

The Congressional Data Task Force

Public Meeting

Thursday, June 11, 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

* On June 1, 2012, House Report 112-511 that accompanied H.R. 5882, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act of 2013 directed the establishment of the Bulk Data Task Force

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

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

Legislative Branch Innovation Hub

DataTaskForce@mail.house.gov

Email address for the
Congressional Data Task Force

Agenda

1. Welcome and Background
2. Reports from working groups and legislative branch organizations
3. Report(s) from civil society organizations and others
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/>



Use the Chat feature for questions and comments; panelists will respond during the meeting.



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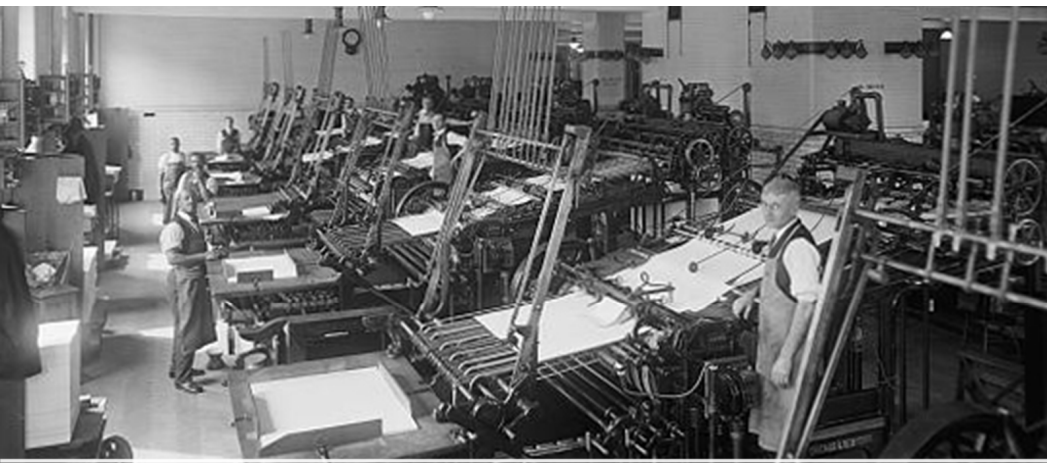
Meeting will start at ~2:02 pm and end at 4:00 pm EST

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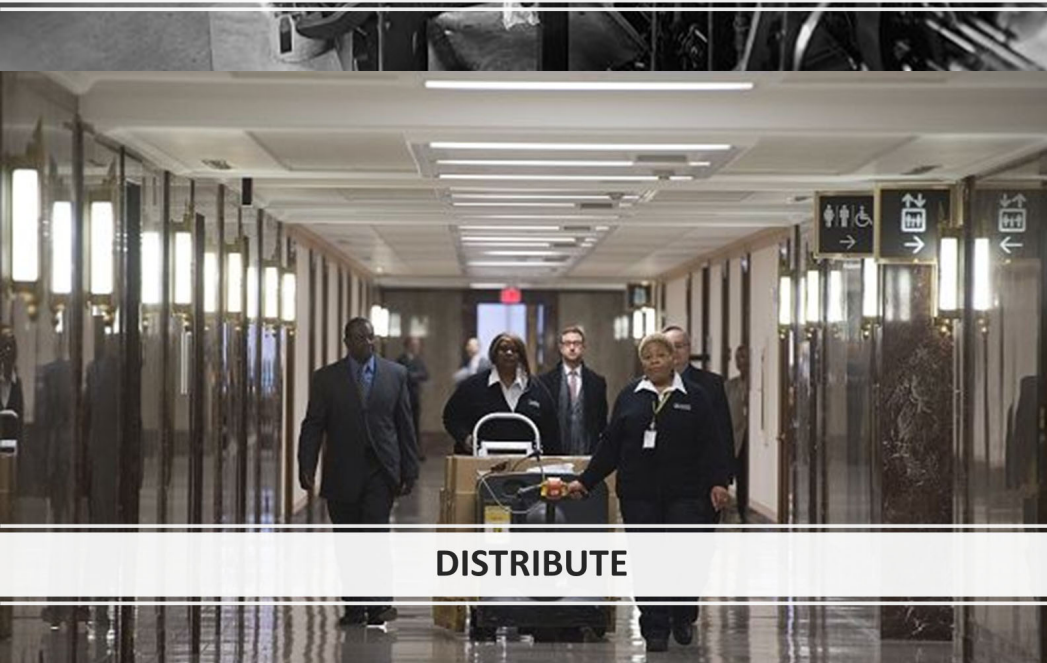
that work in a cooperative manner to coordinate and accomplish openness and transparency goals.



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AND
RULES OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE UNITED STATES
SEVENTY-SECOND CONGRESS

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LEWIS DESCHLER
PARLIAMENTARIAN



UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
WASHINGTON : 1931

Bound by Rules, Traditions, and Practices

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

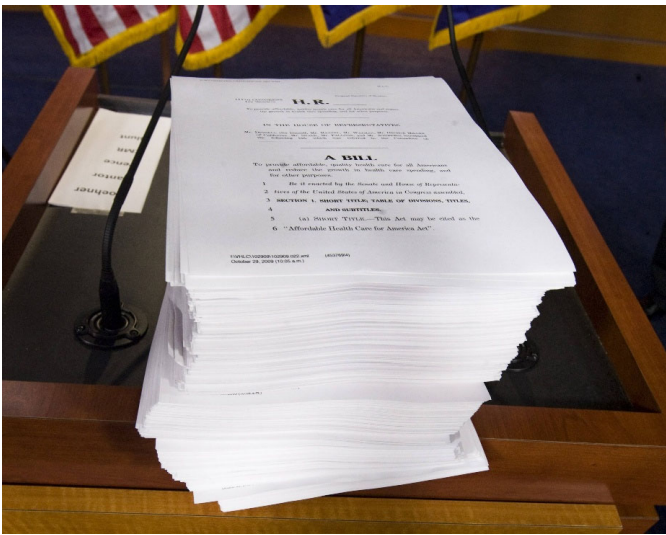
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1 W.L. Ashley Customs Building and United States Court-
2 house”.

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



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

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

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://govinfo.gov/developers)



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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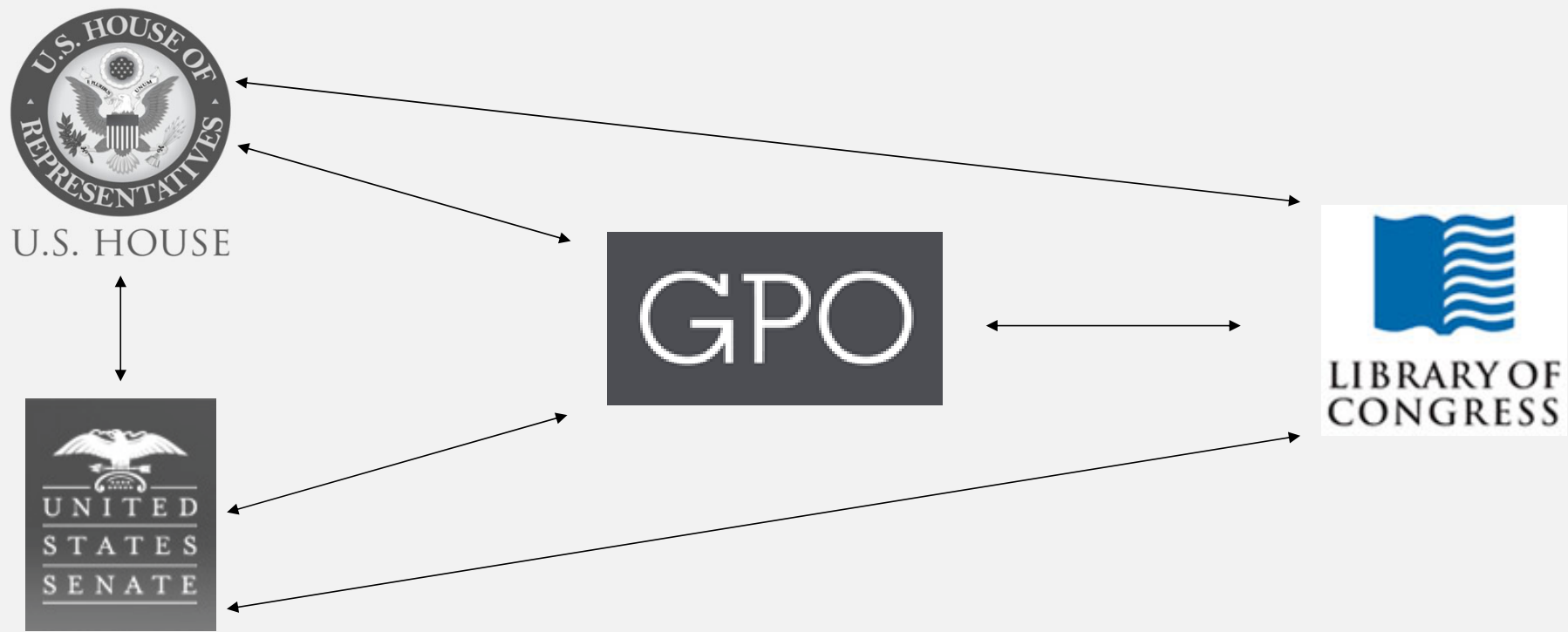
Reports

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

- Data Maps and DCAT

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

Next on the Agenda

- Demonstration

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Report from

– The Government Publishing Office

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE UPDATE

CONGRESSIONAL DATA TASK FORCE

JUNE 11, 2026

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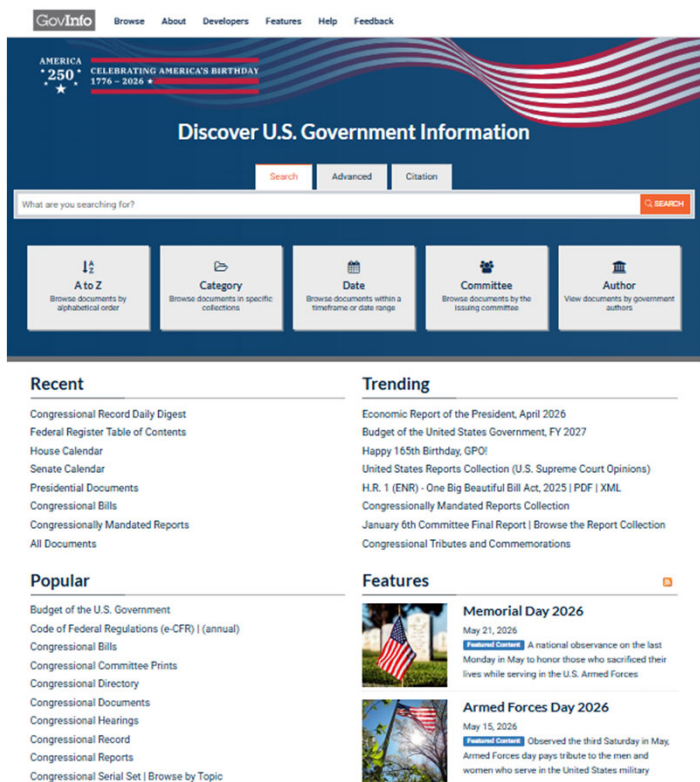
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ISO 16363 and CoreTrust Seal certified Trustworthy Digital Repository that ensures free online access to current and historical Government information from all three branches today and into the future

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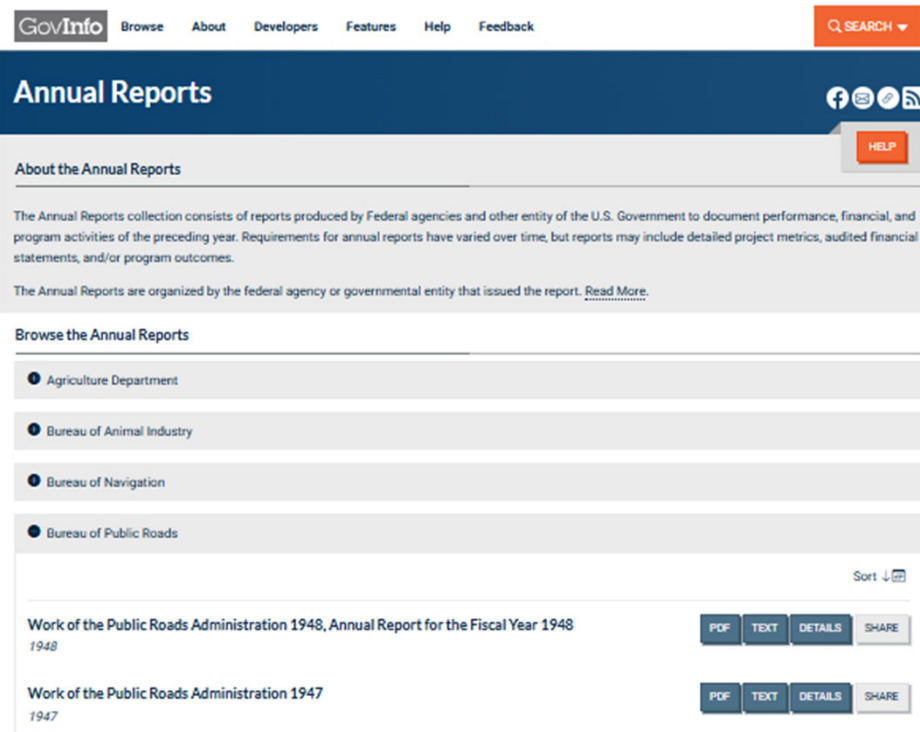


- Congressional Record (1873 to present)
- Bills, Slip Laws, United States Code (1994 to present)
- United States Statutes at Large (1789 to present)
- Federal Register (1936 to present)
- Code of Federal Regulations (1997 to present)
- Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States (back to 1929)
- Budget of the United States Government (1996 to present)
- Federal District, Bankruptcy, and Appellate Opinions (millions of opinions from 167 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 Calendar^{LR1}, 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)

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JUNE 2026 GOVINFO RELEASE – CONGRESSIONAL DATA



The screenshot shows the GovInfo website's 'Annual Reports' section. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'GovInfo' and links for 'Browse', 'About', 'Developers', 'Features', 'Help', and 'Feedback'. A search bar is on the right. Below the navigation bar, the 'Annual Reports' title is displayed in a dark blue header. To the right of the title are social media icons and a 'HELP' button. The main content area starts with 'About the Annual Reports', followed by a paragraph explaining the collection and a 'Read More' link. Below this is a 'Browse the Annual Reports' section with a list of agencies: Agriculture Department, Bureau of Animal Industry, Bureau of Navigation, and Bureau of Public Roads. The 'Bureau of Public Roads' is selected. Below the list, there's a 'Sort' dropdown. Two report entries are shown: 'Work of the Public Roads Administration 1948, Annual Report for the Fiscal Year 1948' and 'Work of the Public Roads Administration 1947'. Each entry has buttons for 'PDF', 'TEXT', 'DETAILS', and 'SHARE'.

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About the Annual Reports

The Annual Reports collection consists of reports produced by Federal agencies and other entity of the U.S. Government to document performance, financial, and program activities of the preceding year. Requirements for annual reports have varied over time, but reports may include detailed project metrics, audited financial statements, and/or program outcomes.

The Annual Reports are organized by the federal agency or governmental entity that issued the report. [Read More](#)

Browse the Annual Reports

- Agriculture Department
- Bureau of Animal Industry
- Bureau of Navigation
- Bureau of Public Roads

Sort ↓

Work of the Public Roads Administration 1948, Annual Report for the Fiscal Year 1948
1948

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Work of the Public Roads Administration 1947
1947

PDF TEXT DETAILS SHARE

New Agency Annual Reports collection derived from the Congressional Serial Set collection, the Congressionally Mandated Reports collection, and other collections

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March 2026 Release Notes

April 06, 2026

[Release Notes](#) Digitized Statutes at Large in USLM XML Completed, U.S. Reports Full Coverage, Search Box Clear Button, Hearings Related to Bills



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

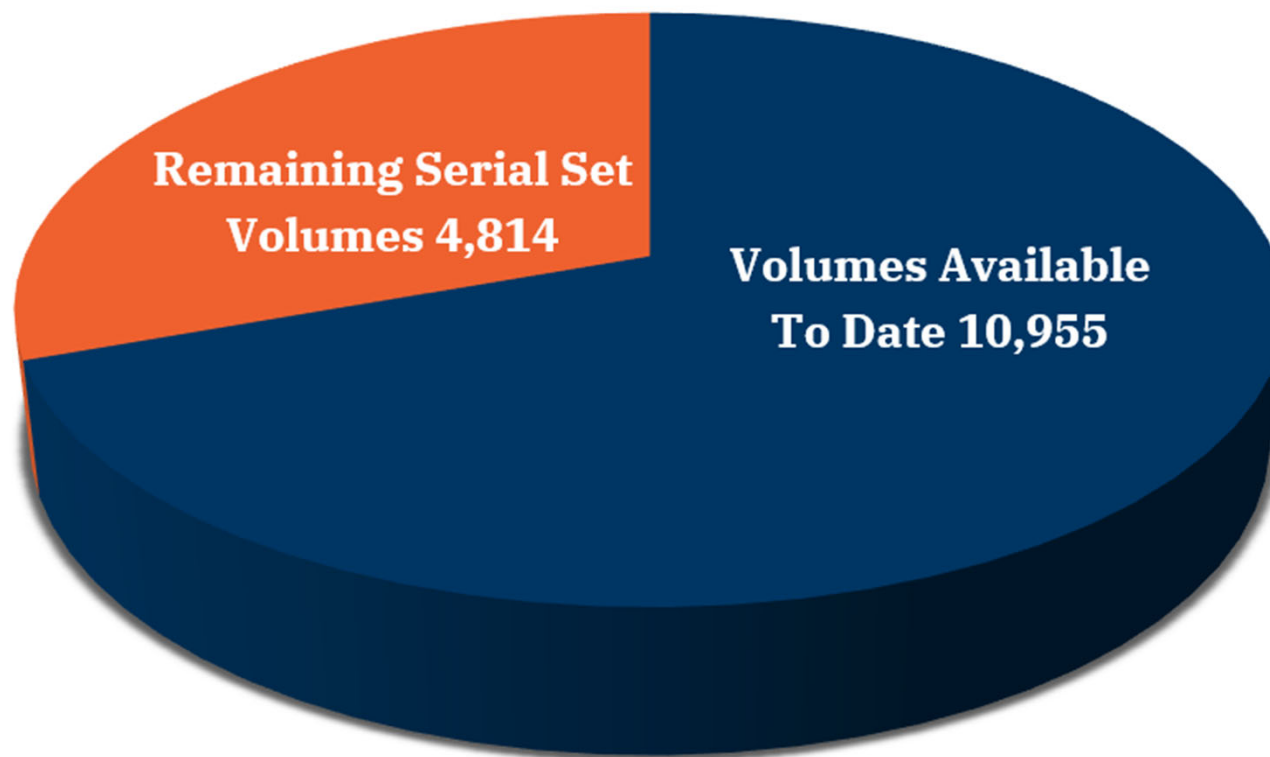
[Release Notes](#) File Download Indicators, Related Documents for Federal Register Docket ID Number, Content Details Web Framework Migration

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

DIGITIZED SERIAL SET VOLUMES AS OF JUNE 2026



Reports – 132,955
Documents – 69,103
Journals – 293
Rules and Manuals – 23
Budgets – 54
Economic Reports – 30



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

LEGISLATIVE AND CONFERENCE REPORTS IN USLM XML



Cross-organizational project team has been meeting to model Congressional Budget Office (CBO) cost estimates in USLM XML

<https://github.com/usgpo/uslm>



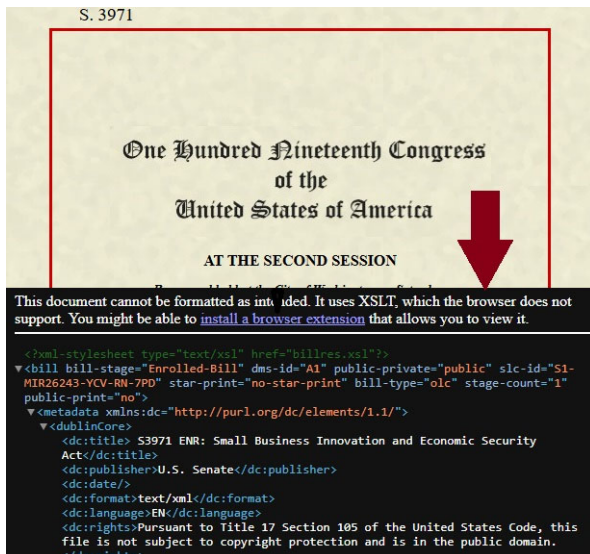
XPUB



User Acceptance Testing for Bills and Public Laws

- First Phase – Complete
- Second Phase – In Progress
 - House and Senate Enrolling Clerks
 - House and Senate Offices of the Legislative Counsel (very soon)

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 files with CSS.
- **Approach: maintain** current native XML for data users (API, bulkdata, etc.) and **add** a server-side transformed XHTML format for browser users.

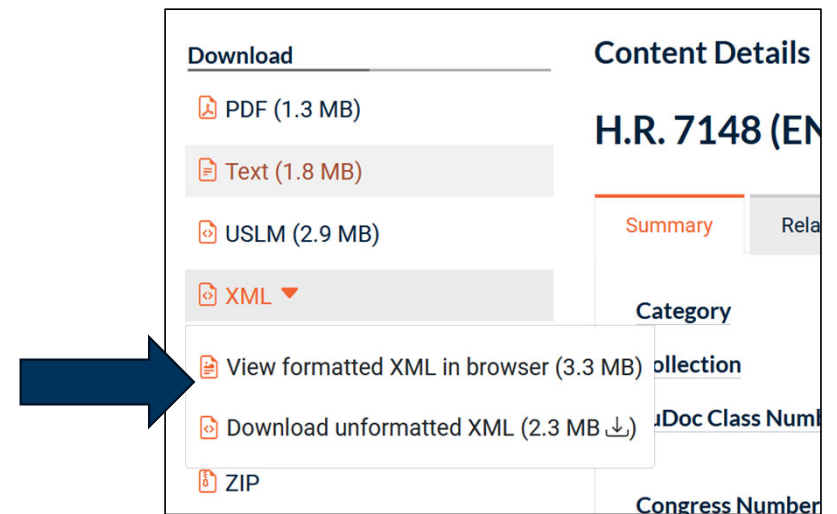
CONGRESSIONAL BILLS XSL DEPRECATION SUPPORT

Initial Release – June 2026

- Bills (Bill DTD XML)
- Available via Content Details, API
- Search and Browse access in upcoming release
- Sample files available in issue below

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  "uslmLink": "https://api.govinfo.gov/packages/BILLS-119hr2170enr/uslm",  
  "premisLink": "https://api.govinfo.gov/packages/BILLS-119hr2170enr/premis",  
}
```

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



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

- Bills Release - Late June 2026
- Bulk Data Repository Interface Migration – September 2026
- Additional Collections - October 2026

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



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Demonstration of four applications used inside the House and Senate

- The Clerk's Office, Legislative Computer Systems
- Library of Congress, Congressional Research Service



Quill

This web application helps members and committees staff automate the signing process of letters intended for leadership, committees, or outside agencies. It is also used by staff to collect and confirm bill cosponsors. The output can then be uploaded to the eHopper.house.gov application.

eHopper

eHopper.house.gov is a website used by Members to submit legislation for introduction, additional cosponsors and other material according to House Rules



The Comparative Print Suite displays legislative changes in context, including how a bill might change current law and how two versions of a legislative proposal are different



The Text Analysis Program (TAP) is a tool that enables users to find and compare measures with similar text.

ModCom Rec 120

Acknowledging member involvement in legislation

Stay tune for exciting updates in September

Modernization Reports

Another set will be due in July, which include

- **Standardized Formats for Legislative Documents, [USLM](#)**
- **Comparative Print Suite**
- **Committee Activity Portal, Committee Votes as Data**
- **Unique IDs for Reports Filed by Registered Lobbyists**

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

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Reports from

- Senate, Office of the Secretary
- House, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, House Digital Service

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Report from attendees

LegisTech: Modernisation in Parliaments – AI as a Tool for Modernisation.

June 3rd to 5th, 2026

Houses of the Oireachtas in Dublin.

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Reports from civil society organizations and others

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

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The Capitol Wire

<https://www.thecapitolwire.com/about.html>

Zachary Florman

The Capitol Wire monitors House websites in real time. The moment a bill hits the floor schedule, you get an alert with an **automatic policy brief** — sponsor, provisions, who supports it, who opposes it, and why.

Capitol Press

<https://thescoop.org/congress-press/>

Derek Willis

An archive of congressional press releases from 2001-2026, with daily updates.

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Reports from

- Library of Congress, Congress.gov Team

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AGENDA

- **Announcements**
- **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

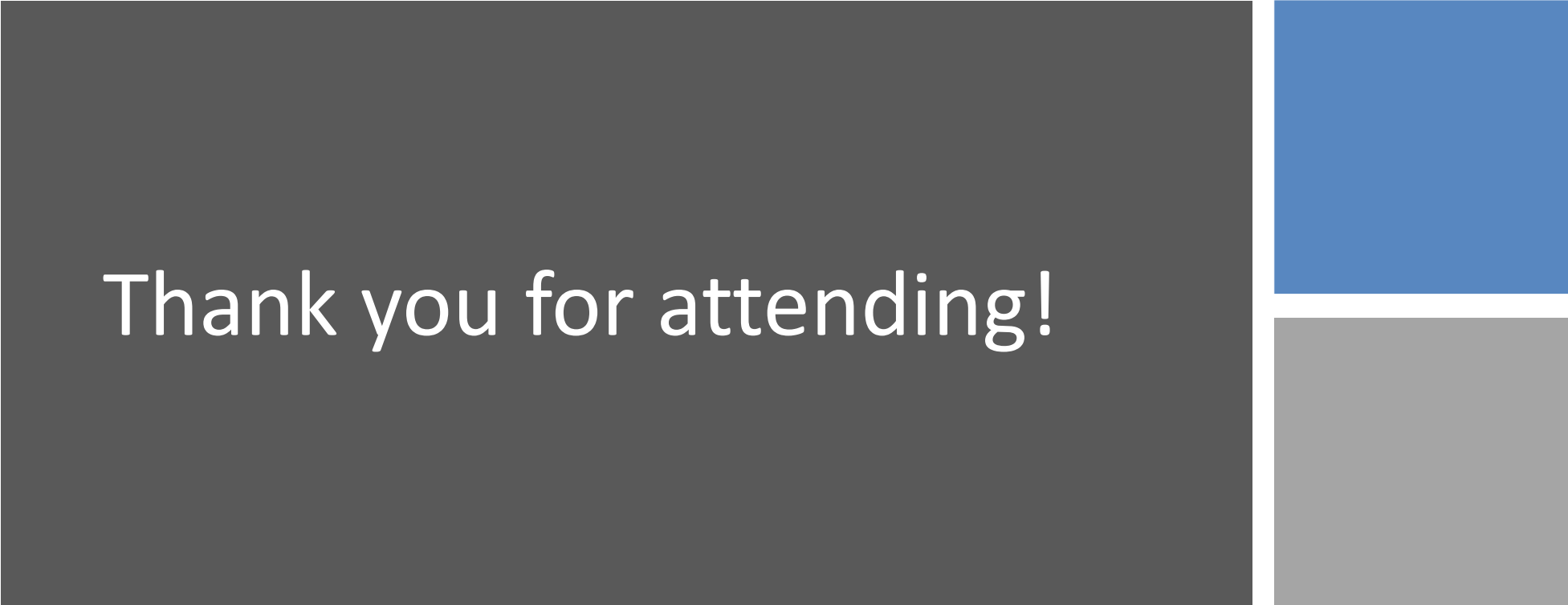
Hybrid meetings; DC (Capitol Complex) location announced closer to each date.

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