I. Finding Congressional Publications from a Specific Part of the Legislative Process

Legislative Insight provides an easy-to-understand graphical interface that lets you search for Congressional publications created during a specific part of the legislative process for a law.¹ By checking or removing checks from the appropriate boxes on the graphical interface, you can include or exclude certain documents. To access the Legislative Process interface, click “Legislative Process” from the main Legislative Insight page. Then, enter the Public Law number associated with a piece of legislation.

EXAMPLE: To find Congressional publications related to the E-Government Act of 2002 (P.L. 104-347) from the part of the legislative process in which House and Senate floor activity occurred, enter the Public Law number in the search box, and check only the boxes next to “House Floor Activity” and “Senate Floor Activity”.

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How a Law Is Made

The legislative process begins with an idea. More...

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A Bill Is Drafted and Introduced
- House BillsIntroduced
- Senate BillsIntroduced

A Bill Is Referred to Committee
- House Committee Action/House Hearings and Markup
- Senate Committee Action/Senate Hearings and Markup

A Committee Votes To Report a Bill
- House Reports Bills
- Senate Reports Bills

The Bill Goes To the Floor
- House Floor Activity
- Senate Floor Activity

The Bill Goes to Conference
- Conference - Resolving Differences Vote

The Bill Goes to the President
- Presidents Signs or Vetoes, Congress May Override a Veto

The Law Is Printed and Codified
- Enacted Law is Printed and Codified

To focus on a specific document in your results, click on “Publication Detail” underneath the document.²

² Search results are current as of March 2012.