

Congress.gov Bulk Data Task Force



Congress.gov – Overview

- Congress.gov is the official website for U.S. federal legislative information, committed to serving Congress and the public
- Development is managed by the Library's Office of the Chief Information Officer, with oversight from library-wide Web Governance Board
- Collaboration within the Library of Congress between OCIO, CRS, and LAW
- Development started in 2012, with first beta release in September 2012



Congress.gov – Development

- Project uses Agile approach with a release every three weeks
- Frequent collaboration with major users and data partners including Senate, House, GPO, CRS staff
- Each release includes fixes or enhancements based on user feedback
- Removed beta label Nov. 2014
- Replaced THOMAS, which retired July 5, 2016
- Recent focus on new features including advanced saved search alerts, search form on homepage, and GPO data ingest changes



Congress.gov – November 2018



November 2018

Enhancement – Legislation and Committee Report Search Forms – Committee selection lists show all names

 When you choose all Congresses on the homepage <u>Legislation Search</u> <u>Form</u> or <u>Committee Report Search Form</u>, the committee selection lists show committee name changes throughout the years.

Enhancement - Legislation Search Results - Subcommittee filter

 Legislation <u>search results</u> for single Congress searches display a subcommittee filter to narrow your results to measures with activity, such as hearings or markups, by a particular subcommittee.

Enhancement - Legislation - Search by State of Sponsor or Cosponsor

 From the <u>search bar</u> or <u>command line search</u>, you can use <u>field labels</u> to search for legislation sponsored or cosponsored by members from a particular state.



Congress.gov – November 2018

Committee	\oplus
Subcommittee	
House Subcommittee	
Agriculture	
Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research	[9]
Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit	[26]
Conservation and Forestry	[13]
General Farm Commodities and Risk Management	[20]
Livestock and Foreign Agriculture	[7]
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Senate Subcommittee	
Appropriations	
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies	[2]
Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies	[2]
Energy and Natural Resources	
National Parks	[6]
Public Lands, Forests, and Mining	[1]
Water and Power	[1]

Sponsor: <u>Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]</u> (Introduced 03/14/2018) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/14/2018 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture,

Nutrition, and Forestry. (All Actions)

Tracker: Introduced

BILL

5. H.R.3687 — 115th Congress (2017-2018)

Farm to School Act of 2017

Sponsor: Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1] (Introduced 09/06/2017) Cosponsors: (15)

Committees: House - Education and the Workforce

Latest Action: House - 09/06/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Education and the

Workforce. (All Actions)

Tracker: Introduced

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6. H.R.5629 — 115th Congress (2017-2018)

President Trump's Farm Bill Reforms Act of 2018

Sponsor: Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5] (Introduced 04/26/2018) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/26/2018 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. (All

Actions)

Tracker: Introduced

BILL



Congress.gov – December 2018



December 2018

Enhancement - Search - Track multiple searches within a user session

 Open up to 10 browser tabs to conduct multiple searches and your search results, including next and previous navigation, are retained for each search for up to one hour.

Backend - Preparation for 116th Congress

 Site updates to add the 116th Congress completed in development environment.

Backend – Changes to ETL (extract/transform/load) programs to use govinfo as GPO source

 Completed development work for all collections to ingest GPO data from govinfo.gov.



Congress.gov – January 2019

Home > Committee Schedule > House Event 108802 ☐ Print Subscribe Share/Save Give Feedback "A Legislative Proposal to Provide for a Sustainable Housing Finance System: The Bipartisan Housing Finance Reform Act of 2018" 115th Congress (2017-2018) HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARING More on This Hearing U.S. Capitol Map House Financial Services Committee Memberships Supporting Documentation: Data will display when it becomes available (Clerk.House.gov) Friday December 21, 2018 (9:00 AM ET) 2128 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. Location: https://financialservices.house.gov/

Witnesses

Mr. Edward DeMarco
President, Housing Policy Council
Witness Statement [PDF]
Witness Truth in Testimony [PDF]

Ms. Diane Yentel
President and Chief Executive Officer, National Low Income Housing Coalition
Witness Statement [PDF]
Witness Truth in Testimony [PDF]

Mr. Vince Malta

President-Elect, National Association of Realtors
Witness Statement [PDF]
Witness Truth in Testimony [PDF]

Mr. Robert Broeksmit
President and Chief Executive Officer, Mortgage Bankers Association
Witness Statement [PDE]
Witness Truth in Testimony [PDF]

Mr. Jerry Howard
Chief Executive Officer, National Association of Home Builders
Witness Statement [PDF]
Witness Truth in Testimony [PDF]

Video of Proceedings



Video streaming by Youtube Use Restrictions and Privacy

January 2019

Enhancement - Committee Schedule - House and Senate Hearings and Meetings

- A unified calendar listing House and Senate hearings and other meetings can be viewed by week or day.
- <u>Detail page</u> for each event includes committee name and website, date and location of event, and if available, witness list, video of proceedings and links to supporting documentation.

Enhancement – Legislation Advanced Search – Search by State of Sponsor or Cosponsor

 From the <u>Sponsor</u> and <u>Cosponsor</u> selection pages, you can easily search for legislation sponsored or cosponsored by members from a particular state or territory.

Enhancement - Policy Areas - Scope Notes Added

 Policy Area scope notes describe the subject matter of measures assigned to each policy area.

Enhancement - Homepage Search Forms - Filters Open by default

Filters now display by default on homepage search form results pages.

Enhancement - Homepage Search Forms - Reset Added

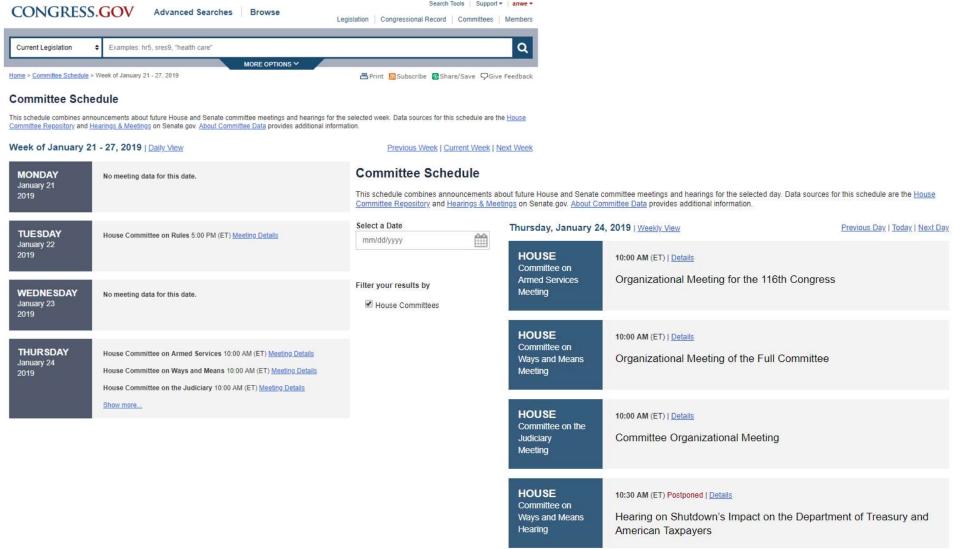
 An extra Reset button has been added to the top of each <u>homepage</u> search form to make it easier to clear previous search parameters from the form.

Enhancement - Browse Pages - Sort Order Changes

Default sort order is Latest Action - Newest to Oldest on <u>Bills Introduced by</u>
<u>Request, Bills Introduced as Private Legislation</u>, and <u>Actions on Legislation</u> Browse
Reports.



Congress.gov – January 2019



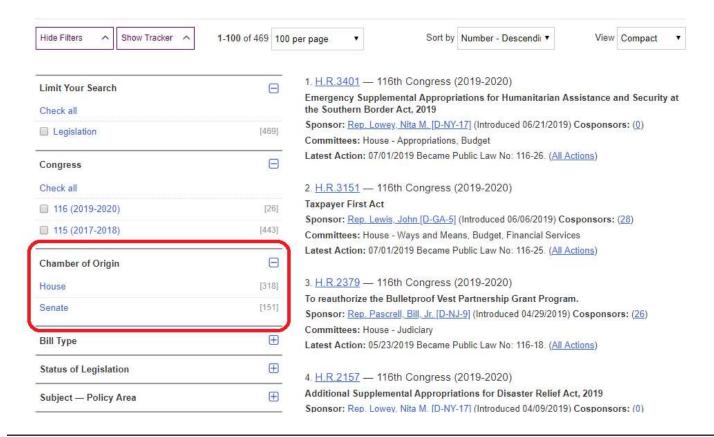


Congress.gov – February 2019

February 2019

Enhancement - Chamber of Origin filter - Open by default

 The Chamber of Origin filter on <u>search results</u> has been moved higher on the page and is open by default so you can quickly limit your results to measures from one chamber.





Congress.gov - March 2019

March 2019, Part 1

Enhancement - House Bills to be Considered - Link from Homepage

 On the <u>homepage</u>, under the House of Representatives section of Current Legislative Activities, find a link to Bills to be Considered on the House Floor.

Current Legislative Activities

116th Congress (2019-2020)

House of Representatives



Next Meeting: July 5, 2019 at 9:00

AM EDT

Previous Meeting: July 2, 2019

House Links

House Floor Activities
Committee Hearings Video
Communications to the House

Bills to be Considered

Senate



Next Meeting: July 5, 2019 at 11:47 AM EDT

Previous Meeting: July 2, 2019

Senate Links

On the Senate Floor

Communications to the Senate

Nominations
Treaty Documents

Recent

Yesterday in Congress

Bill Texts

Committee Schedule

Calendars and Schedules

BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED on the House Floor

Text of Bills for the Week of Jul. 8, 2019

First Published: June 18, 2019 at 03:08 PM Last Updated: June 28, 2019 at 02:58 PM



The following are links to the text of legislation scheduled for consideration during the week of Jul. 8, 2019. For the complete schedule, please visit the Majority Leader's site.

Items that may be considered pursuant to a rule

H.R. 2500 Natio

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020

[PDF] [XML]

Updated 06/20/2019 at 11:58 AM

Reported Version



Congress.gov - March 2019

Thursday, March 7, 2019 | Weekly View

Previous Day | Today | Next Day

HOUSE

Committee on Appropriations Hearing 9:00 AM (ET) | Details

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

Public Witness Hearing — Tribal Programs: Day 2, Morning Session

HOUSE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Meeting 9:00 AM (ET) | Details

Full Committee Business Meeting Topic: Adoption of the Committee's Views and Estimates Letter

HOUSE

Committee on Appropriations Hearing Rescheduled to 9:15 AM (ET) | Details

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

Library of Congress Budget Request for Fi

March 2019, Part 2

Enhancement - Committee Profiles - Subcommittee Filter

 You can <u>filter by subcommittee</u> when you limit your research or results to a single Congress on a committee profile.

Enhancement - Legislation Text - Bill Type Filter

When you search from the Legislation Text <u>form</u>, you can filter your <u>search</u> <u>results</u> by Bill Text Versions.

Enhancement - Committee Schedule - Meeting Updates

 Rescheduled and postponed meetings are clearly indicated on the <u>weekly</u> and <u>daily</u> views of the committee schedule.



Congress.gov – April 2019

April 2019

Enhancement - House Committee Hearings Video - Live Indicator

 You can tell at a glance when a House committee hearing is livestreaming by looking for the LIVE icon next to the Committee Hearings Video link under Current Legislative Activities on the Congress.gov homepage.

Current Legislative Activities

116th Congress (2019-2020)

House of Representatives



Today: April 10, 2019

The House convened at 9:00 a.m.

On the Floor Today

H.R. 1644

Previous Meeting: April 9, 2019

House Links

HOUR ACTIVITIES

Committee Hearings Video

Bills to be Considered

Senate



Today: April 10, 2019

The Senate convened at 9:45 a.m.

Previous Meeting: April 9, 2019

Senate Links

On the Senate Floor

Communications to the Senate

Nominations

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Read the latest legislative activity.

Browse by Date

CRS Reports

Congressional Research Service Reports are available to the public.

Search CRS Reports



Congress.gov - May 2019

Current Legislative Activities

116th Congress (2019-2020)

House of Representatives



Today: May 2, 2019
The House convened at 9:00 a.m.

On the Floor Today

H.R.9

Previous Meeting: May 1, 2019

House Links

House Floor Activities

Committee Hearings Video LIVE

Communications to the House

Bills to be Considered

Senate



Today: May 2, 2019
The Senate convened at 9:30 a.m.

- On the Floor Today
 PN257
- PN250
- PN212

Previous Meeting: May 1, 2019

Senate Links

On the Senate Floor
Communications to the Senate
Nominations
Treaty Documents

May 2019, Part 1

Enhancement - Committee Schedule - Upcoming Meetings on Homepage

 Upcoming House and Senate Committee Meetings on the homepage displays the next three committee hearings/meetings scheduled with the date, time, and committee name as well as a link to the detail page of each listed meeting.

Enhancement - Committee Profile Pages - Results Navigation

 When viewing a bill or other item listed on a <u>committee profile page</u>, you can use the navigation arrows to move to the next or previous item in the list without needing to return to the profile page.

Enhancement - Legislation Alerts - Cosponsor Dates

Alerts on legislation that list new cosponsors include the date of cosponsorship.

Upcoming House and Senate Committee Meetings

Daily View | Weekly View

Today at 1:45 PM (ET) Senate Committee on Foreign Relations

May. 3, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ET) House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties

May, 3, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ET) House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Energy

More



Congress.gov – May 2019

When viewing a bill or other item listed on a member profile page, you can use the navigation arrows to move to the next or previous item in the list without needing to return to the profile page. S. Rept. 116-41 - TELEPHONE ROBOCALL ABUSE CRIMINA ACT Enhancement - Committee Reports - Errata Display 116th Congress (2019-2020) Committee Report errata text displays as a tab on the committee report detail page. Hide Overview X COMMITTEE REPORT Senate Report Report Type: Accompanies: Commerce, Science, and Transportation Errata: In lieu of a star print, errata are printed to indicate corrections to the original report. Errata Report text available as: TXT | PDF (PDF provides a complete and accurate display of this text.)? [Senate Report 116-41] [From the U.S. Government Publishing Office] NOTICE: In lieu of a star print, errata are printed to indicate corrections to the original report.

May 2019, Part 2

Enhancement - Member Profile Pages - Results Navigation



Congress.gov – June 2019

Congress.gov Enhancements

Below is a timeline of releases that incorporated new content and improved features to Congress.gov.

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June 2019

Enhancement - Committee Reports - Search Results

 Committee Report <u>search results</u> display a link to errata for any report for which one has been issued.





- 1. <u>S. Rept. 116-41</u> 116th Congress (2019-2020) **Accompanies:** <u>S.151</u>
 TELEPHONE ROBOCALL ABUSE CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT AND DETERRENCE ACT
 Errata: Printed Corrections
- S. Rept. 115-379 115th Congress (2017-2018) Accompanies: S.1934
 ALASKA REMOTE GENERATOR RELIABILITY AND PROTECTION ACT
 Errata: Printed Corrections
- 3. <u>S. Rept. 115-348</u> 115th Congress (2017-2018) **Accompanies**: <u>S.3265</u> WATERFRONT COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION AND RESILIENCY ACT OF 2018
- 4. <u>S. Rept. 115-327</u> 115th Congress (2017-2018) **Accompanies:** <u>S.1092</u> INTERSTATE TRANSPORT ACT OF 2017

Errata: Printed Corrections

Errata: Printed Corrections

5. S. Rept. 115-321 — 115th Congress (2017-2018)
FOWLER AND BOSKOFF PEAKS DESIGNATION ACT

Errata: Printed Corrections

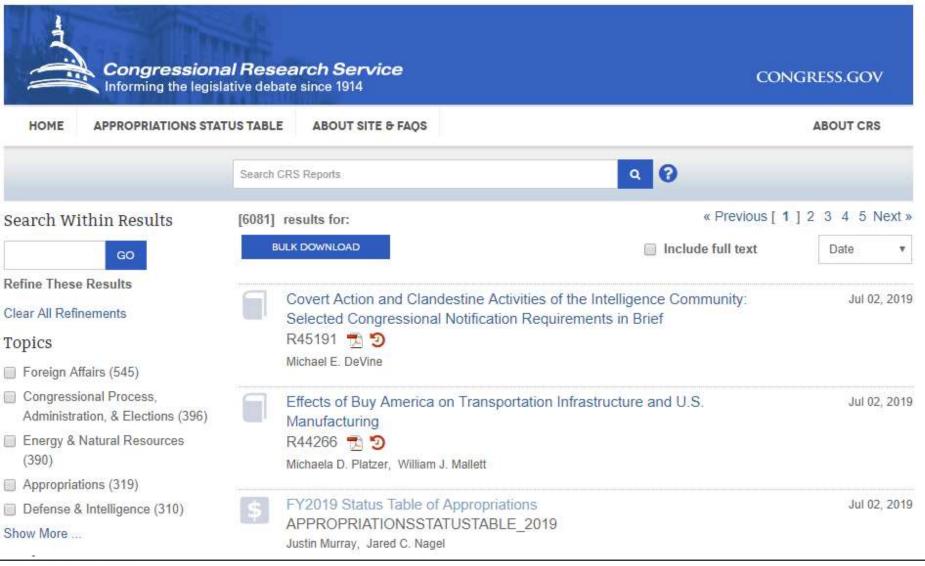
6. <u>S. Rept. 115-261</u> — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Accompanies:** <u>S.2559</u>

MARRAKESH TREATY IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Errata: Printed Corrections



CRSreports.Congress.gov





Congress.gov – End of 2019 Plans

- Continue work enhancing the unified House and Senate committee calendar
- Refine Quick Search and Advanced Search Forms to meet advanced requirements



Legislative Hearing on H.R. 644, H.R. 2459, and H.R. 3292

116th Congress (2019-2020)

HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARING

Committee: House Natural Resources

Subcommittee: House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife

Supporting Documentation: H.R.2459, H.R.3292, H.R.644

Date: Wednesday June 26, 2019 (2:00 PM EDT)

Location: 1324 Longworth House Office Bldg, Washington, D.C.

Website: https://naturalresources.house.gov/

More on This Hearing
U.S. Capitol Map
Committee Memberships
(Clerk House gov)

Witnesses

Mr. Alan Mikkelsen

Senior Advisor to the Secretary on Water and Western Resource Issues, U.S. Department of the Interior

Witness Biography [PDF]

Witness Statement [PDF]

Witness Truth in Testimony [PDF]

Dr. Damon Clarke

Chairman, Hualapai Tribe

Witness Biography [PDF]

Supplemental Testimony [PDF]

Witness Statement [PDF]

Witness Truth in Testimony [PDF]

The Honorable Jonathan Nez

President, Navajo Nation

Witness Biography [PDF]

President Nez Submission for the Record - CBO score for S. 1207 [PDF]

President Nez Submission for the Record - Draft Settlement Agreement [PDF]

Witness Statement [PDF]

Witness Truth in Testimony [PDF]

Mr. Thomas Buschatzke

Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources

Witness Biography [PDF]

Witness Statement [PDF]

Witness Truth in Testimony [PDF]

Mr. Norman Johnson

Natural Resources Division Chief, Utah Attorney General's Office

Witness Biography [PDF]

Witness Statement [PDF]

Witness Truth in Testimony [PDF]

Supporting Documentation

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Bills and Resolutions [PDF]

Member Statements

The Honorable Jared Huffman [PDF]
The Honorable Tom McClintock [PDF]

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and on *In Custodia Legis* at http://blogs.loc.gov/law



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