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Legislative Support Resources: Offices and Websites for Congressional Staff

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Summary

This report provides a brief list of key House, Senate, legislative support agencies, and executive branch offices, as well as links to online resources of use to new congressional staff who work with legislative procedures and conduct legislative research. Some of the websites listed are available only to congressional offices; other sites are restricted by chamber and are only available to those staff working in either House or Senate offices. This report is intended for congressional use only and will be updated annually.

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House Offices and Websites

House of Representatives Website

<http://www.house.gov>

House offices only (HouseNet): <http://housenet.house.gov>

Websites of Representatives, leadership offices and organizations, committees, and support offices. The restricted HouseNet website serves as a portal to the other “House Offices Only” websites described below and includes access to “Dear Colleague” letters and commercial database subscriptions, including ProQuest Congressional.

Clerk of the House

H-154 Capitol

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<http://clerk.house.gov>

House offices only: <https://housenet.house.gov/campus/service-providers/legislative-resource-center/office-of-the-clerk>

For assistance with archiving records, *Congressional Record* submissions, introduction of legislation, submission of amendments, and roll call vote questions.

House Legislative Resource Center

292 Cannon House Office Building

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To order publications: /redacted / or email info.clerkweb@mail.house.gov

http://clerk.house.gov/about/offices_lrc.aspx

House offices only: <https://housenet.house.gov/campus/service-providers/legislative-resource-center>

For current and historical House documents, directories, payroll and financial disclosure reports, and lobbyist registrations. The House Legislative Resource Center is a part of the House Library (see below).

House Legislative Counsel

337 Ford House Office Building

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<https://legcounsel.house.gov>

House offices only: <http://legcoun.house.gov/members/>

For assistance with legislative drafting and preparation of conference reports.

House Library

B81 Cannon House Office Building

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<http://library.clerk.house.gov>

House offices only: <http://library.house.gov>

Provides legislative reference assistance for House offices, including assistance in searching Congress.gov; offers classes on research topics, such as using the *ProQuest Congressional* database; preserves House documents and has the most complete collection of House publications. Also provides access to various subscription databases only available onsite at the House Library.

House Parliamentarian

H209 Capitol

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http://www.house.gov/content/learn/officers_and_organizations/parliamentarian.php

For assistance with legislative rules, precedents, and practices.

House Technology Call Center

H2-694 Ford House Office Building

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House offices only: <https://housenet.house.gov/technology>

For technical assistance with, and training on, office computers and wireless devices, websites, software, and databases.

Senate Offices and Websites

Senate Website

<http://www.senate.gov>

Senate offices only (Webster): <http://webster.senate.gov>

Websites of Senators, leadership offices and organizations, committees, and support offices. The restricted Webster website is a portal to the various “Senate Offices Only” sites described below and also provides access to commercial database subscriptions, including ProQuest Congressional and LexisNexis.

Secretary of the Senate

S312 Capitol

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To order publications: /redacted /

Senate offices only: <http://webster.senate.gov/secretary>

For current and historical Senate documents, directories, payroll and financial disclosure reports, archival assistance, and lobbyist registrations.

Note: The Senate Document Room is located at B04 Hart Senate Office Building and can be reached at /redacted /.

Senate IT/Computer Support Services

2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE (Postal Square Building, 6th Floor)

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Senate offices only: <http://webster.senate.gov/officeequipment/computers/itcomputer-support/>

Provides technical assistance with, and training on, office computers and wireless devices, websites, software, and databases.

Senate Legislative Counsel

668 Dirksen Senate Office Building

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<http://slc.senate.gov>

For assistance with legislative drafting and preparation of conference reports.

Senate Library

B15 Russell Senate Office Building
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Senate offices only: <http://webster.senate.gov/library>

Provides reference assistance for Senate offices, including assistance in searching Congress.gov. Offers classes on research topics and has the most complete collection of Senate publications.

Senate Parliamentarian

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Senate offices only: <http://webster.senate.gov/secretary/departments/Parliamentarian>

For assistance with legislative rules, precedents, and practices.

Additional Legislative Support Resources

Congress.gov Website

<https://www.congress.gov>

For timely, accurate and complete legislative information, 93rd Congress (1973-1974)-present. Content includes legislation, floor votes, schedules, the *Congressional Record*, and committee publications. The site is also a portal to a variety of government, commercial, and academic legislative sources.

Legislative branch users have additional access to restricted content on the site, such as CQ Markup Reports and CRS reports concerning specific bills.

Congress.gov is a public legislative website that launched in 2016. It superseded THOMAS and will replace the LIS website for legislative branch users sometime in 2019. Staff may continue to use the LIS website at <http://www.lis.gov> for some search capabilities that are not yet replicated on Congress.gov.

Congressional Research Service

Library of Congress, Madison Building, LM-205
La Follette Congressional Reading Room, LM-202
Main number to place requests: /redacted /
Hotline for “ready reference” questions: /redacted /
Congressional offices only: <http://www.crs.gov>
To register for Twitter feed, go to <http://www.crs.gov/Resources/Twitter>

For confidential, authoritative, and objective research and analysis on legislative and oversight issues before Congress, as well as programs designed to help staffers learn about such topics as budget and appropriations, legal research, and legislative process and procedure.

Congressional Budget Office

H2-410 Ford House Office Building
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To order publications: email communications@cbo.gov
<http://www.cbo.gov>
<https://twitter.com/uscho>

For budget projections, budget information, and cost estimates for bills reported out of committee.

Government Accountability Office

441 G Street, NW

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To order publications: /redacted /

<http://www.gao.gov>

<http://twitter.com/USGAO>

Congressional offices only: <http://watchdog.gao.gov>

For independent, nonpartisan reports on agency audits, policy analysis, and program evaluations. As the investigative arm of Congress, GAO supports congressional oversight by reporting on federal government programs, investigating allegations of improper agency activities, and adjudicating government contract disputes.

Government Publishing Office

<https://www.gpo.gov>

<https://www.govinfo.gov> (see below)

<http://twitter.com/USGPO>

Congressional offices only: <http://www.gpo.gov/congressional/>

Govinfo (<https://www.govinfo.gov>) replaced GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys) website in December 2018. Govinfo provides access to the same publications and search functionality as FDsys, but has a new look and new features.

For congressional and executive branch documents, such as the *Federal Register* and the *U.S. Government Manual*.

Law Library of Congress

Law Library Reading Room, LM-242

Library of Congress

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Congressional offices only: /redacted /

<http://www.loc.gov/law>

<http://twitter.com/lawlibcongress>

Congressional offices only: <http://www.loc.gov/law/congress>

For legal research and reference; offers special services to congressional offices, including reports, briefings, and training on legal topics.

National Archives and Records Administration

700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Congressional offices only: <http://www.archives.gov/congress>

Listings of newly enacted laws and law numbers: <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/laws/current.html>

<http://twitter.com/usnatarchives>

For newly enacted laws, older Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations, and access to congressional committee records that are stored in the Center for Legislative Archives.

For Office of the Federal Register and information about newly assigned public law numbers:

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PUBLAWS-L, an email list about newly enacted laws. To sign up: <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/laws/updates.html>.

Office of Management and Budget

725 17th Street, NW (New Executive Office Building)

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<https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/>

<https://twitter.com/OMBPress>

For copies of the President’s federal budget proposals, proposed legislation, testimony, reports, PAYGO scorecards, and other documents associated with the Administration’s agenda. OMB serves as the implementation and enforcement arm of presidential policy government-wide.

White House Executive Clerk’s Office

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/>

To find out if the President has received, signed, or vetoed recent legislation.

White House Website

<http://www.whitehouse.gov>

<http://twitter.com/whitehouse>

For current presidential Administration documents, such as executive orders and presidential proclamations.

Note: Older, as well as archived, executive orders are available through the National Archives’ Executive Orders web page at <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/executive-orders/>. For executive orders, click on the link by President, by year, to view executive orders for each year. For presidential proclamations, click on the link “view all Presidential Documents” on the top right of this website page, then click on the link by President for a list arranged in reverse chronological order (most recent first).

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