## Name of the Tool

# Congress.Gov

# Home Page



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### **Brief History**

Congress.gov is the online database of United States Congress legislative information. A project of the Library of Congress, it was in beta in 2012, and launched on July 5, 2016 superseding THOMAS.

### Scope and Coverage

Congress.gov is the official website for U.S. federal legislative information. It is presented by the Library of Congress (LOC) using data from the Office of the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the Government Publishing Office, Congressional Budget Office, and the LOC's Congressional Research Service. The scope of data collections and system functionality has continued to expand since THOMAS was launched in January 1995.

### Kind of Information

The contents of the site give a clear idea about the kind of information that can be accessed from here. They are as follows....

• Legislation: Includes the legislative activities of U.S. It comes in three parts - House of Representatives, Senate and also recent activities. Information that can be accessed from here, are shown in the picture.



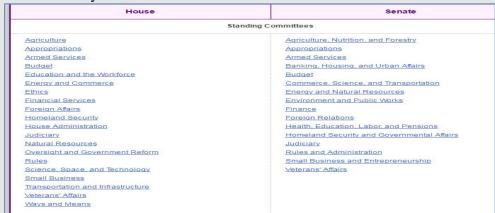
• Congressional Record: It includes different records of Government. It can be downloaded in PDF format.



• Members: Gives details about the members of Congress of US State or Territory. Legislation Sponsored or Cosponsored by a particular member is listed against his/her name.



Committees: Committees active in the current congress are listed here.
Visitors can select a particular committee to get their information according to necessity.



- Committee Reports: Different types of report of Congress can be accessed from here.
- Apart from that visitors can also get information on Nominations, Treaty documents, Executives communications, Legislative process of Congress from this site.

#### Special Features

- ❖ Visitors can search Congress.gov using the search box available on most pages (main search), a collection-specific quick search, or advanced search. Advanced search gives the visitors option of using a form optimized for legislation, a query builder for customized searches, or a command line entry box for using SOLR query syntax. Additional help on searching is listed on the left.
- ❖ One can easily contact with his/her Representative/ Senators from the link provided in the main page.

Links with video archives of Representative/ Senates. Visitors can easily watch any recent or past session video of Congress.

# Arrangement Pattern

Information in 'Legislation' & 'Congressional Record' is arranged date of upload wise.

Information in 'Committees' are arranged according to Committee index i.e.; alphabetically.

No such arrangement is maintained for other information.

#### Remarks

Congress.gov is usually updated the morning after a session adjourns. Consult Coverage Dates for Legislative Information for the specific update schedules and start date for each collection. The site provides access to accurate, timely, and complete legislative information for Members of Congress, legislative agencies, and the public.

#### Comparable Tools

- Data.Gov( https://www.data.gov/)
- ➤ GOV Spot ( http://www.govspot.com/)
- > USA.GOV ( https://www.usa.gov/)
- Foreign Government Resources on the Web (http://www-personal.umich.edu/~graceyor/govdocs/foreign.html)
- ➤ Governments on the WWW( http://www.gksoft.com/govt/)

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