Researching Current Federal Legislation and Regulations: A Guide to Resources for Congressional Staff

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Summary

This report is designed to introduce congressional staff to selected governmental and nongovernmental sources that are useful in tracking and obtaining information on federal legislation and regulations. It includes governmental sources, such as the Legislative Information System (LIS), THOMAS, the Government Printing Office's Federal Digital System (FDsys), and U.S. Senate and House websites. Nongovernmental or commercial sources include resources such as HeinOnline and the Congressional Quarterly (CQ) websites. It also highlights classes offered by the Congressional Research Service (CRS) and the Law Library of Congress.

This report will be updated as new information is available.

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Researching Current Federal Legislation

Researching current federal legislation includes identifying action on pending or passed legislation and locating the relevant documents or text. Analysis, discussion, or media coverage of pending or passed legislation also has a role in the legislative research process. These functions may be accomplished by using governmental, congressional, or commercial services.

Governmental Sources

Congressional Record
http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collection.action?collectionCode=CREC and available via the Legislative Information System at http://www.congress.gov

Action on legislation passed or pending in the current Congress, and its status in the legislative process, is reported in the *Congressional Record*. The *Record* also contains the edited transcript of activities on the floor of the House and Senate. It is the primary source for the text of floor debates and the official source for recorded votes. The *Record* is published each day that one or both chambers are in session, except in instances when two or more consecutive issues are printed together.

The *Record*'s Daily Digest section summarizes action in each chamber and identifies committee hearings, new public laws, official foreign travel reports, procedural agreements, Senate unanimous consent agreements, treaties and nominations actions, and committee meetings scheduled for the next legislative day.

Indexes for the *Record* are issued twice a month. The Subject Index section can be used to identify bills by topic, and the History of Bills and Resolutions section tracks action on special bills.

Daily Compilation of Presidential Documents
http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collection.action?collectionCode=CPD

Published by the Office of the Federal Register, the *Daily Compilation of Presidential Documents* (and its predecessor, the *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents*) provides the dates on which the President signed or vetoed legislation. It also contains transcripts of presidential messages to Congress, executive orders, press releases, nominations submitted to the Senate, speeches, and other material released by the White House.

Legislative Information System
http://www.congress.gov

The Legislative Information System (LIS) provides Members of Congress and their staff access to a wide variety of information, including bill summary and status; bill text; committee referrals and committee reports; sponsors and cosponsors; and *Congressional Record* text.[1]

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[1] LIS is managed by the Congressional Research Service in conjunction with multiple congressional offices and is only available on Legislative branch computers. The public equivalent of LIS is THOMAS. A new public beta website was (continued...)

Congressional staff may use the LIS Alert Service to obtain e-mail alerts regarding action on bills and amendments for subjects that they identify. Once established, alerts run automatically and generate e-mails Monday through Friday when there is new information. To subscribe, go to LIS Alerts at http://www.congress.gov/help/about-alert.html.

A version of a bill or resolution will typically appear in LIS a day or two after it is introduced or has had action on the floor of the House or Senate. The text of bills is published by the Government Printing Office (GPO) and sent to the Library of Congress at various times throughout the day.

For an estimate as to when GPO will publish a bill, contact the

- GPO Congressional Desk for House bill versions at 202-512-0224 or

- Senate Bill Clerk for Senate bill versions at 202-224-2118.

Note that the bill number may not determine the chamber for the most recent version. For example, H.R. 1792 RS is a Senate version (RS=Reported in Senate) of a House bill.

Beta.Congress.gov
http://beta.congress.gov

Launched on September 19, 2012, beta.congress.gov will eventually replace THOMAS and LIS.

The following URLs currently exist side-by-side:

- **congress.gov**—For the public, redirects to beta.congress.gov. For legislative branch devices, continues to go to LIS.

- **thomas.loc.gov**—For all users, goes to the beta site. Thomas is currently accessible from the home page of the beta site.

- **beta.congress.gov**—For all users, goes directly to the beta site. As the adjective "beta" implies, this product is a work in progress; additional content and functionality are being phased in incrementally. The beta site provides (1) a single search across all available information and all dates; (2) meaningful, permanent URLs; (3) "Faceted search";[2] and (4) Member profiles and legislative histories.

The beta site permits legislative branch devices only to access CRS reports and products from bill records, the homepage, and help pages.

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released by the Library of Congress in mid-September 2012. This website will eventually replace both LIS and THOMAS.

[2] Faceted search is the dynamic clustering of search results into categories that let users drill into the search results (or even skip searching entirely) by any value in any field. Each facet displayed also shows the number of hits within the search that match that category. Users can then "drill down" by applying specific constraints to the search results. Faceted search is also called faceted browsing, faceted navigation, or guided navigation.

GPO Federal Digital System
http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys

The Government Printing Office's Federal Digital System (FDsys) is a website that enables GPO to display and deliver information from all branches of the U.S. government. Materials available on FDsys include the full text of bills, the *Congressional Record* and the *Congressional Record Index* (which includes the History of Bills and Resolutions section), congressional calendars, public laws, selected congressional reports and documents, the *Daily Compilation of Presidential Documents,* the *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents*, the *Federal Register,* and the *Code of Federal Regulations*. Coverage for each of these publications varies.

THOMAS
http://thomas.loc.gov

LOC makes information on federal legislation freely available to the public through THOMAS. Using THOMAS, one may track bills and resolutions, public laws and other activities of Congress, and access the *Congressional Record.* Background information on and links to material concerning the legislative process, specifically the publication "How Our Laws Are Made," prepared by the parliamentarian of the House of Representatives, are available at http://thomas.loc.gov/home/lawsmade.toc.html#.

For assistance using LIS or THOMAS, contact

- CRS La Follette Congressional Reading Room 707-7100 | CRS Senate Center 707-5978 or

- LIS Team lismail@crs.loc.gov | Senate Library 224-5978 | House Call Center 225-6002

House of Representatives Home Page
http://www.house.gov

This website has information available from and on the House of Representatives, including the following:

- Congressional calendars
  House calendars (104th Congress, 1995-present)
  http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collection.action?collectionCode=CCAL

- House and committee activities
  http://www.house.gov/committees

- Legislative schedules
  http://clerk.house.gov/floorsummary/floor.aspx

- Directories of Representatives by state, district, and name
  http://www.house.gov/representatives

- The chamber's leadership
  http://www.house.gov/leadership

- House roll call votes starting with the 101st Congress, second session (1990)
  http://clerk.house.gov/legislative/legvotes.aspx

- Brief descriptions of floor proceedings when the House is in session
  http://clerk.house.gov/floorsummary/floor.aspx

House Documents
http://clerk.house.gov/legislative/housedoc.aspx

The House documents website provides links to sources for electronic copies of congressional bills, resolutions, and committee reports via the House Library, LOC's THOMAS, and GPO's FDsys. The House documents room, located in B106 of the Cannon House Office Building, can be reached at (202) 226-5200.

A weekly compilation of bills that may be considered on the House floor is available from the Office of the Clerk at http://docs.house.gov.

House Legislative Resource Center
http://clerk.house.gov/about/offices_Lrc.aspx

The Legislative Resource Center (LRC), located in B106 of the Cannon House Office Building, provides centralized access to all published documents originated and produced by the House and its committees, the historical records of the House since 1792, and legislative and legal reference resources. Congressional staff can retrieve legislative information and records of the House for congressional offices and the public by calling (202) 226-5200.

Senate Home Page
http://www.senate.gov

Materials of legislative interest offered from and on the Senate include the following:

- Congressional calendars
  Senate calendars (104th Congress, 1995-present)
  http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collection.action?collectionCode=CCAL

- Background information on and links to materials on the legislative process, including a "How a Bill Becomes a Law" flowchart
  http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/d_three_sections_with_teasers/process.htm

- Senate roll call votes starting with the 101st Congress (1989-1990)
  http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/a_three_sections_with_teasers/votes.htm

- The chamber's leadership
  http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/senators/a_three_sections_with_teasers/leadership.htm

- Descriptions of the Senate committee system and of individual committees
  http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/committees/d_three_sections_with_teasers/committees_home.htm

- Directories of Senators by name, state, class (term expiration date), and party
  http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

- Glossary of common legislative terms
  http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/reference/b_three_sections_with_teasers/
  glossary.htm

Senate Printing and Documents Service
http://www.senate.gov/legislative/common/generic/Doc_Room.htm

The Senate documents room provides copies of bills, reports, Senate documents, and laws. Contact information is as follows:

B-04 Hart Senate Building Office
9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
Phone: (202) 224-7701 (availability inquiries only)
Fax: (202) 228-2815
E-mail: orders@sec.senate.gov

Daily Schedule Information

Both parties in the Senate and the House provide recorded messages about the proceedings on the floor of each chamber every day they are in session. Call the following numbers for cloakroom recordings:

Senate at (202) 224-8541 (Democratic) or (202) 224-8601 (Republican)

House at (202) 225-7400 (Democratic) or (202) 225-7430 (Republican)

Public Laws Update Service

Information on new public law numbers assigned to recently enacted laws can be obtained from a recorded message maintained by the National Archives and Records Administration's Office of the Federal Register at (202) 741-6043 or by subscribing to its Public Laws Electronic Notification Service (PENS). To subscribe, send an e-mail to listserv@www.gsa.gov with the text message "SUBSCRIBE PUBLAWS-L."

White House Executive Clerk's Office

By way of a recorded message, the Office of the Executive Clerk at the White House provides dates for the following information: presidential signings or vetoes of recent legislation, presidential messages, executive orders, and other official presidential action. If the desired information is not in the taped message, callers can stay on the line to speak with a staffer. The recorded message is available at (202) 456-2226.

Nongovernmental Sources

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Bloomberg Government
http://www.bgov.com

A fee-based subscription database that provides analysis as well as content from news sources worldwide. Services include alerts, transcripts, searchable legislation, congressional, state, and district profiles, and more. Coverage for most historical data begins with the 109th Congress (2005-2006).

CQ.com
http://www.cq.com

This fee-based subscription database provides bill texts, summaries, tracking, and analysis. Among its other features are forecasts of major pending bills; versions of bills; links to related bills; roll-call votes; legislative histories; floor and committee schedules; detailed committee coverage; texts of committee reports; transcripts of witnesses' testimony; and publications such as the *CQ Weekly*, *CQ Almanac,* and the *Congressional Record*. Time spans covered vary by the category of information. CQ.com is available in all Senate offices and in most House offices.

GovTrack
http://www.govtrack.us

GovTrack is a free service that can help to determine the status of U.S. federal legislation, voting records for the Senate and the House of Representatives, information on Members of Congress, congressional district maps, and the status of state legislation. State legislative information is a new feature as of June 2012. Federal legislation may be searched and browsed back to the 93rd Congress (1973-1974) and the text of legislation is available as far back as the 106th Congress (1999-2000). GovTrack also provides useful bill statistics for the current Congress back to the 96th Congress (1979-1980) such as bill counts by Congress. Information is available as bill dockets, bills by subjects, and there is a bill search and track feature.

HeinOnline
http://heinonline.org

HeinOnline is a searchable digital library of current and historical materials, including some congressional documents back to 1789. The database also includes legal journals, texts, cases, statutes, regulations, presidential materials, treaties, as well as international and foreign legal journals, cases, and materials. Many are full text in the original page-image (PDF) format. HeinOnline is fee-based and available only to subscribers.

National Journal
http://www.nationaljournal.com/njonline

The National Journal Group is a source of writings on the current political environment and emerging policy trends. Its information products include *National Journal*, *Congress Daily*, *The Hotline*, NationalJournal.com, *The Capitol Source*, *The Almanac of American Politics*, *Convention Daily*, *National Journal On Air*, and *Washington Week with Gwen Ifill*. All House and Senate offices have access to NationalJournal.com, *National Journal Daily*, and *National Journal Hotline*, as well as to the print versions of *National Journal Daily* and the weekly *National Journal Magazine* at no cost.

OpenCongress
http://www.OpenCongress.org

OpenCongress is a resource that helps constituents navigate legislative and Member information. Basic features allow one to track legislation and votes, to receive email alerts, and RSS feeds. OpenCongress allows citizens to use issue-based templates for selected topics to write to Members of Congress directly from the website. Another feature is the ability to search legislation by issue areas, keywords, bill numbers, identify those Members who support or are opposed to a bill then join groups comprised of other constituents who share the same interests. Users have the capability to share their interests with their online communities via a variey of "one click" social networking options.

A "Money Trail" feature provides information on campaign contributions, specific bills, and the votes of Members of Congress. Top recipients of industry sector level donors to a Member are provided. OpenCongress is a free, open-source, not-for-profit resource of the Participatory Politics Foundation and the Sunlight Foundation.

ProQuest Congressional
http://congressional.proquest.com

This database contains detailed abstracts and links to the full text of many congressional and federal documents, such as the *Congressional Record*, congressional hearing transcripts, committee prints, and legislative histories. Length of coverage varies depending on the category of information. It is the enhanced web-based counterpart of the *CIS/Index to Publications of the United States Congress*. This resource is fee-based and accessible only to subscribers. ProQuest Congressional is available to all House and Senate offices. For optimum functionality, ProQuest recommends using the Firefox browser.

Scout—Federal and State Legislative Alert Service
https://scout.sunlightfoundation.com

Scout is a legislative and regulatory alerts service from the Sunlight Foundation, which provides updates on federal and state legislation as well as *Congressional Record* speeches and federal regulations. Bill text is provided by GPO, and most other information on bills comes from GovTrack, through THOMAS. Information from THOMAS and GPO is delayed by about one day. Regulatory information is provided from the *Federal Register* and published throughout the day. Scout's data covers 2009 to the present.

Information on state legislation comes from Open States, a Sunlight Foundation project that publishes data on state legislative activity for all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. This data originates from the official websites of the 50 state legislatures, and it is published at various times throughout the day, depending on the state.

Researching Current Federal Regulations

Regulations are issued by federal departments and agencies under the authority delegated to them by federal law.[3] Final rules are printed in the *Federal Register (FR)* and later codified by subject in the *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)*.

Governmental Sources

Code of Federal Regulations
http://gpo.gov/fdsys

The *Code of Federal Regulations* (*CFR)* codifies final rules having general applicability and legal effect that first appeared in the *Federal Register*. The *CFR*'s 50 titles are arranged by subject. The entire *CFR* is revised annually (one-quarter of the titles at a time) in January, April, July, and October. Because the annual revision incorporates new regulations and drops superseded ones, the *CFR* reflects regulations in effect at the time of printing. An index volume that includes tables accompanies the set. By using the *FR* and *CFR* sources, with their many finding aids, it is possible to identify existing regulations in a subject area or those that pertain to a specific title and section of the *United States Code*, identify regulations issued pursuant to a specific public law, and find proposed regulations that are not yet final.[4]

The Electronic Code of Federal Regulations, http://ecfr.gpo.gov (e-CFR), is the current, updated version of the *CFR*. However, it is not an official legal edition of the *CFR*, but an unofficial editorial compilation of *CFR* material and *FR* amendments produced by the National Archives and Records Administration's Office of the Federal Register (OFR) and GPO. The OFR updates the e-CFR on a daily basis.

Federal Register
http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collection.action?collectionCode=FR

The *Federal Register* (*FR*) contains the official announcement of regulations and legal notices issued by federal departments and agencies. It includes proposed and final federal regulations having general applicability and legal effect; executive orders and presidential proclamations; documents required to be published by an act of Congress; and other federal documents of public interest. Daily and monthly indexes, and an accompanying publication, *List of CFR Sections Affected*, aid in its use.

The *FR* also publishes the "Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions" twice yearly (usually in April and October). This document provides advance notice of proposed rulemaking by listing all rules and proposed rules that more than 60 federal departments, agencies, and commissions expect to issue during the next six months. Regulations that concern the military or foreign affairs, or that deal only with agency personnel, organization, or management matters, are excluded. The agenda is available online from 1994 through the present.

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[3] For more information, see CRS Report RL32240, *The Federal Rulemaking Process: An Overview*, coordinated by Maeve P. Carey.

[4] For more information, see CRS Report RL30812, *Federal Statutes: What They Are and Where to Find Them*, by Cassandra L. Foley.

GPO Federal Digital System
http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys

The Government Printing Office's Federal Digital System (FDsys) is a website that enables GPO to display and deliver information from all branches of the U.S. government. Materials available on FDsys include the full-text of bills, the *Congressional Record* and the *Congressional Record Index* (which includes the History of Bills and Resolutions section), congressional calendars, public laws, selected congressional reports and documents, the *Daily Compilation of Presidential Documents,* and the *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents*, the *Federal Register*, and the *Code of Federal Regulations*. Coverage varies by title.

RegInfo.gov
http://www.reginfo.gov

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the General Services Administration (GSA) produce this website. RegInfo.gov provides a list of all rules undergoing Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) E.O. 12866 regulatory review. Updated daily, it also provides a list of all rules on which review has been concluded in the past 30 days, lists and statistics on regulatory reviews dating back to 1981, and letters to agencies regarding regulatory actions.

Regulations.gov
http://www.regulations.gov

This website was launched in 2003 to enhance public participation in federal regulatory activities. Users can search and view proposed regulations from more than 176 federal departments and agencies. Many proposed regulations include a link to a comment form that readers can complete and submit to the appropriate department or agency. Regulations.gov is updated each business day with proposed new regulations. Among the database's search options are keyword or subject, department or agency name, regulations published today, comments due today, open regulations or comments by publication dates, and *Code of Federal Regulations* citation.

White House Executive Clerk's Office

The Office of the Executive Clerk at the White House provides a recorded message with information on the dates that executive orders and presidential proclamations appeared in the *Federal Register*. If the desired information is not included in the taped message, callers can also be connected to a staff member. The recorded message is available at (202) 456-2226.

Nongovernmental Sources

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BNA's Daily Report for Executives
http://dailyreport.bna.com

This online report covers a broad spectrum of issues, providing news reports and links to the full text of key documents, such as proposed and final legislation, regulations, testimony, and fact sheets summarizing major issues. Available in electronic and print formats only to paid subscribers.

Federal Regulatory Directory
http://www.cqpress.com/product/Federal-Regulatory-Directory-15th.html

This link leads to a product description and purchase information for the *Federal Regulatory Directory*. This publication may be purchased in print or electronic format. The *Federal Regulatory Directory* provides profiles of the mandates and operations of more than 100 federal regulatory agencies and is published every two years. Each profile gives a brief history and description of the agency and its regulatory oversight responsibilities, and lists key staff, information sources, legislation, and regional offices. It also provides an overview of the federal regulatory process. Other aids are the full texts of key regulatory acts and executive orders, a guide to using the *Federal Register* and the *Code of Federal Regulations*, and subject and name indexes.

HeinOnline
http://heinonline.org

HeinOnline is a searchable digital library of current and historical materials, including some U.S. congressional documents back to 1789. The *United States Codes*, *Code of Federal Regulations*, and *U.S. Statutes at Large* are accessible through HeinOnline. Users can browse *CFR* indexes, determine if a federal regulation is current, find a presidential proclamation or an executive order. HeinOnline is fee-based and available only to subscribers.

Media Sources

Print and web-based media sources provide useful background information on the status of federal legislation and regulations through their reporting, political analysis, and editorial perspectives. The inclusion of a web-based product under this heading does not imply CRS endorsement of the product.

CQ.com
http://www.cq.com

In addition to the legislative analysis and tracking role of this fee-based subscription service, CQ.com also provides a daily news feature, full-text of *CQ Weekly*, *Budget Tracker* for articles on appropriations bills and continuing resolutions, and a variety of CQ specialty news sources such as *CQ Healthbeat*, *CQ Homeland Security*, *CQ Financial Transcripts*, and *CQ Hot Docs*. RSS news feeds are also provided as news occurs.

CQ Roll Call
http://www.rollcall.com

CQ Roll Call, a daily newspaper, has been covering Capitol Hill news since 1955. CQ *Roll Call* is free to congressional staff, both online and in print.

C-SPAN.org
http://www.c-span.org

C-SPAN is a private, nonprofit company, created in 1979 by the cable television industry as a public service. Its mission is to provide public access to the political process.

The Hill
http://www.thehill.com

The Hill is a weekly newspaper covering Congress and its Members.

Politico
http://www.politico.com

Politico.com covers political news with a focus on national politics, Congress, Capitol Hill, the presidential race, lobbying, and advocacy.

Politico Pro
https://www.politicopro.com

This premium subscription service goes beyond the standard political news coverage of its sister publication, *Politico.* According to its website, *Politico Pro* was launched in June 2010 to provide "access to intense *Politico*-style coverage of Washington's most important policy issues." At present, six issue areas are covered—Defense, Energy, Finance, Health Care, Technology, and Transportation.

CRS Resources

Classes at CRS

Introduction to Legislative Research: Using Books and the Internet to Locate Laws, Regulations, and Court Decisions

A two and a half hour seminar offered six times a year by the Law Library of Congress and CRS. This seminar outlines the fundamentals of legal research and focuses on sources of federal legal materials: Congress, the executive branch, and the federal courts. It covers print and electronic sources and examines the basic legal documents each branch generates and the types of information contained in them. The documents include the *U.S. Code*, the *Federal Register*, the *Code of Federal Regulations*, the *U.S. Reports*, the *Federal Reporter*, and the *Federal Supplement*. The seminar is intended for staff with limited or no experience with federal legal research techniques. To register, go to http://www.crs.gov/programs/Pages/eventcal_legal.aspx and select class from the Events Calendar, then select "Register" tab.

Federal Legislative History Research: Using Print and Electronic Resources

This two and a half hour seminar is offered four times a year. A Law Library of Congress specialist will discuss various electronic and print chronological and topical publications containing federal laws and how to research the legislative history of those laws. Participants will be shown where and how to locate electronic and print versions of congressional documents, including bills, resolutions, committee reports and prints, and floor debates that are generated in the legislative process. Sources of compiled legislative histories and methods of compiling legislative histories will be covered. Internet sources that will be discussed include THOMAS and other Library of Congress sites, GPO's FDsys, and various congressional sites. To register, go to

http://www.crs.gov/programs/Pages/eventcal_legal.aspx and select class from the Events Calendar, then select "Register" tab.

Federal Statutory Research: Using Print and Electronic Resources

This two and a half hour seminar is offered two times a year. Content coverage includes the historical development of federal statutory publications, and an explanation as to the significance of enactment of titles of the *United States Code* into positive law. Internet sources that will be discussed include THOMAS and Library of Congress sites, congressional sites, GPO's FDsys, and Cornell's Legal Information Institute site. To register, go to http://www.crs.gov/programs/Pages/eventcal_legal.aspx and select class from the Events Calendar, then select "Register" tab.

Introduction to Congress Courses

CRS staff regularly provide classroom instruction to congressional staff on legislative process and procedure. Two such courses available to House and Senate staff are

- **Congress: An Introduction to Resources and Procedure.** This is an all-day program that is designed for those seeking a better understanding of the legislative process and the resources available to monitor it. This program is not open to interns. Registration information is available at http://crs.gov/programs.

- **Legislative Concepts.** CRS also offers a monthly introductory "Legislative Concepts" class to House staff and interns in the House Learning Center. Information is available on HouseNet at http://housenet.house.gov under "House Learning Center."

Advanced Legislative Process Institute

This Institute builds on the basic procedures and resources provided in "Congress: An Introduction to Resources and Procedure." In depth sessions describe processes and procedural strategy that are specific to each chamber. Additional information on this class and others can be found at http://crs.gov/programs.

Congressional Dictionary

Congressional Quarterly's *American Congressional Dictionary*

This online dictionary provides a quick reference to definitions and brief explanations of many terms and expressions currently used in Congress. Updated as necessary by CRS specialists and analysts. Available at http://crs.gov/pages/glossary_a.aspx.

Selected CRS Reports

Additional information on researching legislation and regulations is provided in the following CRS reports:

CRS Report 98-673, *Publications of Congressional Committees: A Summary*, by Matthew E. Glassman.

CRS Report RS20120, *Legislative Support Resources: Offices and Websites for Congressional Staff*, by Jennifer E. Manning and Michael Greene.

CRS Report R43056, *Counting Regulations: An Overview of Rulemaking, Types of Federal Regulations, and Pages in the Federal Register*, by Maeve P. Carey.

CRS Report RS21363, *Legislative Procedure in Congress: Basic Sources for Congressional Staff*, by Jennifer E. Manning and Michael Greene.

CRS Report RL30812, *Federal Statutes: What They Are and Where to Find Them*, by Cassandra L. Foley.

CRS Report RL32240, *The Federal Rulemaking Process: An Overview*, coordinated by Maeve P. Carey.

CRS Report R41865, *Legislative History Research: A Guide to Resources for Congressional Staff*, by Julia Taylor.

CRS Report 98-309, *House Legislative Procedures: Published Sources of Information*, by Megan S. Lynch.

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