is click the link. And before I do that, if you don't have an account yet, all we need is your name and email address and have it be one that you actually check because we will send you a confirmation email to make sure that it is a good email address. I have already signed in as you can see and I am putting my cursor around the top and my username is already lit up but that is where you would sign and if you have not already and I will click save this search. It will ask me to create a title for this search and I will save this. If I were doing multiple searches around the same issue and I wanted to put a description to tell them apart, could do that as well. I will hit save. This is why I did that legislative quick search by hitting the expand this search link at the top of the page because if I do that search and I save it, it automatically asks me if I want to get email alerts on this search and when I say yes I do, it lets me choose what I want to be alerted on. We know that you guys get hundreds of e-mails and you want to narrow down which ones you are getting in your box. This is a way to do that. If you set up a search alert, you will always get an email when a new bill is added. But from there, you can decide which items you want to be alerted on other than that. So if I only wanted to be alerted on when they had actions taken on them, I could search that. If I wanted to see went a committee deals with the bill in my search, I could select that as well and then I could select confirm. If you are tired of getting those search alerts, you can get rid of them easily and all I have to do is come up to my account and click either alerts or safe searches and I will click alert here and they look generally the same. And then you will see there is the search alert I just saved and I could just click cancel. Another way we try to unclog your email inbox is that there will be an option for you to consolidate your search alert. If you click this box, you will get up to 15 search alerts that you can consolidate into one email. If you do that, you won't get more than two e-mails a day. You will get an email in the morning if something happens the night before and then you'll get one in the afternoon if something happened during the day. So we do try to keep that under control for you guys. The same is true for safe searches. It is easy to edit and cancel.

---

Another thing you will see here at the top is the download results link. You can download I think we're up to 1000 results now. And these are in a CSV file which you can open in a spreadsheet so your sheets like Google sheets and it will give you the information from your search results. And for your power searching that may be easier you can change the sort features. I did promise we would talk a little bit about these filters and before we get to the filters one thing I do want to talk about is the tracker bar. You will note here that I clicked on tracker and it will give you information about how far a bill or resolution got in the Congress it was introduced in. We don't have anything yet on this search result

from the 118th Congress so that won't be an option here but for prior congresses, it will highlight how far a bill got and then either have a straight line if it ended or the bill died or if it is from a current Congress, you have an arrow for the next options for how far the bill got and I will show you that in more detail. On the left-hand side, I will use my filters. I know that my bill of interest past the house. I will go to status of legislation and scroll down and click past the chamber and that will take it from 100 7225 results, more manageable and there are a lot more options here in regards to the tracker system got further in Congress than others. And also I will select the 117th Congress because in this case I know it was considered during the 117th Congress. And I can also narrow it down to other filters if I wanted to filter by the committee that dealt with this bill, I could do it here. But one thing I do want to do to make sure the bill I am interested in pops to the top of the pages to look at my sort features. It will default to whatever you sorted it by in your last search. In my last search I did by date of introduction. But if you have not done a search, it will default to relevancy and I think in this case that is more helpful so I will select that here. You will see here this pops up to the top of my search results. So I am going to click this bill number here to be clicked to the status page. Every bill summary and status page will look similar to what you see here and you will get the title, Congress. If you are dealing with a bill from the current Congress so 118th Congress, there will also be a link underneath that number to set up a search alert on that particular bill or an alert on that particular bill. Sorry. Keep an eye out for that if you're trying to track bill from the current Congress. There will be a link right underneath the title and the Congress number at the top of the page. Scrolling down, you will have an overview box and this is at a glance information we get asked the most about so who sponsored and are there any cosponsors and what committees have looked at the bill. Did they have any meetings or create any reports and what was the latest action taken. You can see here just looking at this overview box, I know a report was created, a committee report. I also know that the closer vote did pass. That was the latest action to take place but they didn't actually vote on the bill in the Senate so it did kind of die at the end of the last Congress so it passed the house but didn't get any further. They didn't pass it in the Senate yet. Another thing that we do get asked about our cost estimates for bills so how much will this cost the government and the taxpayer. Over on the right-hand side, you will see a link to cost estimates and these are estimates done by the Congressional budget office and we link you to their page where you can actually see the cost estimate or the report the create. You can scroll further down.

---

You will see a listing here. So those of you who used Thomas in the past and Congress.gov is the new Thomas. You remember you had a lot of link to get taken to the other page and here you can open up these tabs and you will stay on the same summary and status page and it will default to a summary tab and summaries are written by the Congressional research service. You see they do a summary for each major version of the bill that goes through and you can choose from the drop-down menu which one you would like to see and it opens it up. I do also want to note that at the top of this tab you will be able to see a listen button here and you can have the page read to you by hitting that play button and it will read everything you see on this page. That is true for the text tab so I will go one over and you can also hit the play button here and have the page read to you. You will see the latest version of the bill and it will default to either HTML or text and if you want to see an earlier version you have to hit the drop-down menu and choose one of those versions. If you want to see a PDF version of this bill, all you have to do is click it here and it will open up in another tab. Any time you open up a PDF from Congress.gov, it has been OC yard so you can search within the bill and I will do a quick a search here . And this is for red and every time this shows up, it highlights it and goes to that option. It will be true for anything you see here that opens up as a PDF. Going back to my text tab, when it opens up in this format, there will be a cool option as you scroll down. Let's say you are looking at a large bill. You want to link somebody to a subsection of a bill. That can be difficult when you're dealing with appropriations or authorizations bills. But if you find the subsection you are interested in, when you hover over it, there will be a link button

that says share. If I click this it will copy it to my clipboard and I can paste it into an email or into an instant message and the person on the other end can get taken directly to the subsection on the summary and status page. So that can be helpful if you are dealing with the large piece of legislation. And another thing I want to note and I will scroll up very quickly is a new thing we have added in the last year or so which is a citation option. I will click that here and you can see you can copy a citation either from the blue book, the ATA or MLA or Chicago manual style to this website, this page here using the citation format for one of those manuals. And that is true for a lot of the pages you see. So scrolling down again is the actions tab and it's one of the most popular tabs that we get asked about a lot. One of the great things is you can see from latest to oldest action what has happened to the bill as it moved through Congress. It will default to an overview. If you click all actions on the left-hand side, you can see it shows you everything that happens to the bill and the latest and I do want to note a few things about this. First if you open all actions you will note that filters show up on the left-hand side so let's say you're only interested in actions taken by the house and you can default to that. You can also narrow down committee actions. And sometimes we get asked and I just ask for what happened in committee. In this view you will get to see any reports or hearings we have in Congress.gov. They will be linked here. If there was a markup session held we will give you information about the date it was held so you can find that in a subscription resource. And also, if you're interested in voting information, we link you to that on the House and Senate pages which goes back to 1989 and we link you to the Congressional record pages where you can see what different actions were taken. If I wanted to see, let's say this consideration that it notes here, I can click on that link and it opens the Congressional record issue where I can see that information and here it is, my article of interest and I click that link to open up the Congressional record pages and it will talk about that in just a moment so just put a pin in that and we will come back. The titles tab is great for those larger bills like appropriations bills and authorization bills that make gobble up smaller bills and sometimes people have trouble figuring out what happened to one of those smaller bills when it gets gobbled up into the larger bill and the titles tab makes sure that the smaller bills title is put into your search results. When you search for the smaller bill, larger bill pops up as well because it is noted in the titles tab. And here we have the amendments tab. If you're interested in any amendments that were considered in the bill, we give you a link to an amendment summary and status page and it will tell you what Bill this is linked to and who the sponsor of that amendment was and the latest action taken on that amendment. If you're interested in more information about the text of that amendment, we link you to the Congressional record pages where you can find that text. You can also see the actions tab where you can see step-by-step what happened with that amendment. Going back, you will note that we give you some filters. If you're only interested in amendments that were agreed to you can see that here on this tab.

---

We actually get asked at the reference desk whether members from somebody's state sponsored a bill and you can do that on the left-hand side of the page and you can also filter by the party. The committees tab gives you information about the committees that considered this bill and if they created a report or hearing available on Congress.gov. We then link you to that report or hearing. If I click that, it takes me to a report summary and status page with the text below and the ability to click the PDF link to download a PDF of that report. Finally, related bills. Those of you who are power searchers, you probably already know. Sometimes when a bill is considered in Congress, dealing with related bills from the 117th Congress because that is the Congress where this bill was introduced, there will be a bill sometimes introduced in the house and one that is introduced in the Senate and one make it farther than the other. But you may be interested in the consideration on that bill in another chamber for instance. If so, that will be listed here under related bills. CRS, the house, and the Senate, kind of put these related bills on this tab and if you are interested in looking at one of these all you have to do is

click the link and it will take you to that status page and bill summary and you can find out what happened to it as it moves through Congress. That can be helpful for legislative history reasons.

---

That is an overview of the bill summary and status page. I do know a lot of people aren't necessarily doing bill by bill searches. Sometimes you're interested in what is set on the floor of Congress and sometimes you are interested in searching some of the committee information. I will quickly do a few of those searches so you can see what they look like. I will click the Congressional record link at the right hand side of the page and it takes me to the congressional record landing page. From here, I can see the most recent issue of the congressional record. If I wanted to look up an issue from a different date, I could put that in here and they would be taken to it and if I have a citation I could search by citation as well. If I wanted to search the congressional record by index, I could open that here and choose the Congress I wanted to use. So let's say I wanted to go to the second session of the 117th Congress. I could see all of the terms listed below. And I will click one at random. It will link me to a page where that keyword is listed. I do like to show people how to do a keyword search and congressional record. I do keep returning to this because I think it is helpful but we did have somebody once asked us what the chair of a certain committee of Congress had to say about the funding of NASA so I will do an example based on that. I will look for all statements made by Senator Cantwell the chair of the Senate committee on commerce, science and transportation. And what she had to say about the funding of NASA. First, I will do a broad search in our global search box for NASA. And you will see it will bring up thousands of results we have almost 13,000. That doesn't mean I have done a bad search and I know I am a little biased. What I will do on top of this is I will search within my result and I will delete NASA and type in SU and D -- I will type in fund. I will click the search within box and then hit it again. I know it doesn't seem like much when you are in the thousands but it does take us down to about 2000 results. I will try to figure out, I want to narrow down to her statements. I will scroll here and use my filters and particularly member remarks in the congressional record and you see they are laid out for medically and I will click show more under Senate and then click the C and here she is. You will see it takes me down from I think 11,000 search results 283 the more manageable. And I have done it before. If I wanted to see a PDF copy of those congressional pages where she spoke, I could do that by clicking the link so this is the record as it would have appeared in the daily edition for that day and I can search within and see at any time it shows up and you will see here that we will be back to talk about NASA funding. That takes me directly to what I am looking for. And before we get too far, I want to talk a little bit about our committee reports and hearings. I will also do a global search. Also, I could use my drop-down menu and narrow it down to committee materials and I could click the more options link here if I wanted to and you will see there is a quick search for committee reports as well. So let's do a sample report for committee reports. The example I like to use is one we got at the reference desk and somebody was looking for something that they thought was around the 110th Congress so they thought it was around 2007 or 2008 regarding the redevelopment of old post office buildings. They were sure there was at least a House Bill or committee reports created from that. So if I wanted to, I could click the 110th here or shift and then search congresses around it if I wanted to or the control key and search congresses around it. I will put redevelopment, old post office building. And then I could click search. We do have a lot of search results here and we have over 100. So if I wanted to just see if it was from the 110th Congress, all I have to do is come over here to my filters and click 110. There they are. They pop up to the top and you can see the Senate report and house report. I will select the first one on the list. I will note a few things about this report summary and status page. First, it lets me know what bill this companies so if I want to find out more information I have to click that link and be taken to the bill summary and status page and it also lets me know which committee created this report and I could click that to be taken to that committee page and it lets me know that there other reports related to this Bill you may be interested in so I can click on the link to the other report to see that as well. You will see here the read speaker option is here

and the listen option is here and you can have this read to you and I can click the PDF link and see a version of this report. And that is a basic overview of the searches we can do and before I release it out to do because I did see a few questions in the chat box. But before we get to those, I do want to note something you will see at the bottom of every page on Congress.gov that will be helpful. I will start at the top and go down. First, that support link you see at the top that I just opened can be incredibly helpful. Please feel free to use that search option and it is something we added recently and I do think it is helpful in trying to find a help feature for the things you are looking for. Also, if you do have trouble with your search even after looking at help for you think there is an issue going on with getting to an option or page or link isn't working correctly, I want to give you the option to contact us. At the bottom of the screen, you will see the help features listed there as well. And contact us is one of those options. If you have something that is more content related like I am having trouble setting up my search or why isn't this keyword working or anything like that, ask a law library and will take you directly to our ask a librarian search option on our page and you can fill out this form and we will get back to you within five business days with our response. So feel free to do that and I am actually one of the librarians who looks at this. I may be the person answering your questions. Another thing I want to note on the contact us box is if you have more of a technical issue, like if you are clicking a link and it isn't taking you to the right place or you are conduct in a search and getting a 404 message or something like that, the survey option here, and I know it's not maybe the immediate thing you think of when giving technical responses, but this survey has a box that you can use going directly to our developers and let them know there is an issue so the thing you would improve on is where you can put any kind of technical issues. So that is the overview of Congress.gov. I will stop sharing so we can see the questions.

---

I will go ahead and put in the survey really quick and we have about six or seven minutes so if you can fill that out, we would appreciate so do you want me to point out some of the questions that were skipped over?

---

Sure.

---

Wire their gaps in these covered under historical?

---

We are currently working on ingesting historical information. So actually we ingested a huge amount in the last few years, but we are working on trying to fill in those gaps now. As we do that, those date ranges will change which is why I put in the chat at the beginning while Robert was speaking the coverage dates page and I would keep an eye on that because that will update as we ingest more historical information and historical documents.

---

They are interested in where they find information about the hearings and committing and somebody was interested in the markup for a bill.

---

Those are little tricky because they are not published like hearings are. They don't have the same function and they are considered a meeting and set of function and sometimes you can find markup sessions printed as a committee prints. Sometimes you can find them appended to the end of the hearing oddly because the markup session will happen after hearing is held. So sometimes you can find them there but largely they will be and subscription resources I hate to say so Congressional quarterly is a great place to look for that and sometimes you'll find them and other legislative history databases like ProQuest congressional but they are tricky. That is why they are not as freely available as some other things. But feel free to send in and ask a librarian question if you know there is a report and you can't find it and we can direct you to a place where that is available to you. I think hearings was the other



thing. I will share my screen one more time. And I will collapse this quick search. When I do that you can search committee materials. When you do that, you will see there are multiple options. There were reports and meetings and that is where you find hearing information and committee publications so other legislative history items. So that is how I would do your hearing search if you wanted to do that. And also and before I stop sharing, if you are interested in seeing, and I think Robert may have mentioned this, but if you're interested in seeing video streams of hearings, on the committees page you can also see that we have put links to different places to find committee hearing videos. Also on a committee page, it will give you the option to connect to their website where often they will have a lot of committee hearing information there as well. And I do hope that answered the question.

---

We do have about three minutes left so can you talk a little bit about the [ Indiscernible ] of API?

---

We could. I think Robert is more expert than I am probably.

---

Yes. We recently released this to make congressional data more accessible and also to make it so people didn't have to do this in order to get the data because web scraping degrades the performance for other users so take a look at the documentation we have. Also, we respond to questions there as well when people post outstanding issues.

---

We are at time just about and we just about covered the questions. I would like to thank you guys for presenting this webinar and thank Ashley for doing tech support and make sure to check out our upcoming webinars and we have some on March 22 and on the 19th the census and then if you haven't yet, please fill out our survey in the chat and thank you all so much and attending. Have a great day.

---

[ Event concluded ] [Event Concluded]