

The Bulk Data Task Force

Public Meeting
Thursday, March 20, 2022

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- Senate,
- Library of Congress,
- Government Publishing Office,
- Government Accounting Office

that work in a cooperative manner to coordinate and accomplish openness and transparency goals.

The Bulk Data Task Force

- created in 2012 to focus on increased dissemination of congressional information via bulk data
- *current work goes beyond bulk data*
 - meets internally with Legislative Branch organizations to coordinate projects and other transparency and modernization initiatives
 - meets with civil society organizations

Legislative Branch Innovation Hub

<https://usgpo.github.io/innovation/>

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Background
2. Reports/Updates from LOC, GPO, Clerk, Secretary [35 to 40 minutes]
3. Reports/Updates from civil society organizations [15 to 20 minutes]
4. Time for Discussion/Questions and Answers
5. Announcements/Closing

Meeting ends at 3:30 pm EST

Housekeeping Items



The meeting will be recorded and posted online at <https://usgpo.github.io/innovation/>



Use the Q&A feature to ask questions. The panelists will respond during the meeting.



Use the “raise hand” feature during the Q&A portion so we can unmute your mic.



Make sure the name displayed is you. Using the chat, please share a little about yourself. Suggestions: your name, where you work, how many BDTF meetings attended, and expectations for this meeting.



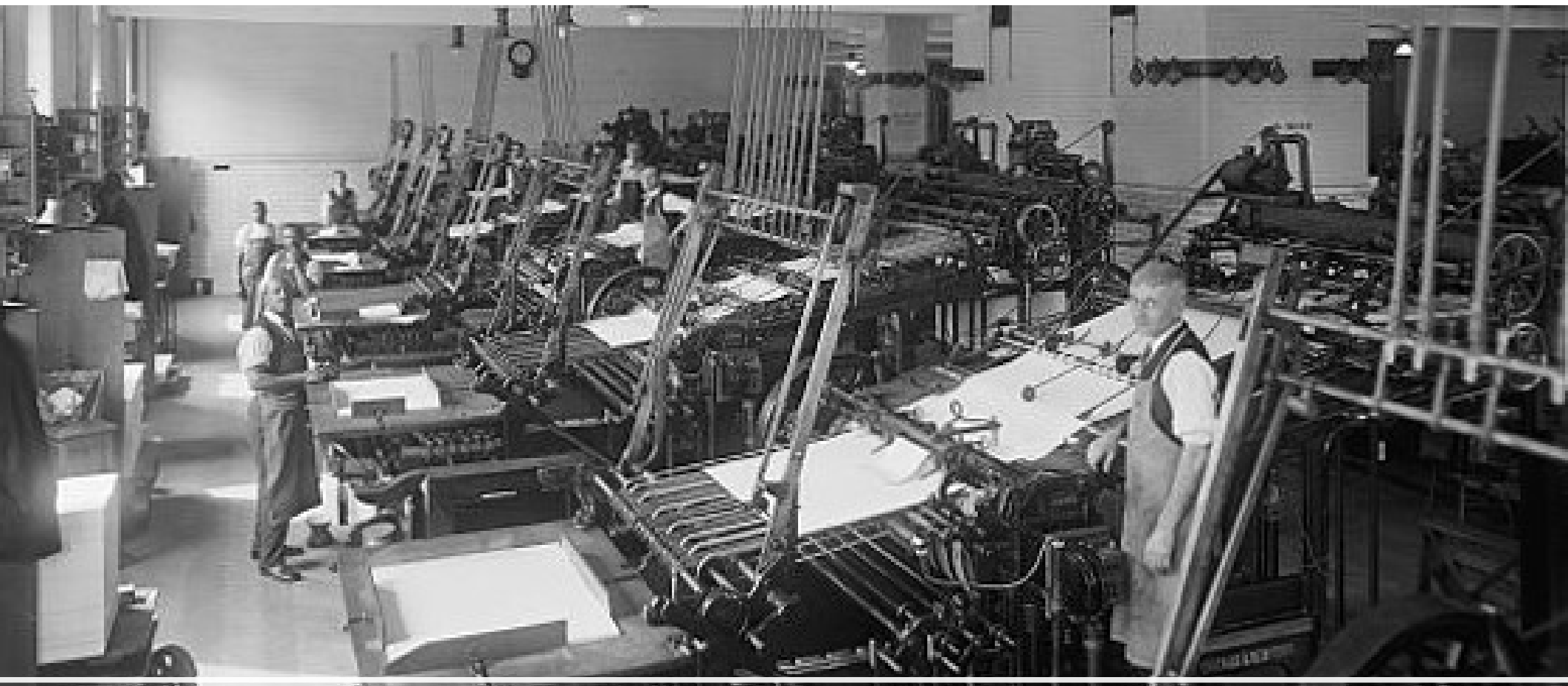
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PREPARE



MANAGE



DISTRIBUTE



ARCHIVE/PRESERVE

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3712

To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, as the “James M. & Thomas W.L. Ashley Customs Building and United States Courthouse”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 1, 2007

Ms. KAPTUR introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, as the “James M. & Thomas W.L. Ashley Customs Building and United States Courthouse”.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. JAMES M. & THOMAS W.L. ASHLEY CUSTOMS

BUILDING AND UNITED STATES COURT-

HOUSE

(a) DESIGNATION.—The Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, shall be known as the “James M. & Thomas

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1 W.L. Ashley Customs Building and United States Court-
2 house”.

3 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
4 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
5 States to the Federal building and United States court-
6 house referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be
7 a reference to the “James M. & Thomas W.L. Ashley Cus-
8 toms Building and United States Courthouse”.

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The paper
version is the
official document
of record.



**Adding a digital layer to a
centuries-old paper process**

88TH CONGRESS
2d Session

H. R. 7152

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 1964

Ordered printed as passed the House

AN ACT

To enforce the constitutional right to vote, to confer jurisdiction upon the district courts of the United States to provide injunctive relief against discrimination in public accommodations, to authorize the Attorney General to institute suits to protect constitutional rights in public facilities and public education, to extend the Commission on Civil Rights, to prevent discrimination in federally assisted programs, to establish a Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity, and for other purposes.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That this Act may be cited as "The Civil Rights Act of

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**Online means more
than just the
electronic
representation of
the paper document**

The Solution

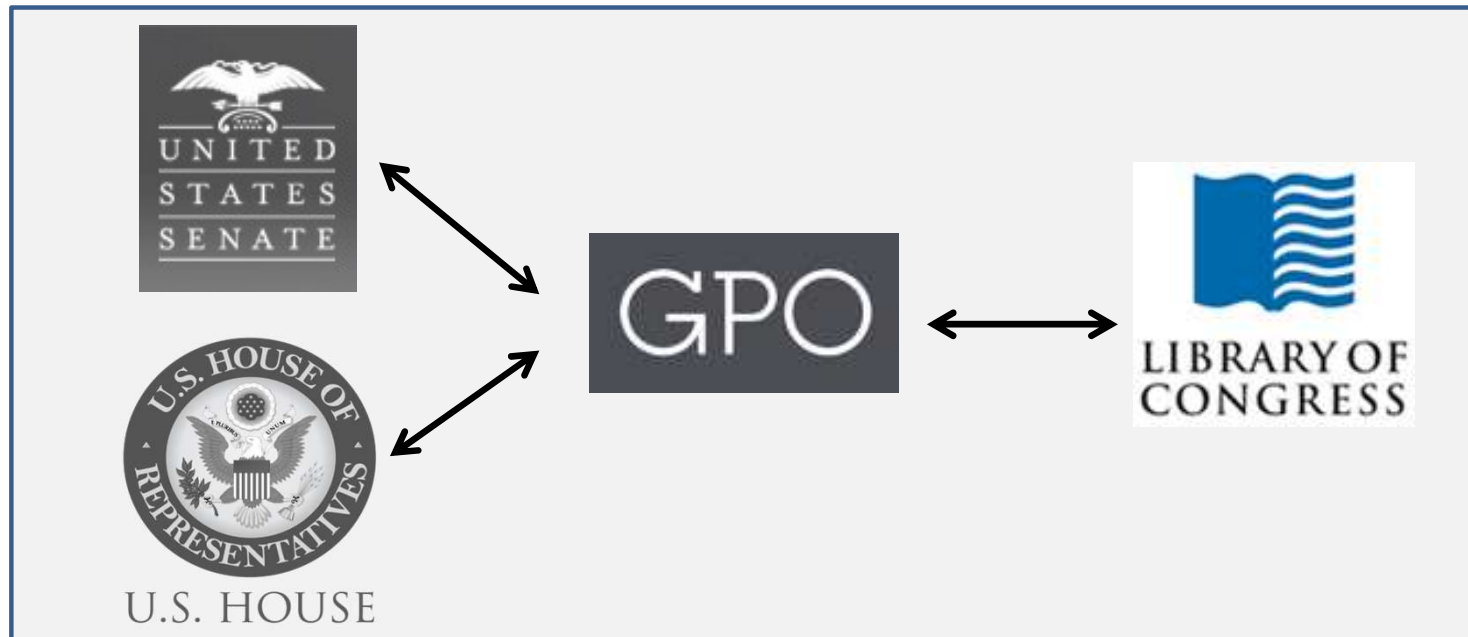
Structured Data

Formats: XML, JSON, HTML...

While dealing with the three characteristics that documents share:

- **Presentation:** how the content looks
- **Structure:** how the content is organized
- **Semantics:** what does it mean

Data Exchange: Simple



More comprehensive workflows can be found on the Innovation Hub:
<https://usgpo.github.io/innovation/resources/>



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Large bills and the ecosystem

H.R. 133, Consolidated Appropriations, FY 2021

- Engrossed Amendment in House (EAH): 5,432 pages
- Enrollment (ENR): 2,124 pages

H.R. 8352 116th

- Introduced House (IH) : 4,435 pages

H.R. 6395, NDAA, FY 2021

- Engrossed House (EH): 3,470 pages

H.R. 3684, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (117th)

- Engrossed House (EH): 1,934 pages
- Enrollment (ENR) : 1,039 pages

H. R. 133 ENR on its way to the Senate (signature); 12/24/2020

Photo courtesy of the staff in Legislative Operations, Office of the Clerk



Updates from Legislative Branch Organizations

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 - Majority Leader's Office
- Senate
 - Office of the Secretary
- Congressional Budget Office (CBO)
- *others*

Upcoming
Product
Releases

CLERK  | UNITED STATES HOUSE
of REPRESENTATIVES

 eHOPPER

 COMPARATIVE
PRINT SUITE

 LIMS

Other items

- Committee tools
 - RFIs
 - Committee vote database
 - Common committee scheduling tool
- Lobby Disclosure system
- Member Information System (MIS)

Congressional Redistricting

Gain one

- Five
- Colorado
 - Florida
 - Montana
 - North Carolina
 - Oregon

Gain two

- One
- Texas

Stay the Same

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Lose one

- Seven
- California
 - Illinois
 - Michigan
 - New York
 - Ohio
 - Pennsylvania
 - West Virginia

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Updated from
Civil Society
Organizations
and others

- TechCongress
- Demand Progress
- Lincoln Network
- others

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Upcoming
Event

Congressional Hackathon 4.0

The 4th Official Bipartisan Hackathon in the U.S. Capitol

Hosted by Leaders Hoyer and McCarthy

April 6, 2022

1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

CVC – U.S. Capitol

Recommendation New Name

47. Make permanent the Bulk Data Task Force and rename it the **Congressional Data Task Force**.

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress

*Page 35, item #47 of the final report for the 116th Congress

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/GPO-CRPT-116hrpt562/pdf/GPO-CRPT-116hrpt562.pdf>

Reports Due to the Adoption of H. Res. 756 on March 10, 2020

- <https://cha.house.gov/modernization-reports>
 - Under the committee activity tab

TITLE V—IMPROVING ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Sec. 501. Adopting standardized format for legislative documents.
- Sec. 502. Legislation comparison project.
- Sec. 503. Database of information on expiration of authorizations of programs.
- Sec. 504. Database of votes taken in committees.
- Sec. 505. Assignment of unique identifiers for reports filed by registered lobbyists.
- Sec. 506. Public availability of reports.

January 20, 2022, Hearing

**Making Congress Work Better for the American People: A Recommendation
Status Report**

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress

Witnesses:

- Cheryl Johnson, Clerk of the House
- Catherine Szpindor, Chief Administrative Officer

<https://docs.house.gov/Committee/Calendar/ByEvent.aspx?EventID=114329>

- **Job Openings with the House**

<https://www.house.gov/employment/positions-with-other-house-organizations>

CAO

- Project Manager
- Product Manager
- User Experience Designer
- Software Engineer
- Remedy Developer
- Business Process Applications Specialist

Resources and other information:

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Next Meeting
Bulk Data Task Force

Thursday, June 9, 2022
2:00 to 4:00 pm EST



Thank you for attending!

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