

The Congressional Data Task Force

Public Meeting

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Welcome

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The Congressional Data Task Force

The Task Force is a **partnership of staff** from across the Legislative Branch collaborating to modernize systems and improve access to congressional information.

Participating organizations include:

- House of Representatives
- Senate
- Library of Congress
- Government Publishing Office
- Government Accountability Office

The Congressional Data Task Force

Since 2012, the Task Force—

- Meets internally to advance transparency and modernization initiatives
- Holds public meetings
- Engages with civil society organizations

The Congressional Data Task Force

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

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

Legislative Branch Innovation Hub

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

Agenda

1. Welcome and Background
2. Reports from working groups and legislative branch organizations
3. Report(s) from academics, advocacy groups and/or civil society organizations
4. Announcements/Closing

Meeting ends at 4:00 pm EST

Q&A will be held throughout the meeting

Housekeeping Items



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



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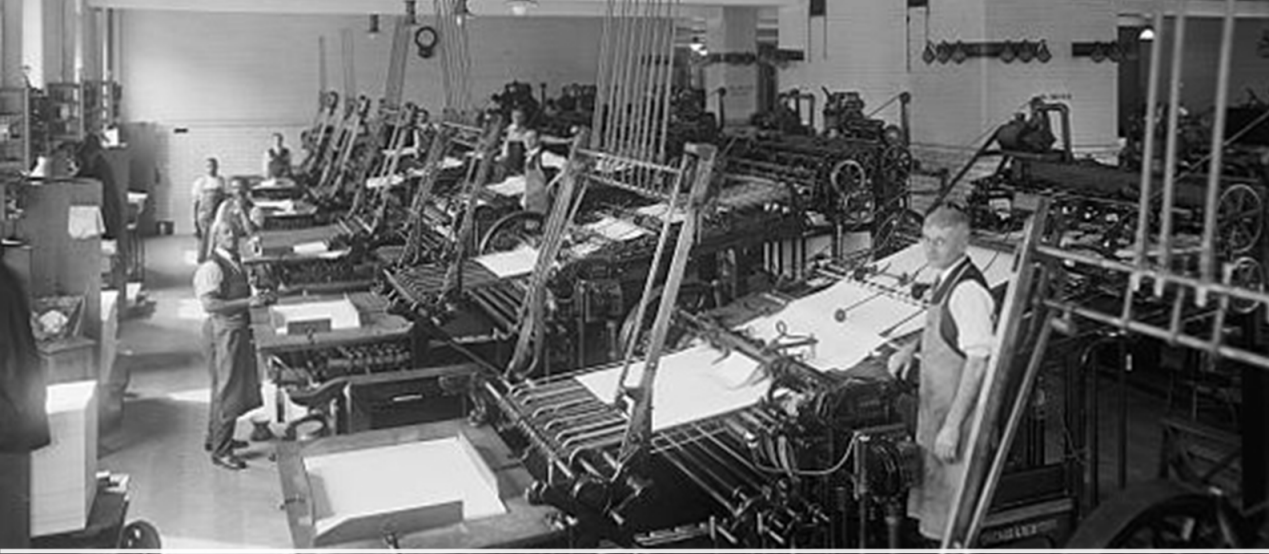
Meeting will start at ~2:02 pm and end at 4:00 pm EST

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- House of Representatives,
- Senate,
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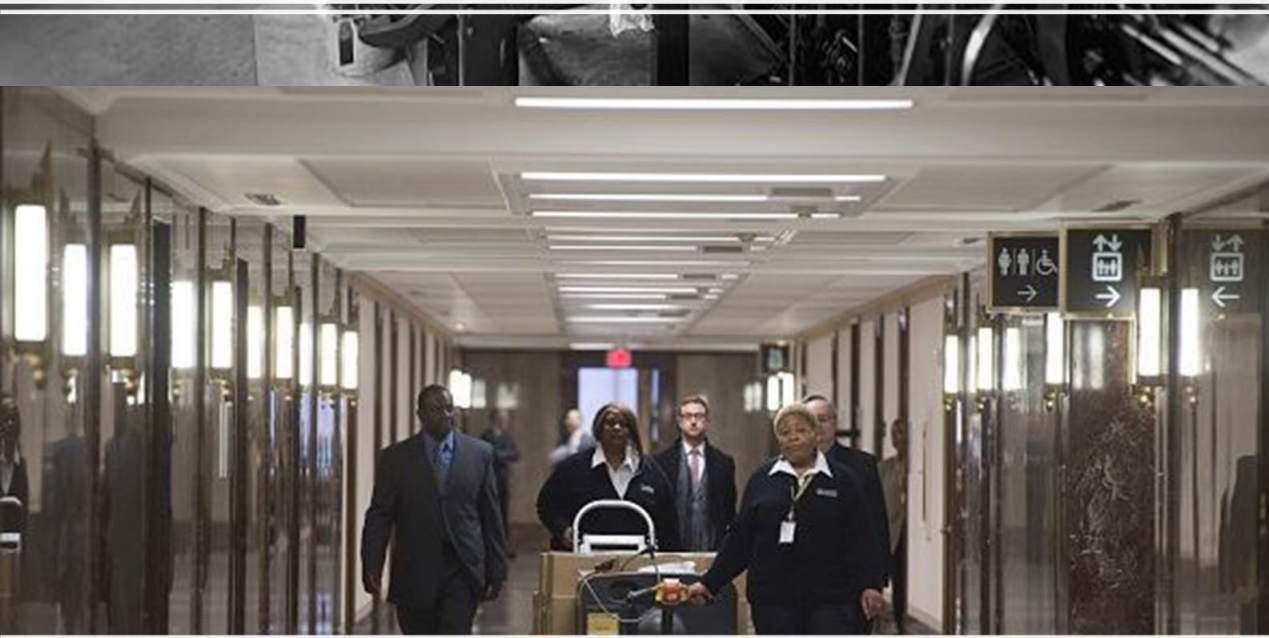
that work in a cooperative manner to coordinate and accomplish openness and transparency goals.



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JEFFERSON'S MANUAL
AND
RULES OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE UNITED STATES
SEVENTY-SECOND CONGRESS

By

LEWIS DESCHLER
PARLIAMENTARIAN



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UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
WASHINGTON : 1931

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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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

Standards such as XML, HTML, and JSON enable consistency, searchability, and machine use.

GPO Developer Hub at [GovInfo.gov/developers](https://www.govinfo.gov/developers)

Semantics and Structure

The foundation of digital legislative information.

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

Roadmap for Publishing Legislative Documents in USLM XML Format¹



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.)
Initial Deliverables Completed	Committee Reports (legislative and conference)
D	House portions of the <i>Congressional Record</i> , including the <i>Daily Digest</i>
E	Hearing Records
F	House Calendar
G	<i>Precedents of the U.S. House of Representatives</i>
H	<i>House Journal</i>

¹ For more information about this roadmap, please see page four of the initial report at <https://usgpo.github.io/innovation/resources/reports/Clerk-Initial-Standardized-Formats.pdf>.

The Solution: XML USLM schema

Legislative Branch Innovation Hub

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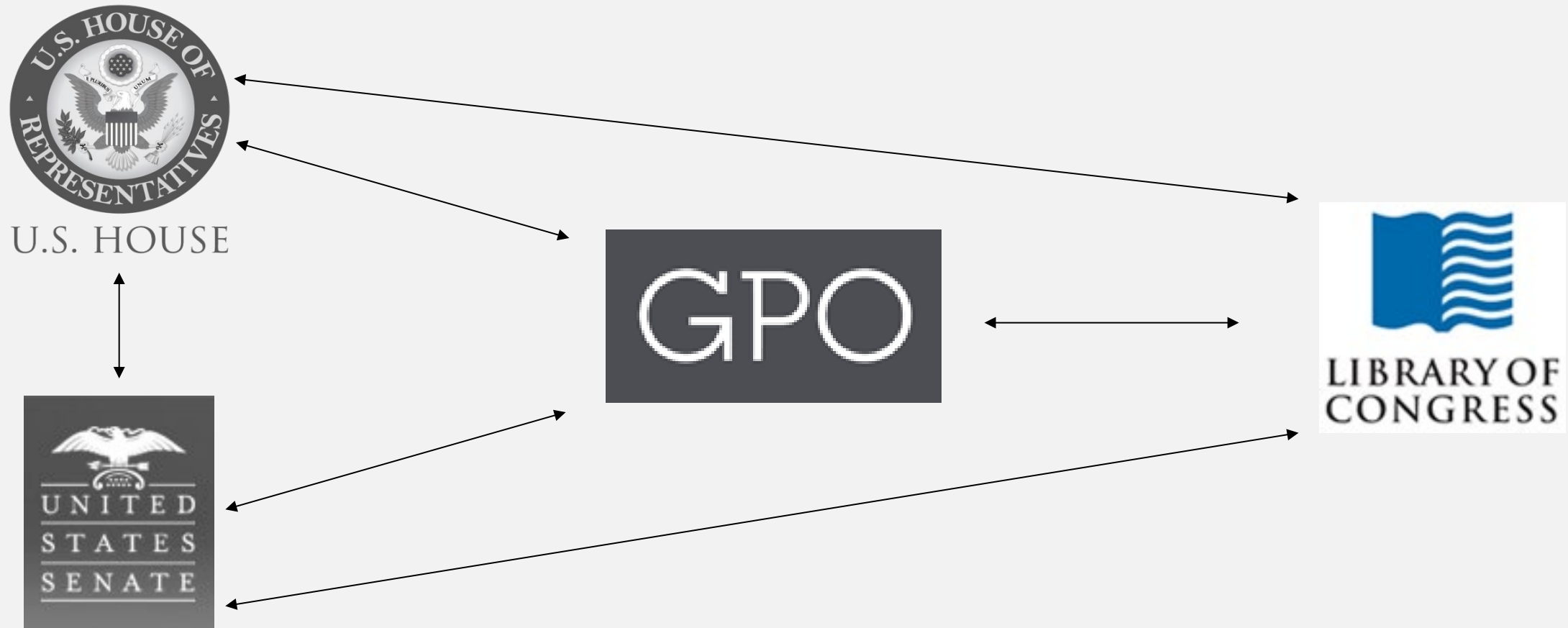
Reports

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/)

Basic Data Exchange



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

APIs for LoC.gov

JSON/YAML for LoC.gov

Sitemaps

Microservices

Additional APIs and Data Services

Congress.gov API

NLS BARD API

Chronicling America API

PPOC - JSON HTTP API

Linked Data Service

Search/Retrieval via URL

Congress.gov API

The Congress.gov Application Programming Interface (API) provides a method for Congress and the public to view, retrieve, and re-use machine-readable data from collections available on Congress.gov.

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An API key is required for access. Sign up for a key on the [Data.gov signup page](#).

The current version of the API is version 3 (v3). Maintained by Congress.gov staff, issues should be reported in the [api.congress.gov GitHub repository](#).

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

Next on the Agenda

Report from

– The Government Publishing Office

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE UPDATE

CONGRESSIONAL DATA TASK FORCE

MARCH 26, 2026

GPO'S GOVINFO SYSTEM

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NOTABLE GOVINFO CONTENT

The screenshot shows the GovInfo website interface. At the top, there are navigation links: GovInfo, Browse, About, Developers, Features, Help, and Feedback. Below this is a header with the text "Discover U.S. Government Information". A search bar is present with a search button. Below the search bar are five filter buttons: "A to Z" (Browse documents by alphabetical order), "Category" (Browse documents in specific collections), "Date" (Browse documents within a timeframe or date range), "Committee" (Browse documents by the issuing committee), and "Author" (View documents by government authors). The main content area is divided into "Recent" and "Trending" sections. The "Recent" section lists items like "Congressional Record Daily Digest", "Federal Register Table of Contents", "House Calendar", "Senate Calendar", "Presidential Documents", "Congressional Bills", "Congressional Mandated Reports", and "All Documents". The "Popular" section lists items like "Budget of the U.S. Government", "Code of Federal Regulations (e-CFR) | (annual)", "Congressional Bills", "Congressional Committee Prints", "Congressional Directory", "Congressional Documents", "Congressional Hearings", "Congressional Record", "Congressional Reports", "Congressional Serial Set | Browse by Topic", "Congressional Mandated Reports | Browse by Topic", "Constitution Annotated", "Economic Indicators", "Federal Register", "GPO Style Manual", "Public and Private Laws", "United States Code", "United States Courts Opinions", and "United States Reports". The "Trending" section lists items like "Happy 165th Birthday, GPO!", "United States Reports Collection (U.S. Supreme Court Opinions)", "H.R. 1 (ENR) - One Big Beautiful Bill Act, 2025 | PDF | XML", "Congressional Mandated Reports Collection", "January 6th Committee Final Report | Browse the Report Collection", and "Congressional Tributes and Commemorations". The "Features" section highlights "Women's History Month 2026" (March 11, 2026) with the theme "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future", "Art in Government Publications Series, Part 1: History Through Art" (February 26, 2026) featuring federal government publications that tell a story and highlight works of art, "State of the Union" (February 25, 2026) featuring presidential addresses before a joint session of Congress, and "Presidents' Day 2026" (February 13, 2026) observed on the third Monday in February, recognizing George Washington's birthday and honoring the history of the American Presidency.

- Congressional Record (1873 to present)
- Bills, Slip Laws, United States Code (1994 to present)
- 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 (back to 1929)
- Budget of the United States Government (1996 to present)
- Federal District, Bankruptcy, and Appellate Opinions (millions of opinions from 166 courts)
- Congressional Serial Set (Over 10K volumes from various Congresses – ongoing partnership with the Law Library of Congress)
- Committee Hearings, Prints, Reports and Documents
- House and Senate Calendars, Rules, Procedures, Precedents, and Journals
- Statute Compilations
- Directories of Federal Organizations and Officials
- Current and Historical Publications from Federal Agencies and Commissions
- U.S. Reports (**1790 to 2016**)

MARCH 2026 GOVINFO RELEASE – CONGRESSIONAL DATA

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11 }
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- Added fields to the Statute Compilations API response for the Library of Congress
 - Display Title
 - Law
 - Amended Through
- Built related documents user interface and API functionality for bills that are related to hearings

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December 2025 Release Notes

January 06, 2026

[Release Notes](#) Jump Links in Document in Context, MoCat in XML, Integrated Committee Prints Browse and Search, MCP Public Preview



September 2025 Release Notes

September 23, 2025

[Release Notes](#) File Download Indicators, Related Documents for Federal Register Docket ID Number, Content Details Web Framework Migration



June 2025 Release Notes

July 14, 2025

[Release Notes](#) United States Reports Collection, Statute Compilations Custom Search Widget, Display of File Size Information, and Increased Access to Amendments in the Congressional Record



USLM XML FOR DIGITIZED STATUTES AT LARGE

GovInfo API

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USLM XML is available for all 120 digitized volumes

<https://www.govinfo.gov/bulkdata/STATUTE>

<https://www.govinfo.gov/bulkdata/xml/STATUTE>

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



Bulk Data

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Statutes at Large (xml uslm...)

111th Congress (2009-2010)

Name	Last Modified (GMT)	Size
STATUTE-111.xml	19-Dec-2024 21:39	14.7 MB
STATUTE-111-graphics.zip	19-Dec-2024 21:40	5.4 kB

Search, Browse, Content Details

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

Summary

Document in Context

View Entire Statutes at Large Volume

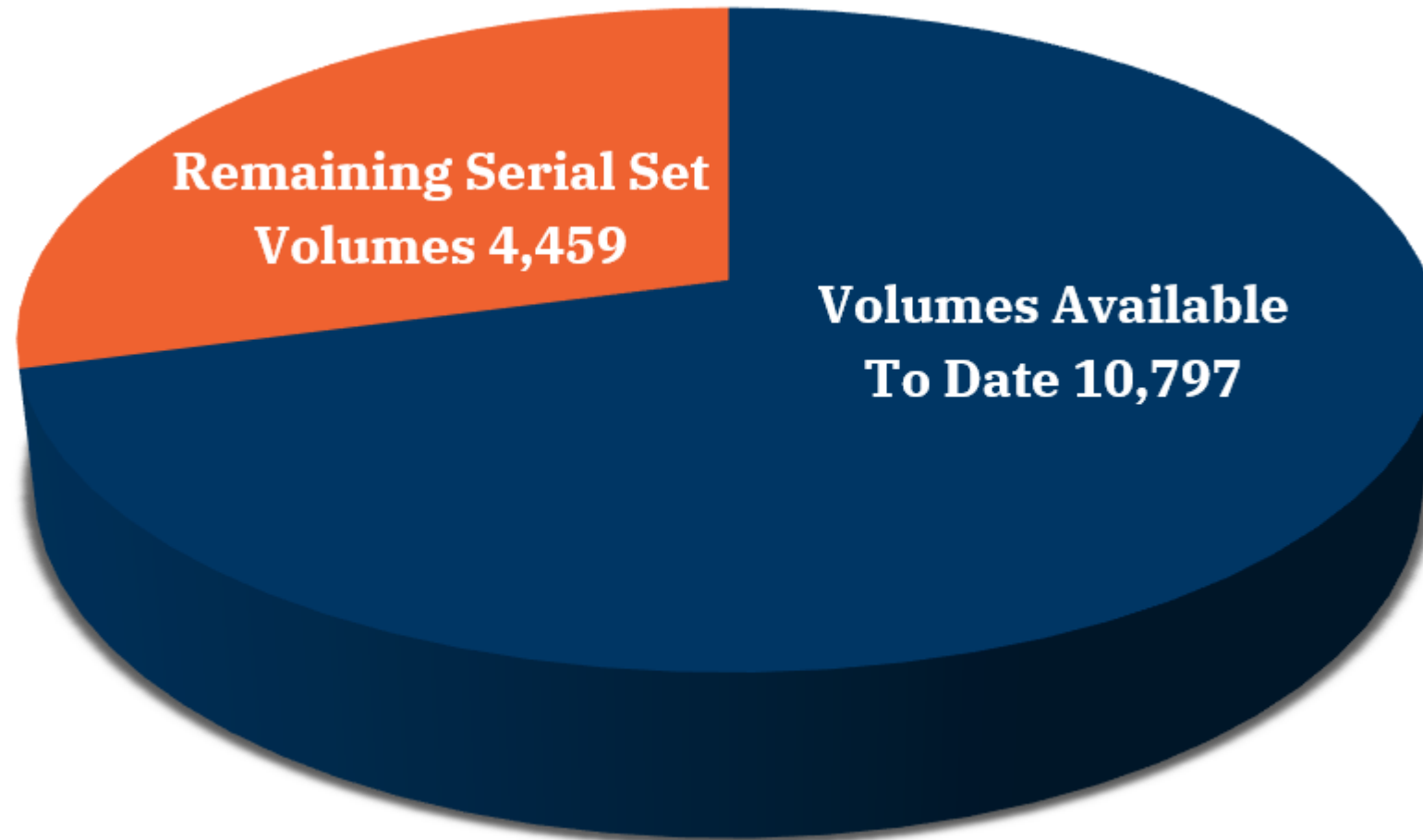
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USLM

DETAILS

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DIGITIZED SERIAL SET VOLUMES AS OF MARCH 2026



Reports – 130,134
Documents – 67,846
Journals – 293
Rules and Manuals – 23
Budgets – 52
Economic Reports – 26



LEGISLATIVE AND CONFERENCE REPORTS IN USLM XML



- Cross-organizational project is underway to model Congressional Budget Office (CBO) cost estimates in USLM XML
- Draft schema and sample files for legislative and conference reports are available in GPO's USLM GitHub repository



XSL BROWSER DEPRECATION



- Major browsers are removing in-browser support for XSLT 1.0
 - Chromium: November 17, 2026
 - Firefox/WebKit: TBD
- **Impact:** Existing XML with XSL stylesheets will no longer display in browser on GovInfo
 - Does **not** affect USLM content with CSS.
- **Approach: maintain** current native XML for data users (API, bulkdata, etc.) and **add** a server-side transformed XHTML format for browser users.

XSL BROWSER DEPRECATION

Affected Content

- Bills (Bill DTD XML)
- House Rules Committee Prints
- House Rules and Manual
- Federal Register
- Code of Federal Regulations
- Public Papers of the Presidents
- Privacy Act Issuances
- U.S. Government Manual

Timeline

- Submit Feedback on GitHub
- Initial Release in Summer 2026
- CDTF Update in June 2026
- Additional Content in October 2026

<https://github.com/usgpo/bulk-data/issues/208>



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Reports from

- The House
 - The CAO's Office, House Digital Services

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- Open issues on the innovation hub

[Issues · usgpo/innovation](https://www.usgpo.gov/innovation/issues)

Data Catalog Vocabulary

DCAT-US



**Structuring a way for
developers to access
machine readable
congressional dataset**



**Creating a pathway for data
efficiency for data stewards**

- ✓ Know what data exists to help avoid data silos
- ✓ Identify data provenance

What is DCAT and why we choose this standard

- DCAT is a “Data Catalog Vocabulary” – started around 2014 - Providing a resource definition framework that allows for, discovery, exchange, and system interoperability of data catalogs and **datasets**.
- DCAT offers the foundation for an ontology in which the relationships between objects and properties are modeled. “Common language to describe **datasets** across various domains” allowing for better data discovery.
- DCAT can be used for its metadata standards with platforms like CKAN.

“Establishing a common vocabulary is the key to communication” (data.gov)

DCAT–US | Data Catalog Application Profile for the United States of America

The purpose of the DCAT-US 3.0 Profile is to improve data discoverability, accessibility, and interoperability among US government agencies. By adhering to the **FAIR** principles, the profile promotes more effective data sharing and reuse. The FAIR principles emphasize that data should be:

- **Findable:** Easy to discover by humans and machines.
- **Accessible:** Easily retrieved, with well-defined access protocols.
- **Interoperable:** Ready for use with other data sources and applications.
- **Reusable:** Clearly documented and licensed, facilitating reuse by others.

DCAT-US Required Fields

Field	DCAT Property	Why Developers Need It
Dataset ID	<code>dct:identifier</code>	Unique reference
Dataset Title	<code>dct:title</code>	Human-readable name
Description	<code>dct:description</code>	What the dataset contains
Publisher	<code>dct:publisher</code>	Which office owns it
Contact Point	<code>dcat:contactPoint</code>	Where developers ask questions
Keywords	<code>dcat:keyword</code>	Improves search
Theme	<code>dcat:theme</code>	Grouping of datasets
Last Updated	<code>dct:modified</code>	Shows freshness
Update Frequency	<code>dct:accrualPeriodicity</code>	Helps developers plan integrations

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Reports from civil society organizations and others

Daniel Schuman

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Crowdsourced list of Legislative Branch-related technology projects

Contribute at
congressionaldata.org

Legislative Branch Technology Project List

Starting in February, we began compiling a list of legislative branch technology projects deployed both inside and outside Congress. This is a living document, and contributions are welcome—please add any projects you're aware of.

Legislative Branch Technology Project List [Public] : Sheet1

Project Name	URL (website, linkedin post, tweet)	POC Firstname	POC Lastname
Every CRS Report	https://www.everycrsreport.com/	Daniel	Schuma
Congressional Data Coalition	https://congressionaldata.org/	Daniel	Schuma
Bill to Text	https://billtotext.com/	Daniel	Schuma
GovTrack	https://www.govtrack.us/	Josh	Taubere

Public Witness Testimony Before H. Leg Branch Approps

- Daniel Schuman, AGI, on [funding for 1 FTE to support the CDTF](#)
- Joe Eannello on [updating the CRS Appropriations Status table](#) to include bill text and report language at the earliest point made publicly available
- Nick Hart, Data Foundation, on funding & accessibility of the [Legislative Branch Data Technology Map](#)
- JD Rackey of BPC on [funding for the Modernization Initiatives Account](#); Lorelei Kelly, Public Good Group on [funding for MIA & Clerk](#)
- Michael Stern on [improving information about the Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group](#) on the House Office of General Counsel website
- Jim Townsend, Levin Center, on [GPO hosting IG reports](#)
- Haiman Wong, R Street, Sean Vitka Demand Progress, and Daniel Schuman of AGI on [strengthening congressional cybersecurity](#)

AGI Policy Proposals for FY27 Appropriations Bills

Many tech modernization &
reform proposals

<https://bit.ly/FY2027Approps>

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New American Governance Institute Tech Projects

- Identifying missing House committee video data & generating event metadata
- Transform appropriations bills & reports into data
- Track changes in appropriations report language
- Automatically identify reporting requirements in bill text/ report language

Artificial Intelligence & Parliamentary Accountability

Discussion of use cases from
many parliaments

Jan. 27-28, 2026



IPU Use Cases for AI in Parliaments

<https://www.ipu.org/ai-use-cases>

~ and ~

<https://www.ipu.org/file/20635/download>

Use case ID	Title	Purpose	Author	Published	Keywords
CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS					
001	Automatic classification of policy and control acts on government	Automatically classify policy and control Acts on government.	Chamber of Deputies of Italy	28/05/24	classification, EuroVoc, act
007	Automatic classification of legislative documents	Provide an automatic classification of legislative documents based on a thesaurus.	Chamber of Deputies of Italy	28/05/24	classification, EuroVoc
012	Tags and summaries of parliamentary reports	Group the report of a plenary session into sections based on subjects, generating tags and a brief summary for each section.	Chamber of Deputies of Italy	28/05/24	plenary, verbatim record
013	Classification of input texts with predefined labels from the Eurovoc thesaurus	Classify input texts with predefined labels from the EU's Eurovoc thesaurus with an automatic indexing tool.	European Parliament	07/06/24	classification, EuroVoc, document management
018	Thematic classification of portal content	Read the text of bills, laws, news items, speeches, studies and other content available on the portal, interpret it, and classify it according to a fixed set of themes.	Chamber of Deputies of Brazil	14/06/24	classification
028	Text classification based on multiple thesauruses	Automatically classify parliamentary texts according to multiple thesauruses (such as TESEO and Eurovoc),	Senate of Italy	09/07/24	classification, EuroVoc
039	Entity recognition and tagging in legislative texts	Automatically identify and tag relevant entities, such as people, organizations, locations, dates and legal references, within legislative	Senate of Italy	09/07/24	parliamentary documents, tagging

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June 28- August 27



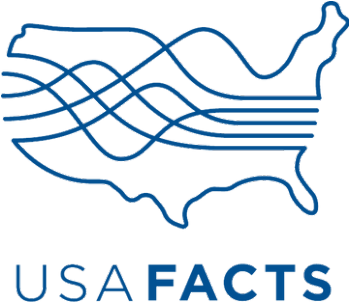


No prior knowledge or experience in data analysis, data policy, or AI is required! Anyone working in Congress, member or professional staff, is welcome to apply. Course offers:

- 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.

Summer Cohort: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 12 pm ET/ 9 am PT, July 28 - August 27

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Public Policy
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Thanks!

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 - The Secretary's Office

House Officers and Officials Approps Hearing

March 17, 2026

Links to video and written testimony

- <https://appropriations.house.gov/schedule/hearings/budget-hearing-us-house-representatives-0>
- <https://docs.house.gov/Committee/Calendar/ByEvent.aspx?EventID=119054>

Legislative Drafting Study Overview

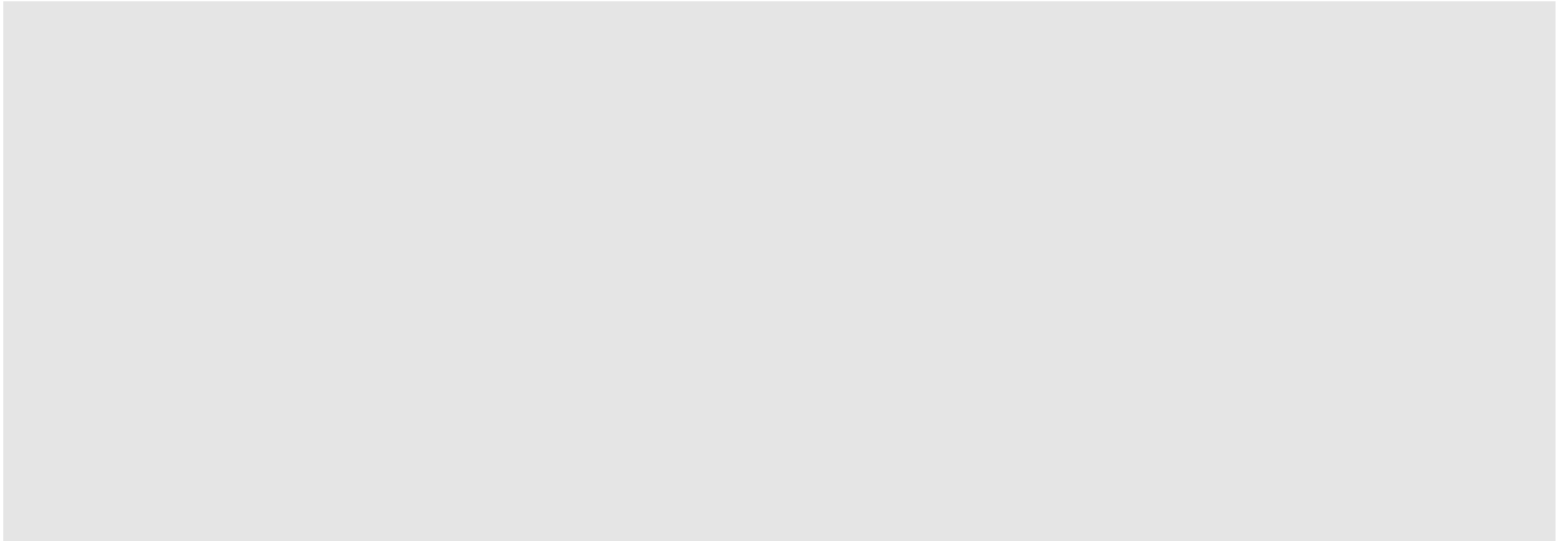
The House's Collaborative Legislative Drafting Study

- Examines the current state of legislative drafting in the House and identifies opportunities to modernize tools, workflows, and collaboration across Member, committee, and HOLC offices.
- Submitted to the Committees on Appropriations and House Administration.
- Briefly highlighted during the Appropriations Subcommittee hearing on March 17, 2026.

Key Recommendations

- **Member Drafting Portal** – A centralized portal for Members to track drafting requests and access prepared drafts, reducing reliance on email.
- **Lightweight Collaborative Editor** – A modern editing environment that supports annotation and editing by Members, Committees and the Legislative Counsel staff.

Lobby Disclosure



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- **Closing**

Future Events

CONGRESSIONAL DATA TASK FORCE MEETINGS

Thursdays | 2 pm to 4 pm

March 26, 2026

June 11, 2026

December 3, 2026

CONGRESS.GOV PUBLIC FORUM

September 24, 2026

1 pm to 3 pm

Hybrid meetings; DC (Capitol Complex) location announced closer to each date.

Legislative Branch Innovation Hub

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

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