The Congressional Data Task Force

Public Meeting
Tuesday March 11, 2025

Welcome

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The Congressional Data Task Force

The Task Force is a partnership of representatives from various Legislative Branch Agencies including the—

- 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 <u>bulk data</u>

- *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 from CDTF Working Groups and Legislative Branch organizations
3. Report(s) from academics, advocacy groups and/or civil society organizations
4. Reports from CDTF Working Groups and Legislative Branch organizations
5. Announcements/Closing

Meeting ends at 4:00 pm EST

Q&A will be held throughout the meeting

The Congressional Data Task Force

Cross-organizational efforts and working groups

(ad-hoc, formal, and informal)

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

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, and expectations for this meeting.

Meeting will start at ~2:02 pm and end at 4:00 pm EST

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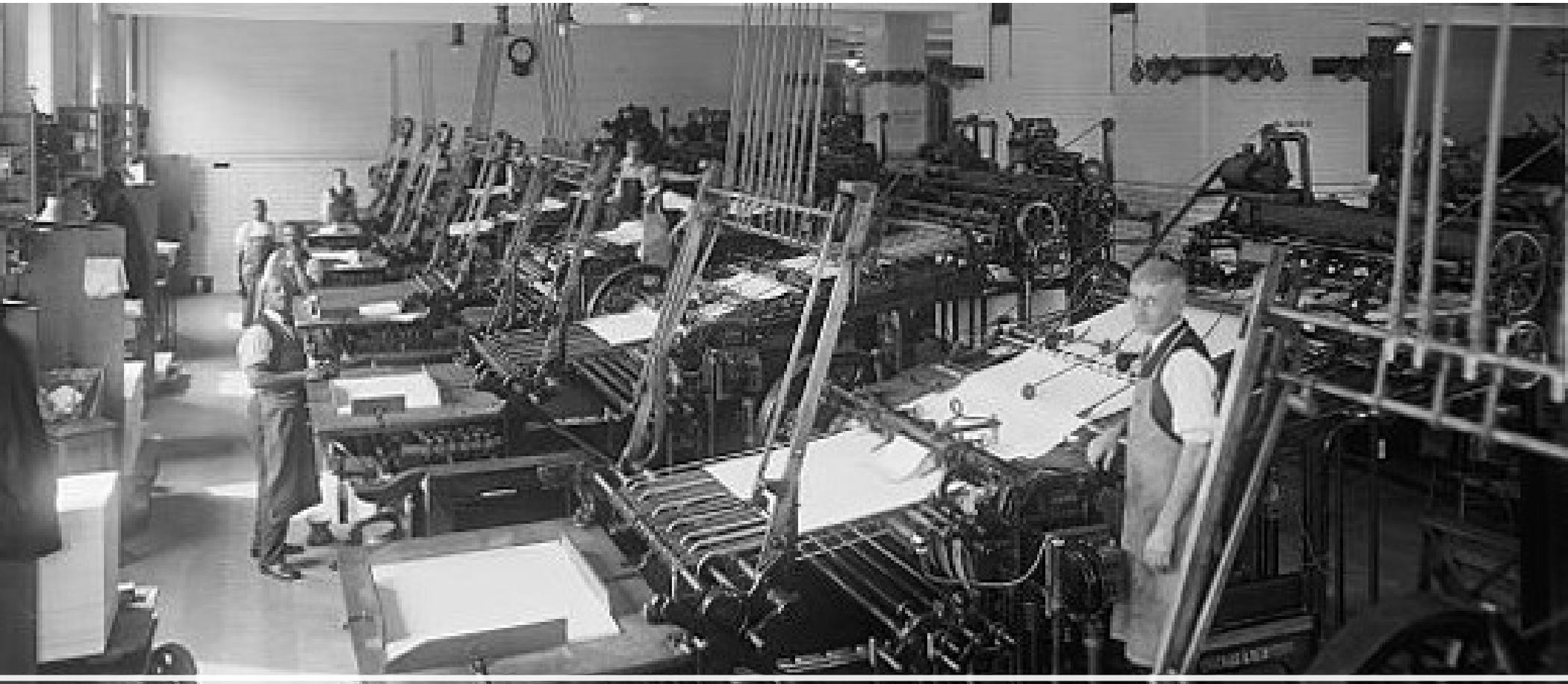
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PARLIAMENTARIAN

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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

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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

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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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•HR 3712 IH

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

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

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[2]

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

The Solution: XML
USLM schema

Legislative Branch Innovation Hub

About the Hub   Leadership Support   Data Standardization   **Reports**   Events   Resources

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/

CHA Report published December 2024

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CPRT-118HPRT57715/pdf/CPRT-118HPRT57715.pdf
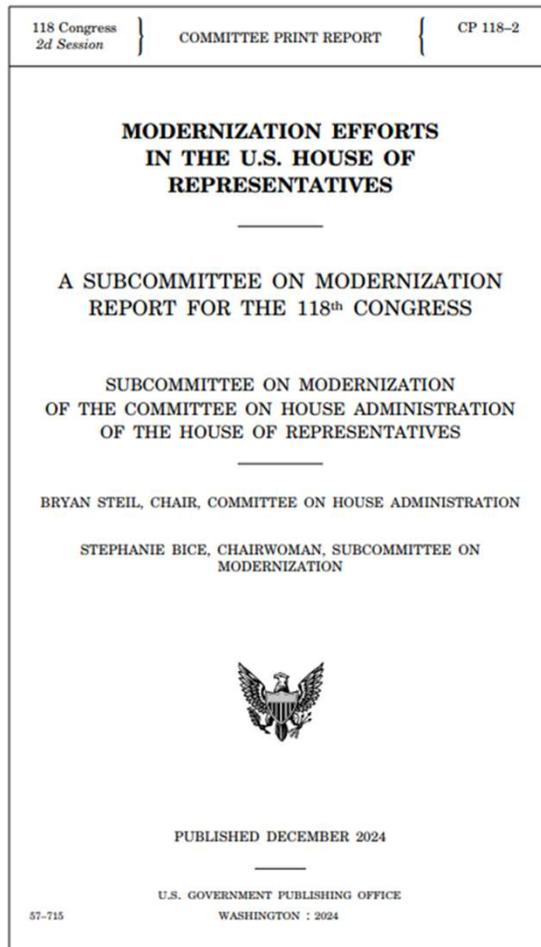
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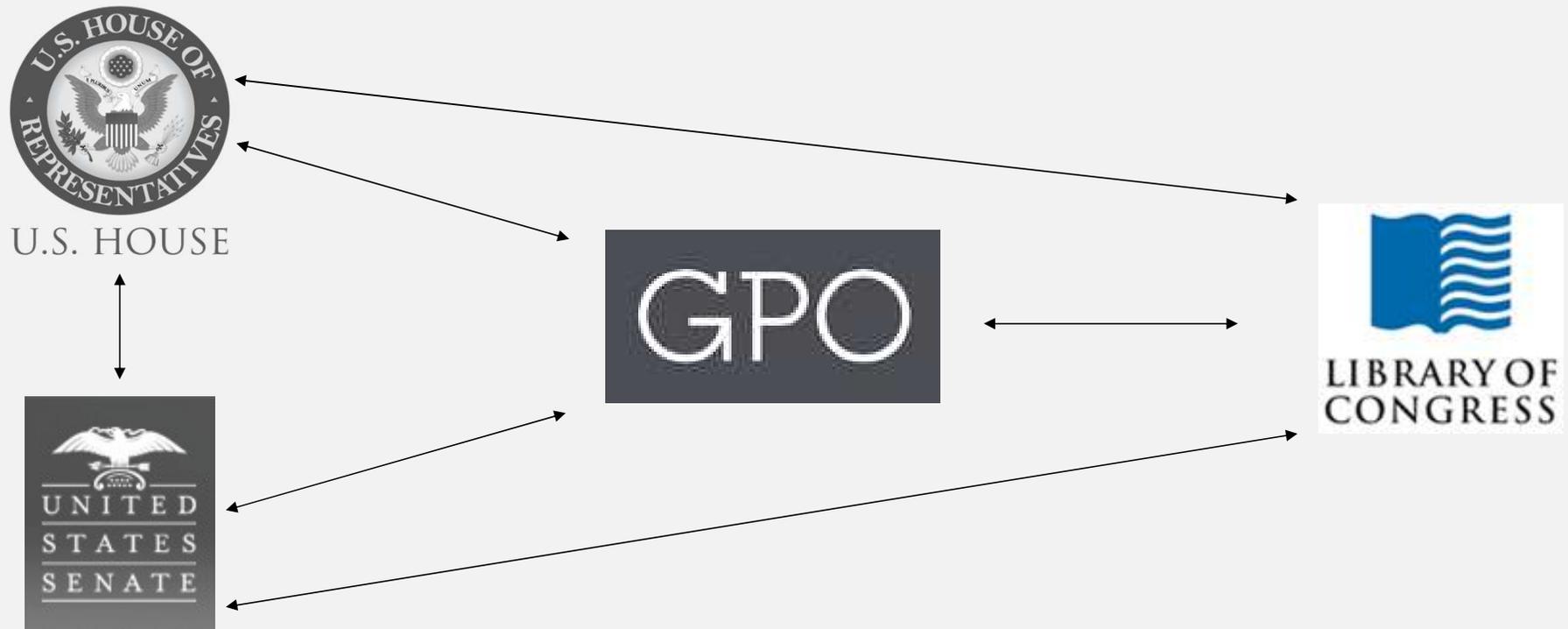
More comprehensive workflows can be found on the Innovation Hub:
https://usgpo.github.io/innovation/resources/

https://www.loc.gov/apis/additional-apis/congress-dot-gov-api/

Next on the Agenda

Reports from
- The House
  - The CAO's Office, House Digital Services
  - The Clerk's office, Legislative Computer Systems
- The Senate
  - The Secretary's Office

Reports Due
Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations

Congressionally Mandated Reports.—The Committee recognizes the value of making statute-required reports more readily available and discoverable. The Committee requests that the Office of the Clerk, in consultation with the Library of Congress, the Government Publishing Office, and the Congressional Data Task Force, author a report describing the challenges and opportunities associated with making these reports more readily available and discoverable. The scope of the report shall include, but not be limited to (1) reports covered by Public Law 117–263 and listed in H. Doc. 118–4; (2) potential impacts, if enacted, of S. 2073, the Eliminate Useless Reports Act of 2023; and (3) if it is feasible that submitted reports to Congress be delivered to House committees electronically via the Clerk's Committee portal in concert with the Government Publishing Office's Congressionally Mandated Reports submission portal or GovInfo. The report shall be submitted to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on House Administration within 180 days of enactment of this Act.

Legislative Branch Data Map and Management Plan: The Legislative branch is the creator and steward of invaluable information in the form of data that is utilized by Congress, federal agencies, and the public to ensure access to a historical record of legislative action. Each House Officer and the myriad of business units within them play an essential role in the life cycle of legislative and operational data. However, one comprehensive data map encompassing legislative documents, records of proceedings, administrative records, official communications, metadata, and operational information related to human resources, disbursements, employment, and other administrative functions, wholistically examining the lifecycle of this data across the House, does not exist. As such, the Congressional Data Task Force is to take inventory of all current data maps that exist across the House Clerk, Chief Administrative Office, and Sergeant at Arms, and produce a report that (1) details the current status of data maps across the House, (2) identifies where data maps need to be developed and standardized, and (3) make recommendations for the House on how the data maps can be completed and compiled into a single, unified House data map that is maintained into the future. For purposes of this report, only data owned and managed by the House Officers is expected to be included in the data inventory and considered for the recommendations. Any and all data that remains in the ownership of individual Members and committees is considered beyond the scope of this report. Additionally, any data that is owned by the House and then transferred to the Senate or a Legislative Branch agency should be included in the data map but illustrate where those ownership transfers occur. The final report is to be submitted to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on House Administration no later than 120 days after enactment of this Act.

https://docs.house.gov/Committee/Calendar/ByEvent.aspx?EventID=117435

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CRPT-118hrpt555/pdf/CRPT-118hrpt555.pdf#page=7

Updates on current project and products

- Comparative Print Suite

- eHopper

- LIMS MIS (member and committee data) and other LIMS modules

- Bioguide.congress.gov

- Lobbying Disclosure

- Committee Portal

- Legislative Drafting Study

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Report from

— Office of Law Revision Counsel

Training

Home > FDLP Academy Training Repository > An Inside Look At The United States Code

An Inside Look at the United States Code

Duration: 71 minutes   **Date Recorded:** January 29, 2025

Speakers

- Brian Lindsey, Law Revision Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives

Description

This webinar will provide an inside look at the maintenance and publication of the United States Code, the official codification of general and permanent Federal statutory law. The Office of the Law Revision Counsel within the U.S. House of Representatives is responsible for maintaining the U.S. Code. Learn more about the Office and how it goes about the process of updating the U.S. Code to incorporate new laws enacted by Congress. Some historical background will be given to explain why the U.S. Code looks as it does today. We will also explore a few features of the U.S. Code website and learn about how notes added by Code editors can give important context to the statutory text beyond what is printed.

Associated Files for Download

- Certificate of viewing
- Slide presentation

https://fdlp.gov/training/inside-look-united-states-code

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Report from

— The Government Publishing Office

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE UPDATE

CONGRESSIONAL DATA TASK FORCE

MARCH 11, 2025

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GPO'S GOVINFO SYSTEM

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

NOTABLE GOVINFO CONTENT

- Congressional Record (1873 to present)

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- United States Statutes at Large (1789 to present)

- Federal Register (1936 to present)

- Code of Federal Regulations (1997 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 162 courts)

- Congressional Serial Set (volumes from various Congresses – ongoing partnership with the Law Library of Congress)

- 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

USLM XML FOR DIGITIZED STATUTES AT LARGE

GovInfo API

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https://www.govinfo.gov/bulkdata/json/STATUTE

Bulk Data

Bulk Data → Statutes at Large (xml uslm... → 111th Congress (2009-2010)

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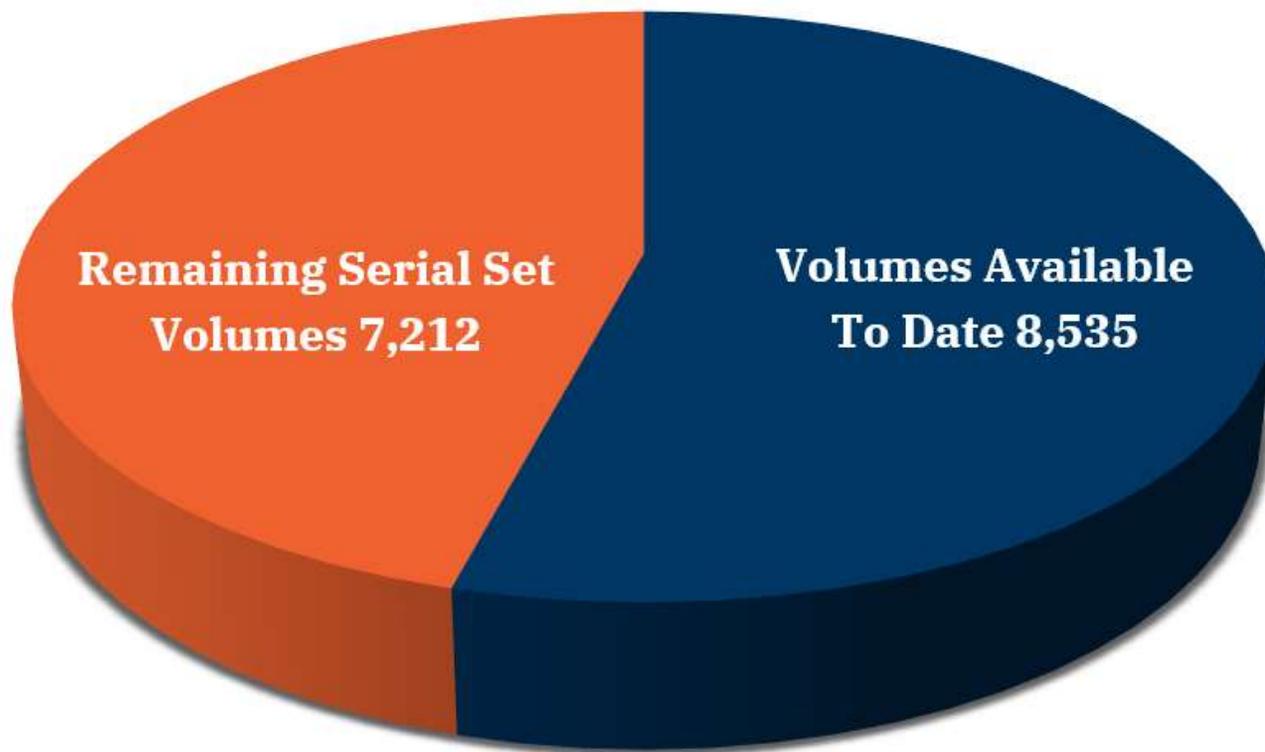- PREMIS
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Content Details

United States Statutes at Large, Volume 61, 80th Congress, 1st Session

Summary | Document in Context

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DIGITIZED SERIAL SET VOLUMES AS OF MARCH 2025

Remaining Serial Set Volumes 7,212

Volumes Available To Date 8,535

Reports – 73,391
Documents – 38,163
Journals – 273
Rules and Manuals – 14
Budgets – 30
Economic Reports – 10

https://www.fdlp.gov/project-list/digitizing-the-united-states-congressional-serial-set

DIGITIZED U.S. REPORTS COLLECTION COMING SOON

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https://www.govinfo.gov/features/release-notes

LEGISLATIVE AND CONFERENCE REPORTS IN USLM XML

- Cross-organizational project underway to model House and Senate committee legislative reports and conference reports in USLM XML

- Updated schema and sample files will be added to GPO's USLM GitHub repository

https://github.com/usgpo/uslm

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

Free Training Program

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'Data Skills for Congress' Professional Certificate

Looking to increase your data visualization skills and learn how to find and analyze publicly-available data? Apply now for Data Skills for Congress, a FREE online certificate program designed specifically to meet the needs of congressional staff. Offered by the Goldman School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley in partnership with USAFacts.

Applications due April 4th:
https://bit.ly/43zvZOS
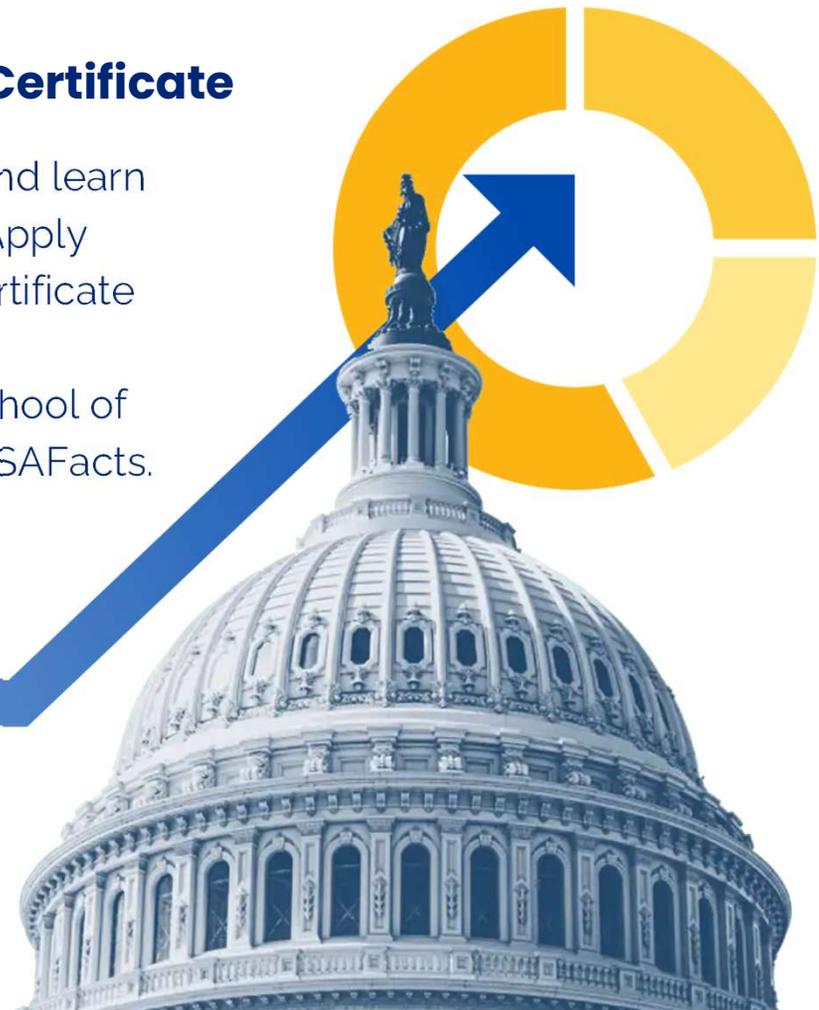
No prior knowledge or experience in data analysis, data policy, or AI is required! Anyone working in Congress, member or professional staff, is welcome to apply. Course offers:

- 15 hours of live online classes with networking and Q&A with experts.
- Data training in support of legislation, oversight, and casework.
- Discussion of emerging technologies, including AI tools, and how to incorporate into congressional work.
- Reviewing current US open data policy and identifying policy challenges.

Choose the schedule that works best for you:
- **Option 1 - Spring:** Fridays at 2pm ET / 11am PT, April 18 until June 27, excluding May 23
- **Option 2 - Summer:** Tuesdays & Fridays at 2pm ET/11am PT, July 29 through August 29

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Report from
- The Library of Congress

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AGENDA

- **Announcements**
- **Closing**

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Future Events

Congressional Data Task Force meetings

Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 2 pm to 4 pm, same location

Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 2 pm to 4 pm, same location

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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
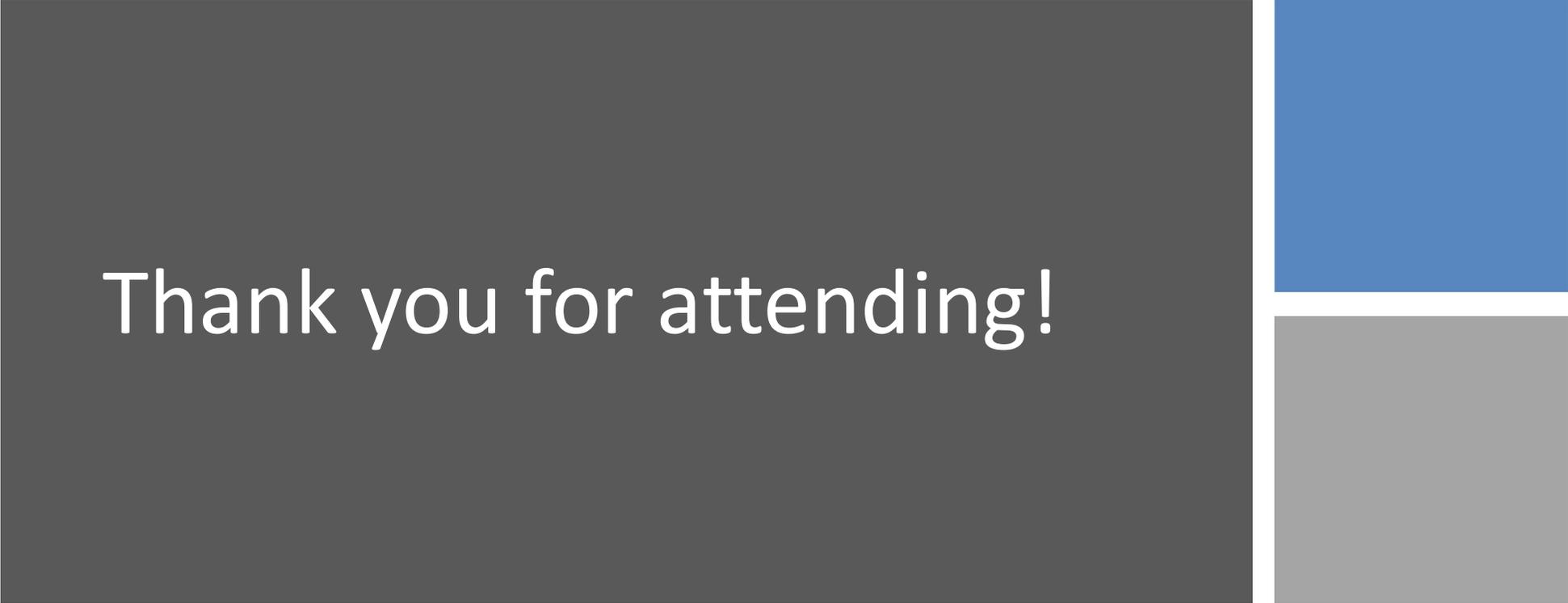
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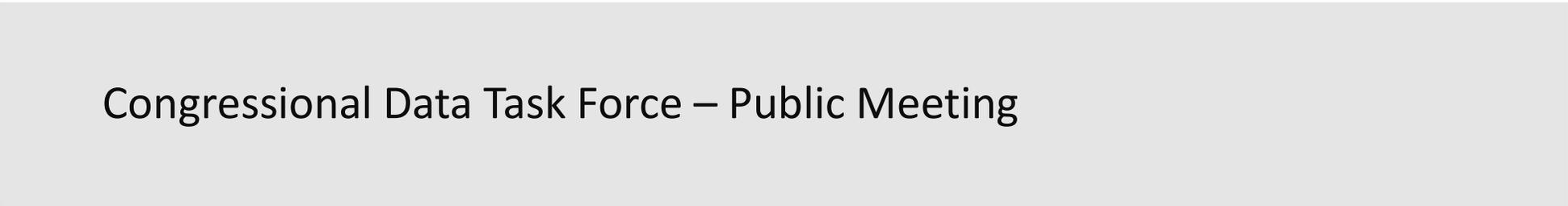
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