I. Finding a Specific Congressional Document with a Citation or Document Number

You can also find a Congressional document using only the citation or document number associated with the document.

A. Search By Number – Congressional Publications

The “Search By Number” tab under the “Congressional Publications” features lets researchers “Find a Congressional Publication By Number,” “Find Congressional Publications Related to A Bill or Law,” “Find a Legislative History by Number,” or “Find the Bound Congressional Record by Citation or Date.”\(^1\) As shown below, the Search by Number lists each task, which you can choose by highlighting the task you need. The “Find a Legislative History by Number” and “Find the Bound Congressional Record by Citation or Date” options are discussed separately in this Guide.

- Find A Congressional Publication By Number

“Find a Congressional Publication by Number” lets you search for a Congressional publication by the specific publication number, bibliographic number,
or Serial Set volume number assigned to it. Most researchers will likely search by publication number, as shown below.

- **Publication Number** – Searches by the Congressional publication number assigned to the document. There are 27 types of publication numbers to search from, a list of which is available [here](http://help.lexisnexis.com/tabula-rasa/congressional/bynumbertips-field?lbu=US&locale=en_US&audience=all#bynumbertips__pub_by_number). The most common documents you will probably need to access are House and Senate reports (H.rpt. and S.prt), hearings, and House and Senate documents (H.doc. and S.doc.). To search by publication number, select the type of document from the first drop-down box, the Congressional session the document is from in the second drop-down box, and enter the publication number assigned to the document in the third box.

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- Find Congressional Publications Related to A Bill or Law
  “Find Congressional Publications Related to A Bill or Law” allows you to search for
specific types of Congressional documents that are associated with a specific bill or law. This is a quick way to find Congressional documents created as part of the legislative process for a specific bill or law. This feature allows you to search all types of Congressional publications for references to a specific bill number, a Public Law number, or a Statutes at Large citation.

**EXAMPLE:** To search for all types of Congressional publications related to the “PATRIOT Sunsets Extension Act of 2011” (S.990 from the 112th Congress), the search created would look like the one below. Because all boxes next to the segments are checked, all segments of Congressional publications will be searched.