

# Housekeeping Items



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*Meeting will start at ~2:01 pm and end at 4:00 pm EST*

# The Congressional Data Task Force

Public Meeting

Thursday, June 22, 2023

# Welcome

## **Kirsten Gullickson**

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[USGPO.GITHUB.IO/INNOVATION/](https://USGPO.GITHUB.IO/INNOVATION/)

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- House of Representatives,
- 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 Congressional Data Task Force

- The Bulk Data Task Force was 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

*The name changed to the Congressional Data Task Force on June 21, 2022*

# Legislative Branch Innovation Hub

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

# AGENDA

1. Welcome and Background
2. Reports/Updates from LOC, GPO, GAO, House, Senate
3. Reports/Updates from civil society organizations
4. Time for Discussion/Questions and Answers
5. Announcements/Closing

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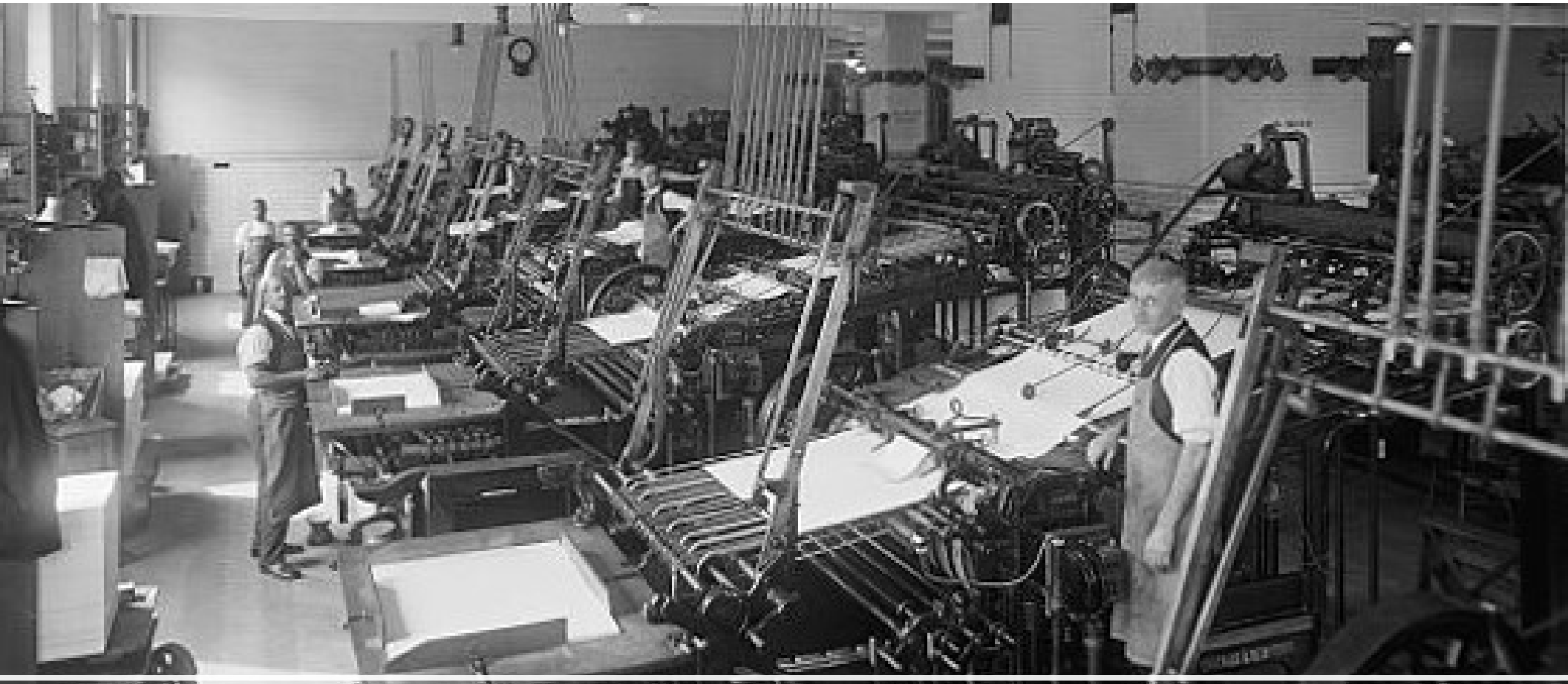


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**PREPARE**



**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".

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. JAMES M. & THOMAS W.L. ASHLEY CUSTOMS**  
4 **BUILDING AND UNITED STATES COURT-**  
5 **HOUSE**

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

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

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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



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



# The Solution

## Structured Data

Formats: XML, JSON, HTML...

*GPO Developer Hub at [GovInfo.gov/developers](http://GovInfo.gov/developers)*

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The three characteristics that documents share:

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



*Roadmap for Publishing Legislative Documents in USLM XML Format<sup>1</sup>*

Completed	U.S. Code
Completed	Enrolled bills, public laws, and the Statutes at Large
Completed	HOLC/SOLC statute compilations
IN PROGRESS <i>Initiated</i>	Remaining bill/resolution versions (introduced, reported, engrossed, all amendments, et. al.)
C	Committee Reports
D	House portions of the <i>Congressional Record</i> , including the <i>Daily Digest</i>
E	Hearing record
F	House Calendar
G	<i>Precedents of the U.S. House of Representatives</i>
H	<i>House Journal</i>

# The Solution: XML USLM schema

## Legislative Branch Innovation Hub

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### Reports

#### Standardized Formats for Legislative Documents, USLM

- **Initial Report** - Required by Section 501 of House Resolution 756 of the 116th Congress - [PDF](#)
- Quarterly Report 1 - October 15, 2020 - [PDF](#)
- Quarterly Report 2 - January 15, 2021 - [PDF](#)
- Quarterly Report 3 - April 15, 2021 - [PDF](#)
- Quarterly Report 4 - July 15, 2021 - [PDF](#)
- Quarterly Report 5 - October 15, 2021 - [PDF](#)
- Quarterly Report 6 - January 15, 2022 - [PDF](#)
- Quarterly Report 7 - April 15, 2022 - [PDF](#)

[//usgpo.github.io/innovation/reports/](https://usgpo.github.io/innovation/reports/)

# **VOLUME OF WORK**

# House

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Over the last two Congresses, the number of bills and cosponsors has increased tremendously.

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House members introduced 11,461 bills during the 117th Congress—nearly 1,000 more bills than the previous Congress and the most bills introduced since the 95th Congress (1977–1979).

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For those 11,461 bills, Clerk processed 176,139 original and additional cosponsors.

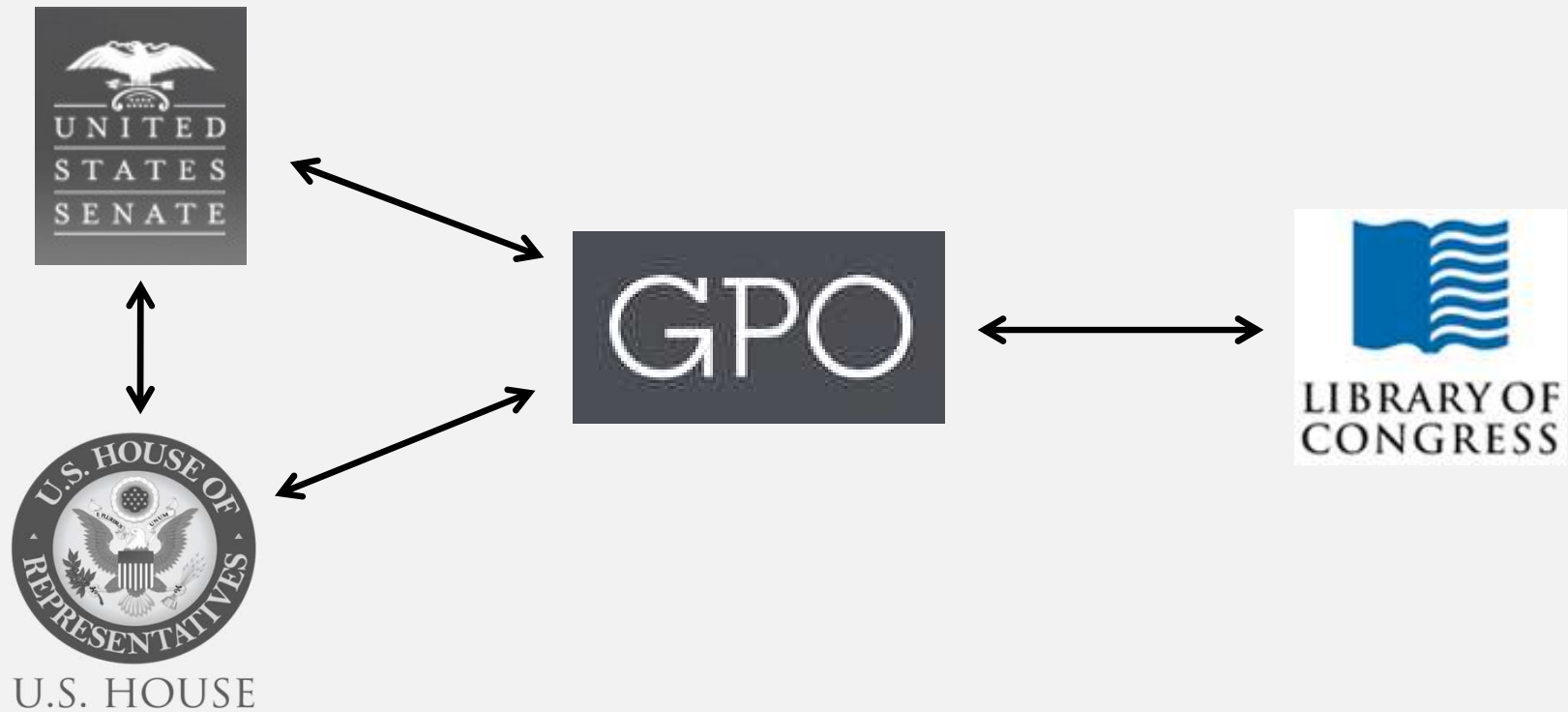
# July 2022

- In session: 17 calendar days.
- Bills introduced: 482
- Reports filed: 58
  - 54 legislative
  - 4 non-legislative
- Bills considered: 88
  - 84 House measures
  - 4 Senate measures
- Bills engrossed: 85
  - 69 House bills; 1 Senate bill
  - 2 Concurrent Resolutions; 13 House Resolutions
- Bills enrolled: 7
- Cosponsors processed: 6,587
- Committee activity:
  - 98 meetings over 15 Calendar days
    - Hearings: 67
    - Mark-ups: 17
    - Meetings: 14

JULY						
Sun	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sat
		<del>5</del>	6	<del>7</del>	<del>1</del> 8	2
3	4	<del>5</del>	6	<del>7</del>	8	9
10	<del>11</del>	<del>12</del>	<del>13</del>	<del>14</del>	<del>15</del>	16
17	<del>18</del>	<del>19</del>	<del>20</del>	<del>21</del>	<del>22</del>	23
24	25	<del>26</del>	<del>27</del>	<del>28</del>	<del>29</del>	30
31						

Sources: <https://www.housecalendar.gov/>; LIMS

# Data Exchange: Simple



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

# Next on the Agenda

## *Legislative Branch organizations*

### Reports from

- **The Library of Congress**
- Government Accountability Office
- The Government Publishing Office
- *working groups*
- The Senate Secretary's office
- The House CAO's office
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# LIBRARY



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**VIDEO GAME CHALLENGE**

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# Project Sia: Congressional Activity Monitoring

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*\* Sia was the ancient Egyptian god of perception*

# Problem: Too Many Information Sources

The screenshot displays a complex web interface with several overlapping elements:

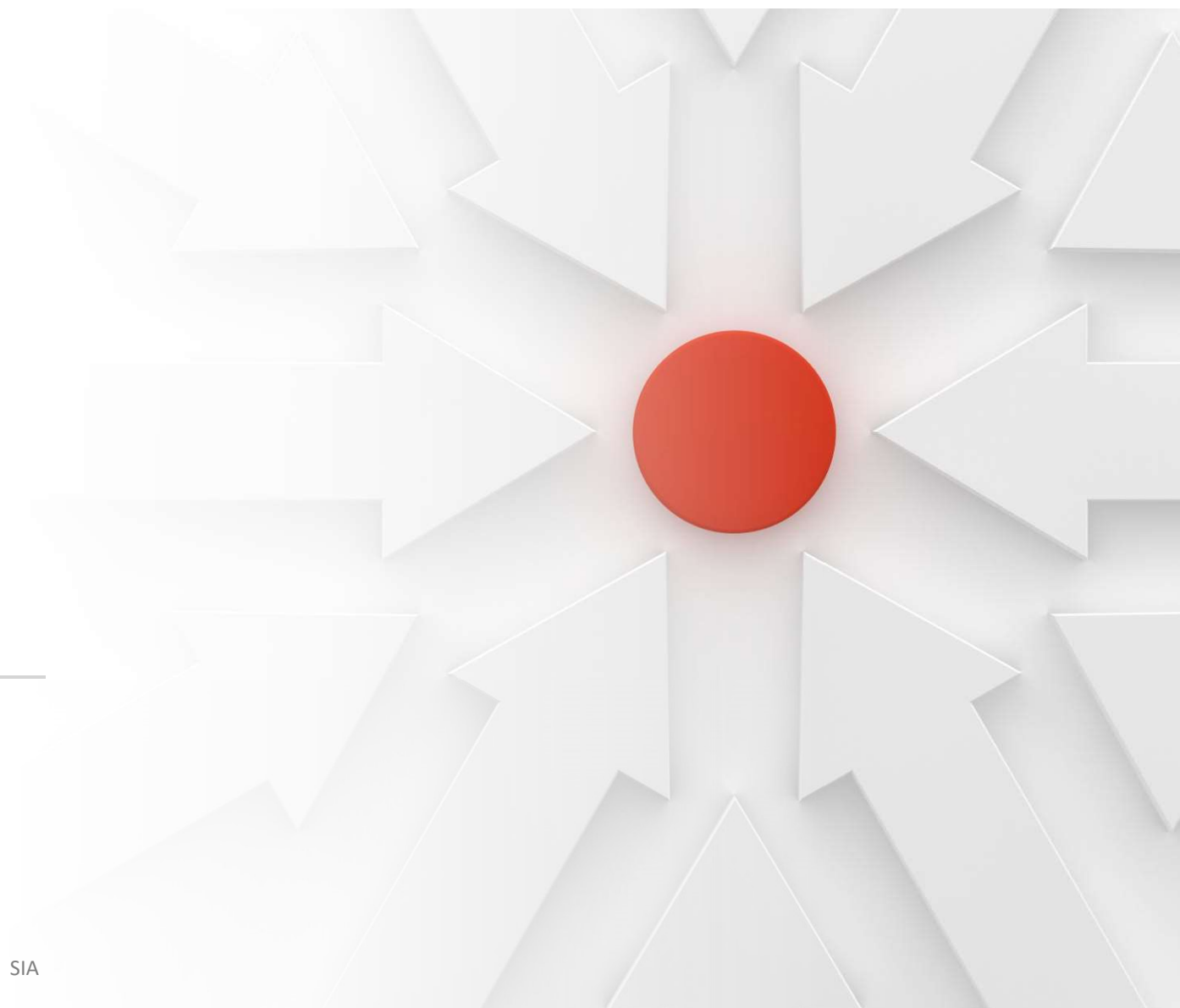
- Top Left:** Logo for the Committee on Small Business, featuring icons for a factory, a person, and a gear.
- Top Center:** Navigation menu with links for HOME, ABOUT, NEWS, and SUBCOMMITTEES.
- Top Right:** Logo for the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business Entrepreneurship, with sub-links for About, Hearings, Legislation, and Oversight.
- Filter Bar:** A horizontal bar with a 'Year' dropdown, a 'Filter' button, and a 'Reset' button.
- Section Header:** 'Latest News' in blue text.
- Filter Tabs:** A row of tabs labeled FILTER, All, Letters, Press Releases, Publications, and Statements.
- Main Content:** A list of news items, including:
  - 'Chairwoman Velázquez Applauds President Biden's "Buy American" Executive Order' (January 25, 2021).
  - 'Cotton, Colleagues: Stop Illegal PPP Loans to Planned Parenthood'.
  - 'Rubio Statement on the Reopening of the Paycheck Protection Program'.
  - 'SBA Releases COVID-19 Relief Guide for Small Businesses, Lauds Reopening'.
  - 'Statement on Nomination of Isabel Guzman as SBA Administrator'.
- Bottom Left:** A green navigation bar for the Committee on Commerce, with links for ABOUT E&C, SUBCOMMITTEES, and COMMITTEE ACTIVITY.
- Bottom Center:** A 'NEWSROOM' section with a 'LATEST NEWS' sub-header. It lists three items:
  - 'Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee Announces Hearing with States on the Rollout of COVID-19 Vaccines' (Jan 26, 2021).
  - 'House Leaders Urge GAO Oversight to Ensure Federal Buildings Energy Efficiency Measures' (Jan 26, 2021).
  - 'Energy & Commerce Committee to Hold Committee Organizational Meeting on Thursday' (Jan 22, 2021).
- Bottom Right:** A search bar with a 'FILTER' button and a 'SEARCH KEYWORDS' input field.
- Bottom Far Right:** A navigation bar with buttons for RELEASES, REMARKS, and COMMENTARY.
- Background:** A large, semi-transparent watermark for 'Majority Press' is visible across the right side of the page.



# Solution: Single Information Source

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# Key Features



Easily searchable database of congressional activities.



Automatic notifications for upcoming hearings.



Suggestions for relevant GAO report subsections and related agency contacts.



Analysis of emerging areas of congressional interest.



Error tracking to ensure data quality

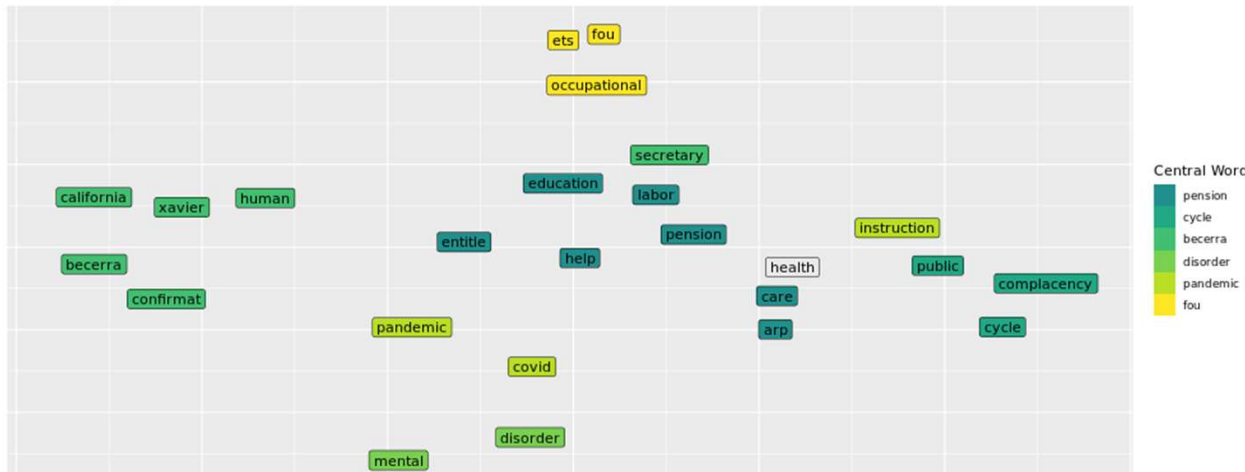
# Interface: Exploring Congressional Activity

Date	Title	Text	Type	Committee	Sub-Committee	Party	GAO Mentioned?	Top Matching Results: Report Headers (FY13-20)
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2021-04-27	<a href="#">Curbing COVID Cons: Warning Consumers about Pandemic Frauds, Scams, and Swindles</a>	WASHINGTON, D.C.— U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), the Chair of the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security, will convene a hearing titled, "Curbing COVID Cons: Warning Consumers about Pandemic <b>Frauds</b> , Scams, and Swindles," at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 27, 2021. The hearing will examine scams related to COVID-19 and Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") actions to stop these scams. In particular, the hearing will raise awareness of ongoing schemes such as identity theft, fake personal protective equipment, <b>fraudulent</b> vaccination claims, and robocalls; the FTC's education efforts around these scams; the FTC's use of its new civil penalty authority for COVID-related scams; and the FTC's threatened "13(b)" consumer redress authority.	<b>Past Hearing</b>	Senate	Full Committee	Democrat	No	<a href="#">GAO-20-153: FCC and FTC Have Robust Consumer Education Efforts That Follow Key Practices for Consumer Education and Interagency Collaboration</a> <a href="#">GAO-19-52: FTC and FCC Have Used Different Approaches to Oversee Internet Privacy</a> <a href="#">GAO-19-196: Regulators Inform Consumers about Protections Available and Consumers Can Take Some Actions after a CRA Data Breach</a>



# Interface: Topic Analysis of Unmatched Activity

Terms Closely Associated with 'Health'



Date	Title	Text	Type	Committee	Sub-Committee	Link
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2021-06-10	<a href="#">Senator Murray Statement on DOL Announcing an OSHA Workplace Safety Standard for Health Care Workers</a>	(Washington, D.C.) - Today, Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), chair of the Senate <b>Health</b> , Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, issued the following statement in response to the Department of Labor (DOL) announcing that the Occupational Safety and <b>Health</b> Administration (OSHA) will issue a COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard ( <b>ETS</b> ) for <b>Health</b> care workers and revised guidance for all workers at risk from COVID-19. "This announcement is an important step to protect workers who have fou... Continue Reading	Press Release	Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions	Full Committee	<a href="https://www.help.senate.gov/chair/newsroom/press/?type=press_release">https://www.help.senate.gov/chair/newsroom/press/?type=press_release</a>

# Committees

## House

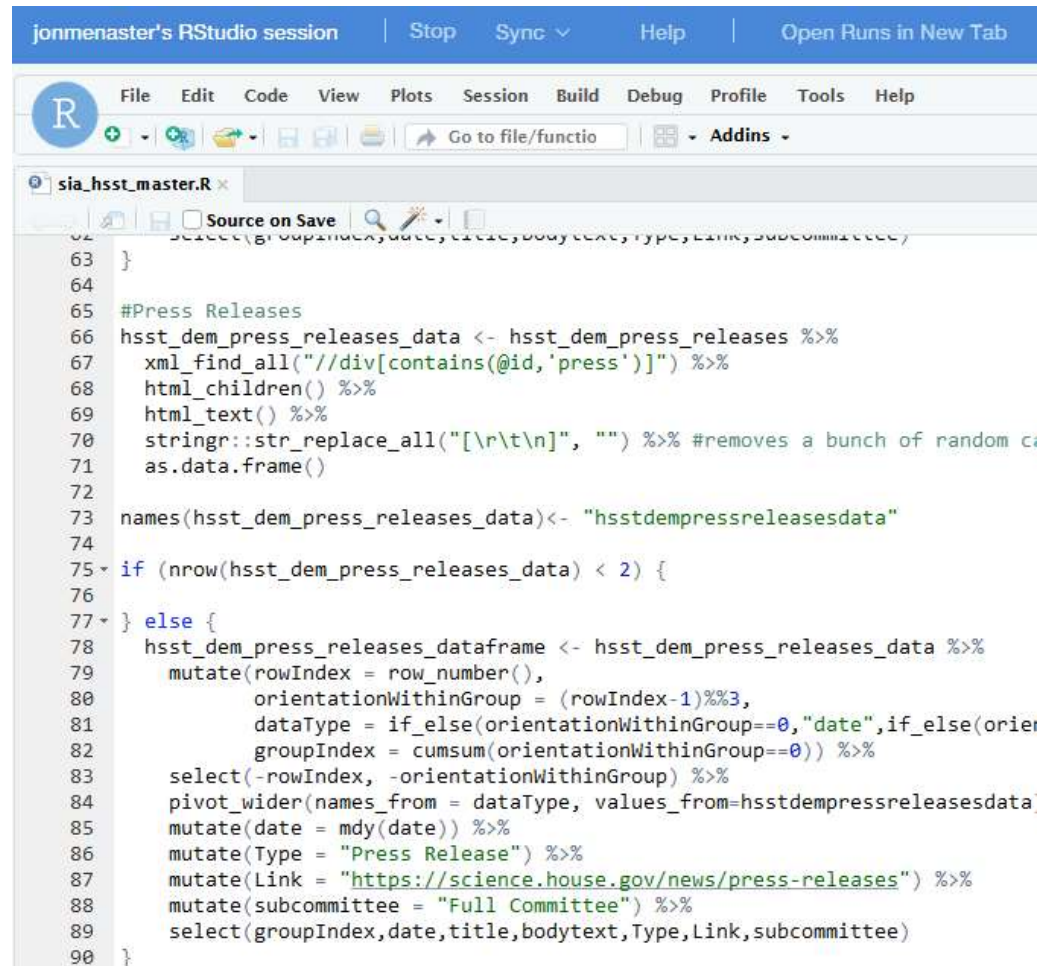
- Science, Space, and Technology
- Energy and Commerce
- Small Business
- Armed Services
- Judiciary
- Appropriations
- Oversight & Reform
- Veterans Affairs

## Senate

- Judiciary
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation
- Finance
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Health, Energy, Labor, Pensions
- Armed Services
- Appropriations
- Homeland Security and Government Affairs

# Web Scraping

- Each committee and its subcommittees require custom code that is adaptable to design shifts



```
62 select(groupIndex, date, title, bodytext, Type, Link, subcommittee)
63 }
64
65 #Press Releases
66 hsst_dem_press_releases_data <- hsst_dem_press_releases %>%
67   xml_find_all("//div[contains(@id, 'press')]") %>%
68   html_children() %>%
69   html_text() %>%
70   stringr::str_replace_all("[\\r\\t\\n]", "") %>% #removes a bunch of random c
71   as.data.frame()
72
73 names(hsst_dem_press_releases_data) <- "hsstdempresreleasesdata"
74
75 if (nrow(hsst_dem_press_releases_data) < 2) {
76
77 } else {
78   hsst_dem_press_releases_dataframe <- hsst_dem_press_releases_data %>%
79     mutate(rowIndex = row_number(),
80            orientationWithinGroup = (rowIndex-1)%3,
81            dataType = if_else(orientationWithinGroup==0, "date", if_else(orient
82            groupIndex = cumsum(orientationWithinGroup==0)) %>%
83     select(-rowIndex, -orientationWithinGroup) %>%
84     pivot_wider(names_from = dataType, values_from=hsstdempresreleasesdata
85     mutate(date = mdy(date)) %>%
86     mutate(Type = "Press Release") %>%
87     mutate(Link = "https://science.house.gov/news/press-releases") %>%
88     mutate(subcommittee = "Full Committee") %>%
89     select(groupIndex, date, title, bodytext, Type, Link, subcommittee)
90 }
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# Updates

- Each website must be checked periodically for new information

## Scheduled Jobs

Title ▲	Runs As	Command to Run	Schedule
Consolidate New Runs and Update Database	kurtzmana	consolidate.R	every day at 03:30 EST
Daily Refresh	kurtzmana	start_stop.py	every day at 06:00 EST
HEC Daily	kurtzmana	sia_hec_master.r	every day at 03:00 EST
HSB Daily	kurtzmana	sia_hsb_master.r	every day at 03:00 EST
HSST daily	kurtzmana	sia_hsst_master.R	every day at 03:00 EST
Senate Commerce, Science, and Technology	awells	sia_scst_master.R	every day at 03:00 EST

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# Use Cases

1

SEE WHAT CONGRESS IS SAYING ABOUT A PARTICULAR TOPIC AS YOU DEVELOP AN ENGAGEMENT.

2

GAUGE POTENTIAL CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN A GAO PRODUCT.

3

MONITOR UPCOMING HEARINGS AND LOCATE OPPORTUNITIES TO FEATURE GAO WORK.

4

HELP GAO TO IDENTIFY AREAS OF EMERGING INTEREST IN CONGRESS.

Thank you!

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# GOVINFO, USLM, AND XPUB

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JUNE 22, 2023 | LISA LAPLANT, GOVINFO PROGRAM MANAGER, U.S. GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

Congressional Data Task Force

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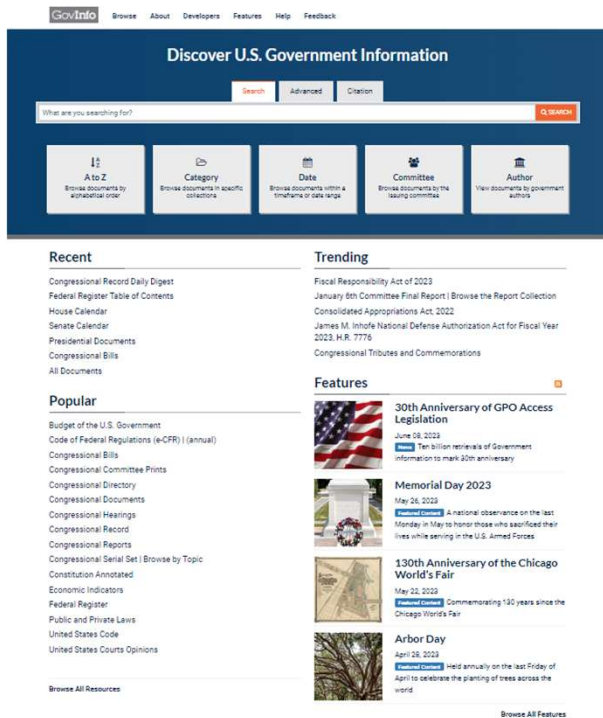
## GPO'S GOVINFO SYSTEM

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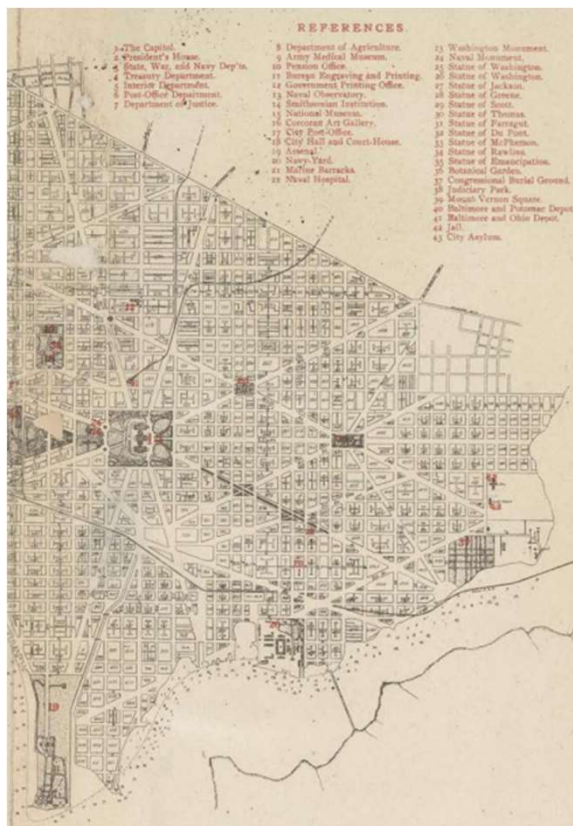
ISO 16363 certified Trustworthy Digital Repository that ensures free online access to current and historical Government information from all three branches today and into the future

# GOVINFO – NOTABLE CONTENT



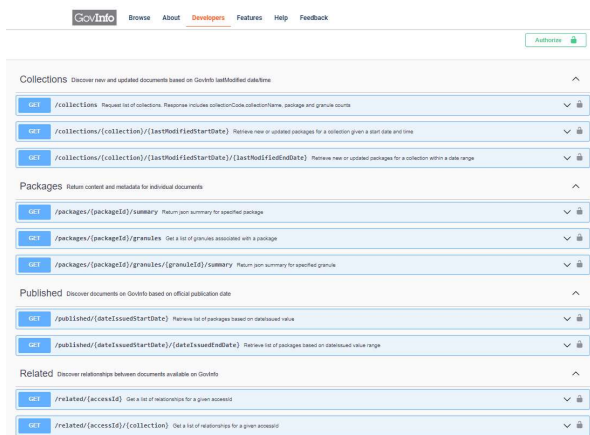
- Congressional Record (1873 to present)
- Bills, Slip Laws, United States Code (1994 to present)
- United States Statutes at Large (1951 to present)
- Federal Register (1936 to present)
- Code of Federal Regulations (1996 to present)
- Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States (1929 to present)
- Budget of the United States Government (1996 to present)
- Federal District, Bankruptcy, and Appellate Opinions (millions of opinions from 157 courts)
- Congressional Serial Set (select volumes from the 69th Congress, the 82nd Congress, and other Congresses)
- House and Senate Committee Hearings, Prints, Reports and Documents
- House and Senate Calendars, Rules, Procedures, Precedents, and Journals
- Statute Compilations
- Directories of Organizations and Officials in the U.S. Federal Government
- Current and Historical Publications from Federal Agencies and Commissions

# GOVINFO – NEW DIGITIZED CONGRESSIONAL CONTENT



- Approximately 700 House and Senate Hearings from the 79th to the 99th Congress (1946-1982)
- House Reports that are part of the Congressional Serial Set from the 94th Congress (1975-1976)
- Congressional Directories from the 52nd to the 104th Congress (1891-1996)

# GOVINFO – API SEARCH SERVICE



- GovInfo API Search Service – coming soon
- Use existing field operators to search GovInfo content and metadata (e.g., congress:118, collection:crpt, committee:appropriations)
- Return default set of fields including links to content and metadata
- Sample requests and responses will be added to GPO's API GitHub repository this summer
- For more information and to provide feedback on planned functionality see GitHub [Issue #1](#)

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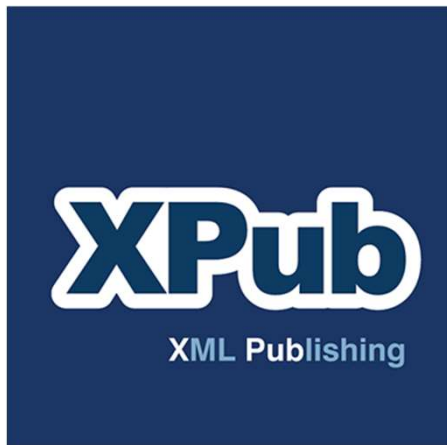
## USLM – SCHEMA UPDATE AND SAMPLE FILES



- USLM 2.0.x schema moving out of “draft” status
- USLM 2.0.x content files on GovInfo will continue to carry the “beta” label
- All USLM 2.0.x schema versions will continue to be made available on GovInfo and GitHub
- Moving schema files from Proposed branch to Main branch in GPO's USLM GitHub repository
- Sample amendment files from bill version modeling project – coming soon
- <https://github.com/usgpo/uslm>

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## XPUB – UPCOMING RELEASE



- Congressional Bills and Public Laws
- Integration of XPub with House and Senate bill authoring tools
- Responsive HTML format – coming soon

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## ACCESS TO CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED REPORTS ACT



- Introducing Amanda Dunn, Project Manager for GPO's implementation of the Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act
- <https://www.gpo.gov/congressionally-mandated-reports>



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# CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED REPORTS

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CONGRESSIONAL DATA TASK FORCE

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## ACCESS TO CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED REPORTS ACT

### **Legislative Measure**

- Included in the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263), sections 7241-7248, “Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act”. [>](#)
- The GPO Director shall establish and maintain an online portal accessible by the public that allows the public to obtain electronic copies of congressionally mandated reports in one place.
- To the extent possible, the GPO Director shall meet the requirements by using existing online portals and functionality under the authority of the GPO Director in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence.

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## ACCESS TO CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED REPORTS ACT

### **Key Definitions**

- The term “congressionally mandated report” means a report of a Federal agency required by statute to be submitted to either House of Congress or any committee of Congress or subcommittee (see exclusions).
- The term “Federal agency” means an executive agency or an establishment in the legislative or judicial branch of the Government (except the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the Architect of the Capitol, and any activities under the direction of the Architect of the Capitol) (40 U.S.C. 102) (see exclusions).

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## ACCESS TO CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED REPORTS ACT

### **Excluded Reports**

- Reports from patriotic and national organizations (defined in 36 U.S.C. Subtitle II Part B).
- Reports by an office of an inspector general.
- Reports from the Government Accountability Office (GAO).
- Reports from an “intelligence community” (defined in 50 U.S.C. 3003).
- Reports submitted to the Senate or House committees on Intelligence, Armed Services, Appropriations, Foreign Relations and Foreign Affairs.

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## ACCESS TO CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED REPORTS ACT

### **Consultation**

Regarding the requirements for and maintenance of congressionally mandated reports on the portal, the GPO Director shall consult with the following:

- Congressional Leadership;
- The Clerk of the House of Representatives;
- The Secretary of the Senate; and
- The Library of Congress.

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## ACCESS TO CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED REPORTS ACT

### **Implementation – Reports to Congress**

- Reports required by statute to be submitted to the House of Representatives or the Senate at any time on or after the date of the enactment of the Act.
- Reports included by the Clerk of the House of Representatives or the Secretary of the Senate on the list of reports received by the House of Representatives or the Senate at any time on or after the date of the enactment.
- Reports prior to enactment to the extent practicable.

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## ACCESS TO CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED REPORTS ACT

### **Implementation – Reports to Committees**

- Reports first required to be submitted by a statute which is enacted on or after the date of enactment of the Act.
- To the maximum extent practical, congressionally mandated reports which were required to be submitted by a statute enacted before the date of enactment, unless the chair of the committee or subcommittee notifies the GPO Director in writing that the report is to be withheld from publication, and the GPO Director publishes the notification on the online portal.



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# ACCESS TO CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED REPORTS ACT

## Key Requirements

- Electronic file transfer for agency points of contact.
- Report and transmittal letter in an open format but still made available if supplied in another format.
- Metadata such as the title, date of publication, reporting Federal agency, statute citation, receiving committee(s) and subcommittee(s), report identifiers, subject tags, required submission date, and actual submission date, Serial/SuDoc number, etc.
- Search and bulk download functionality.
- Searchable, sortable table of downloadable reports submitted on time, after the required date, and reports not submitted (to the extent practicable).
- Written notice from the chair of the committee or subcommittee when a report is withheld.

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## ACCESS TO CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED REPORTS ACT

### **Federal Agency Responsibilities**

- Not earlier than 30 days or later than 60 days after the date on which a congressionally mandated report is submitted to either House of Congress or to any committee of Congress or subcommittee thereof, the head of the Federal agency submitting the congressionally mandated report shall submit to the Director the metadata information required (statute citation, copy of report, title, publication date, etc.) with respect to the congressionally mandated report.
- Nothing in this subtitle shall relieve a Federal agency of any other requirement to publish the congressionally mandated report on the online portal of the Federal agency or otherwise submit the congressionally mandated report to Congress or specific committees of Congress, or subcommittees thereof.

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## ACCESS TO CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED REPORTS ACT

### **Federal Agency Responsibilities (cont'd)**

- The head of each Federal agency shall ensure that each congressionally mandated report submitted to the Director complies with the guidance on the implementation of this subtitle issued by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget regarding the structure of the report data.
- The head of each Federal agency shall designate a point of contact for congressionally mandated reports.
- The Director shall not publish any report through the reports online portal that is received from anyone other than the head of the applicable Federal agency, or an officer or employee of the Federal agency specifically designated by the head of the Federal agency.

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### **Federal Agency Responsibilities (cont'd)**

- The head of the Federal agency may change or remove a congressionally mandated report submitted to be published on the reports online portal only if the head of the Federal agency consults with each committee of Congress or subcommittee thereof to which the report is to be submitted (or committee with jurisdiction over the agency as determined by the head of the agency in consultation with the Speaker of the House and the President pro tempore of the Senate) prior to changing or removing the reports; or a joint resolution is enacted to authorize the change or removal of the report.
- The Federal agency may make technical changes to a report, may remove a report submitted in error, or may withhold information, records, or reports from publication in accordance with section 5246.
- In publishing reports to the online portal, the head of each Federal agency shall be responsible for withholding information pursuant to the requirements of this section (including 552 and 552a U.S.C. Title 5, information of National Security, or information that is Law Enforcement Sensitive).

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## ACCESS TO CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED REPORTS ACT

### **Timeline from Legislation**

- Not later than 180 days (i.e., 6 months, or June 21, 2023) after the date of enactment, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the GPO Director, shall issue guidance to agencies.
- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment (December 23, 2023), the GPO Director shall establish and maintain an online portal accessible by the public that allows the public to obtain electronic copies of congressionally mandated reports in one place.

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## CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED REPORTS UPDATE

### **OMB/GPO Agency Guidance Memo**

- On June 21, 2023, GPO and OMB issued a guidance memo to Federal agencies that will be submitting congressionally mandated reports to GPO. [≥](#)
- The guidance memo included scope information for both reports submitted to Congress and reports submitted directly to committees or subcommittees, agency responsibilities for providing reports and metadata to GPO, deadlines, information about exclusions and more.
- Additional instructional materials and information for Federal agencies will be added to the GPO.gov Congressionally Mandated Reports page over the next few months.

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## CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED REPORTS UPDATE

### **Implementation In Progress**

- Consultations with legislative branch stakeholders including representatives from the House Clerk's Office, the Senate Secretary's Office, committee clerks, and the Library of Congress.
- Agency submission portal development utilizing GPO's existing customer relationship management application (i.e., AskGPO).
- Design and development of the Congressionally Mandated Reports collection in GovInfo in order to implement public access requirements.
- Identification of agency "early adopters" for testing and validation of submission functionality.

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*Legislative Branch organizations*

## Reports from

- ***working groups***
- The Senate Secretary's office
- The House CAO's office
- The House Clerk's office

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Cross-organizational efforts and working groups  
*(ad-hoc, formal, and informal)*

- the working group on a Legislative Branch-wide Online Staff Directory
- the Legislative Branch Data Interchange Working Group
- the working group on Digitization Of Congressional Documents
- the Legislative Branch XML Technical Working Group
- the Congressional Video Preservation and Access Technical Working Group

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Reports from civil society organizations and others  
– **Congressional Data Coalition**



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# AGENDA

1. Welcome and Background
2. Reports/Updates from LOC, GPO, GAO, House, Senate
3. Reports/Updates from civil society organizations
- 4. Time for Discussion/Questions and Answers**
- 5. Announcements/Closing**

*Meeting ends at 4:00 pm EST*

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# Legislative Branch Innovation Hub

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

# Employment Opportunities

## usajobs.gov

- House: <https://www.house.gov/employment/positions-with-other-house-organizations>
- Senate: <https://www.senate.gov/visiting/employment.htm>
- GPO: <https://www.usajobs.gov/Search/?a=LP00>
- LOC: <https://loc.gov/careers/>

## Future Events

*Mid-September – dates and times still being determined*

Congressional Data Task Force meeting

Congress.gov public forum

Hackathon

# Thank you

## **Kirsten Gullickson**

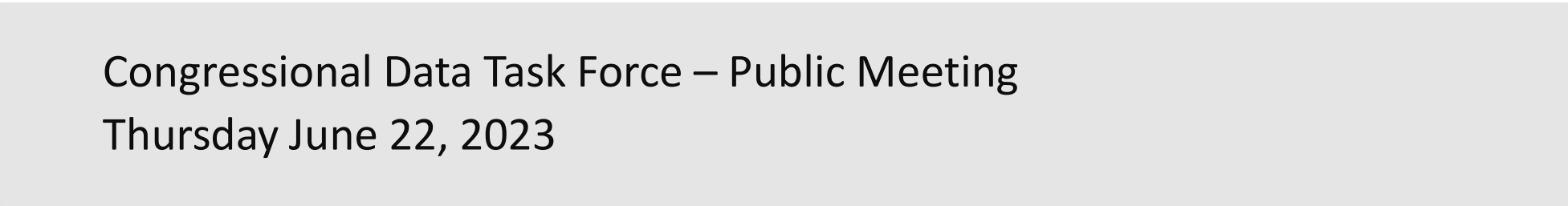
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Thank you for attending!



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