

## Guide to Locating Federal Legislative History Documents

Document	Print	Electronic
<b>Bills</b>	<p>1933 (73<sup>rd</sup>)-1988 (100<sup>th</sup>)            CIS Microform            Drawers 60-69 (1<sup>st</sup> floor)</p> <p>1987 (100<sup>th</sup>) -2000 (106<sup>th</sup>+)            GPO Microform            Drawers A-11-A-15</p> <p>CIS Print Index: 1970            forward (1<sup>st</sup> floor)</p> <p>CIS US Serial Set Index:            1789-1969 (By Bill #)            (1<sup>st</sup> floor)</p>	<p><b>Thomas</b> (1989--) (Bills &amp; Status)  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/home/bills_res.html">http://thomas.loc.gov/home/bills_res.html</a></p> <p><b>GPO Access</b> (1993--)  <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov/bills/index.html">http://www.gpoaccess.gov/bills/index.html</a></p> <p><b>Library of Congress: American Memory</b>  <a href="http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwhbsb.html">http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwhbsb.html</a>            (Select historical collection)</p> <p><b>LexisNexis Congressional</b> (1989—)            Index &amp; Abstracts-(1970---)</p> <p><b>Westlaw</b> (Directory&gt;U.S. Federal Materials&gt;Bill Tracking)--US-BILLTRK &amp; CONG-BILLTXT-ALL-1994---)</p> <p><b>LexisNexis</b> (Legal&gt;Legislation &amp; Politics-U.S. &amp; U.K.&gt;U.S. Congress-1989---)</p>
<b>Committee Hearings</b>	<p>1970-current            CIS Microform            Drawer 69—119+</p> <p>CIS Print Index: 1970 forward</p> <p>Unpublished House            Committee Hearings            (1831/33-1965/68)            Microform: Drawers            D91-D93</p> <p>Unpublished Senate            Committee Hearings (1823-            1976) Microform Drawers D            93-94</p> <p>CIS Index to Unpublished            U.S. House &amp; Senate            Committee Hearings</p>	<p><b>GPO Access</b> (1995--)  <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov/chearings/index.html">http://www.gpoaccess.gov/chearings/index.html</a></p> <p><b>House</b> (select statements) <a href="http://www.house.gov/">http://www.house.gov/</a>  <b>Senate</b> (select statements) <a href="http://www.senate.gov">http://www.senate.gov</a></p> <p><b>LLSDC's Legislative Sourcebook</b> (quick links to House &amp;            Senate Committee Hearings and other documents)  <a href="http://www.llsdc.org/sourcebook/">http://www.llsdc.org/sourcebook/</a></p> <p><b>LexisNexis Congressional</b> (1988--)            Index &amp; Abstracts-(1970---)</p> <p><b>Westlaw</b> (Directory&gt;U.S. Federal Materials&gt;Legislative History-            1996---)</p> <p><b>LexisNexis</b> (Legal&gt;Legislation &amp; Politics-U.S. &amp; U.K.&gt;U.S.            Congress-1993---)</p>

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<p><b>Committee Reports, Documents &amp; Prints</b></p>	<p>1970-current CIS Microform Drawer 69—119+</p> <p>CIS Print Index: 1970 forward</p> <p>1789-1890 (Serial Set) Microform Drawers 4-8</p> <p>1890-1970 Check Catalog for availability at Thomas Cooper Gov Docs Library:</p> <p>CIS US Serial Set Index: 1789-1969</p> <p>CIS US Congressional Committee Prints Index: earliest -1969</p> <p>USCCAN Print-1<sup>st</sup> floor- selected reports-1948-</p>	<p><b>Thomas</b> Reports-1995-- <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cp109/cp109query.html">http://thomas.loc.gov/cp109/cp109query.html</a></p> <p><b>GPO Access</b> Reports-1995— <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov/serialset/creports/index.html">http://www.gpoaccess.gov/serialset/creports/index.html</a> Conference Reports-109<sup>th</sup> <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov/confrrpts/index.html">http://www.gpoaccess.gov/confrrpts/index.html</a> Documents-1995-- <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov/serialset/cdocuments/index.html">http://www.gpoaccess.gov/serialset/cdocuments/index.html</a> Prints-1995-- <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cprints/index.html">http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cprints/index.html</a> U.S. Serial Set (Reports &amp; Documents) <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov/serialset/index.html">http://www.gpoaccess.gov/serialset/index.html</a></p> <p><b>Library of Congress: American Memory</b> U.S. Serial Set and American State Papers <a href="http://rs6.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lawhome.html">http://rs6.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lawhome.html</a></p> <p><b>LexisNexis Congressional</b> Reports-1989-- Documents-1995-- Selected Committee Prints-1993-- Index &amp; Abstracts-(1970--- <b>Serial Set</b> (Reports &amp; Documents-1789 through 1969)</p> <p><b>Westlaw:</b> House, Senate, &amp; Conference Reports-(LH-1990---) &amp; USCCAN (selected reports-1948-1989)</p> <p><b>LexisNexis</b> (same as LexisNexis Cong.) (Legal&gt;Legislation &amp; Politics-U.S. &amp; U.K.&gt;U.S. Congress)</p>
<p><b>Congressional Debates: Congressional Record</b></p>	<p>Current daily edition paperbacks (1<sup>st</sup> floor)</p> <p>Bound volumes (4<sup>th</sup> floor) (1873-2001)</p> <p>Microform 1<sup>st</sup> (1789) – 100<sup>th</sup> (1988) Drawers 19-23 &amp; A51</p> <p>Annals of Congress-1789- 1824 Register of Debates-1824- 1837 Congressional Globe-1833- 1873 (A51) Congressional Record-1873- 1988</p>	<p><b>Thomas</b> (1989--) <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/home/r109query.html">http://thomas.loc.gov/home/r109query.html</a></p> <p><b>GPO Access</b> (1994-- Index-1983-- Permanent Edition-1999 <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov/crecord/index.html">http://www.gpoaccess.gov/crecord/index.html</a></p> <p><b>Library of Congress: American Memory</b> Annals of Congress-1789-1824 Register of Debates-1824-1837 Congressional Globe-1833-1873 <a href="http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lawhome.html">http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lawhome.html</a></p> <p><b>Hein Online:</b> U.S. Congressional Documents Annals of Congress, Register of Debates, Congressional Globe and portions of Congressional Record (in progress) Congressional Record Daily-1994--</p>

		<p><b>LexisNexis Congressional</b> (1985--)</p> <p><b>Westlaw</b> (1985--) (CR) Directory&gt;U.S. Federal Materials&gt;Congressional Information</p> <p><b>LexisNexis</b> (Legal&gt;Legislation &amp; Politics-U.S. &amp; U.K.&gt;U.S. Congress-1985---</p>
<b>Presidential Documents</b>	<p><b>Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents</b> 1965-2000 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)(J80.A284)</p>	<p><b>GPO Access:</b> 1993-forward <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov/pubpapers/search.html">http://www.gpoaccess.gov/pubpapers/search.html</a></p> <p><b>Hein Online:</b> 1965-forward</p> <p><b>Westlaw</b> --Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents (WCPD-2000--)</p> <p><b>LexisNexis:</b> Legal&gt;Federal Legal-U.S&gt;Executive Branch Materials (Executive Orders &amp; Public Papers of the President)</p>
<b>Public Papers of the President</b>	<p><b>Public Papers of the President</b> 1929 forward (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)(J80 .A283)</p> <p>(except FDR-Thomas Cooper-Microform Cabinets 5 &amp; 6A)</p>	<p><b>Hein Online:</b> Public Papers &amp; FDR</p> <p><b>GPO Access:</b> 1991-forward <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov/pubpapers/index.html">http://www.gpoaccess.gov/pubpapers/index.html</a></p> <p><b>Whitehouse website:</b> <a href="http://www.whitehouse.gov/">http://www.whitehouse.gov/</a> Major speeches, State of the Union, executive Orders, proclamations, radio addresses</p> <p><b>Westlaw:</b> Presidential Signing Statements (LH-1986---from USCCAN)</p> <p><b>LexisNexis:</b> Legal&gt;Federal Legal-U.S&gt;Executive Branch Materials</p>
<b>Public Laws</b>	<p><b>Statutes at Large</b> Public &amp; Private Laws 1789-2004 (published at end of each session)</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> floor between U.S.C.S. &amp; CIS</p> <p>Microform: vol. 1- vol.108, 1<sup>st</sup> -103<sup>rd</sup> Congress Drawer D-95</p>	<p><b>Library of Congress Thomas</b> Public Laws-1989-- <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/bss/d101/d101laws.html">http://thomas.loc.gov/bss/d101/d101laws.html</a></p> <p><b>American Memory</b> Statutes at Large (1789-1875)(1<sup>st</sup>-43<sup>rd</sup>) <a href="http://rs6.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwsl.html">http://rs6.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwsl.html</a></p> <p><b>GPO Access</b> Public &amp; Private Laws-1995-- <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov/plaws/index.html">http://www.gpoaccess.gov/plaws/index.html</a> Statutes at Large-beginning with 108<sup>th</sup> Congress <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov/statutes/index.html">http://www.gpoaccess.gov/statutes/index.html</a></p> <p><b>Hein Online</b> Statutes at Large-1789-2004</p>

**LexisNexis Congressional**

Public Laws-1988---

**Westlaw**-1789 forward-

(USCCAN-PL) & (US-STATLRG)

Directory>U.S. Federal Materials> U.S. Code Congressional & Administrative News

**LexisNexis**-1789 forward

Statutes at Large (STATLG)

Legal>Federal Legal-U.S.>United States Statutes at Large

(USCS- Public Laws)

Legal>Legislation & Politics-U.S. & U.K.>U.S. Congress>USCS - Public Laws

**Compiled Legislative Histories**

**Online Catalog:** Search by Act for legislative history

**Sources of Compiled Legislative Histories & Federal Legislative Histories:** Print and Hein Online

**United States Code Congressional & Administrative News (USCCAN)** :Print and Westlaw

**Westlaw:** Legislative History-Fed tab, FED-LH database ((U.S. GAO Federal Legislative Histories database), LH database (Legislative Histories for U.S. Code-1948-present), and Arnold & Porter's Legislative histories for Selected laws

**Lexis:** Legal>Federal Legal -U.S.>Legislative Histories & Materials; Legal>Area of law by Topic; and Topic Tabs

**Congressional Information Service (CIS):** Print and Lexis Nexis Congressional

**LLSDC's Legislative Sourcebook**

Legislative Histories of Selected U.S. Laws on the Internet: <http://www.llsdc.org/Leg-Hist/>

**Legislative History Research Guides & Tutorials**

**Georgetown Law Library:** Legislative History Research Tutorial: <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/tutorials/lh>

**LLSDC's Legislative Sourcebook**

Federal Legislative History Research: A Practitioner's Guide to Compiling the Documents and Sifting for Legislative Intent: <http://www.llsdc.org/Fed-Leg-Hist/>