Legislative Support Resources: Offices and Websites for Congressional Staff

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Summary

This report, one of a series of reports on the legislative process, provides a brief list of telephone numbers, room numbers, and Internet addresses of use to new congressional staffers who work with legislative procedures and conduct legislative research. Internet access restrictions are noted. Some of the websites listed are available only to congressional offices; other sites are restricted further and are only available to House or Senate offices. This report is intended for congressional use only and will be updated annually.
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
(202) 225-7000
http://clerk.house.gov
House offices only: https://housenet.house.gov/campus/service-providers/legislative-resource-center/office-of-the-clerk

For archival assistance, Congressional Record submissions, introduction of legislation, submission of amendments, and roll call vote questions.

House Legislative Resource Center
135 Cannon House Office Building
(202) 226-5200
To order publications: (202) 226-5210 or email hdocs@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 historic House documents, directories, payroll and financial disclosure reports, and lobbyist registrations. The House Legislative Resource Center includes the House Library, http://library.clerk.house.gov/, which preserves House documents and provides legislative history assistance to offices.

House Legislative Counsel
337 Ford House Office Building
(202) 225-6060
http://www.house.gov/legcoun
House offices only: http://legcoun.house.gov/members/

For assistance with legislative drafting and preparation of conference reports.

House Library
Cannon House Office Building
(202) 225-9000
http://library.clerk.house.gov
House offices only: http://library.clerk.house.gov

Provides legislative reference assistance for House offices, including assistance in searching the Legislative Information System (LIS) and Congress.gov; offers classes on research topics, such as using the ProQuest Congressional database; has most complete collection of House publications.
House Parliamentarian
H209 Capitol
(202) 225-7373
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
(202) 225-6002 or (800) 447-8737
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
(202) 224-3622
To order publications: (202) 224-1356
Senate offices only: http://webster.senate.gov/secretary
For current and historic 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 (202) 224-7701.

Senate IT/Computer Support Services
2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE (Postal Square Building, 6th Floor)
(202) 228-4357
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
(202) 224-6461
http://slc.senate.gov
Senate offices only: http://www.slc.senate.gov
For assistance with legislative drafting and preparation of conference reports.
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**Senate Library**  
B15 Russell Senate Office Building  
(202) 224-7106 or email reference@sec.senate.gov  
Senate offices only: http://webster.senate.gov/secretary/library

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

**Senate Parliamentarian**  
S133 Capitol  
(202) 224-6128  
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, going back to the 93rd Congress (1973-1974). 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 about specific bills.

Congress.gov is still in development and will eventually replace both THOMAS (the public legislative website) and the LIS website for legislative branch users. Staff may still need to use the LIS website at http://www.lis.gov for some content and search capabilities that are not yet replicated on Congress.gov.

**Congressional Research Service**  
Library of Congress, Madison Building, LM205  
La Follette Congressional Reading Room, LM202  
Main number to place requests: (202) 707-5700  
Hotline for “ready reference” questions: (202) 707-7100  
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  
(202) 226-2800  
To order publications: (202) 226-2809 or email publications@cbo.gov  
http://www.cbo.gov  
https://twitter.com/uscbo

For budget projections, budget information, and cost estimates for bills reported out of committee.
Government Accountability Office
441 G Street, NW
(202) 512-4400
To order publications: (202) 512-6000
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. GAO, the investigative arm of Congress, supports congressional oversight by reporting on federal government programs, investigating allegations of improper agency activities, and adjudicating government contract disputes.

Government Publishing Office Federal Digital System (FDsys) Website
http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys
http://twitter.com/USGPO
Congressional offices only: http://www.gpo.gov/congressional/

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, LM201
Library of Congress
(202) 707-5079
Congressional offices only: (202) 707-2700
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
(202) 357-5100
Congressional offices only: http://www.archives.gov/congress
http://twitter.com/usnatarchives

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

Office of the Federal Register and to speak with someone for information about newly assigned public law numbers: (202) 741-6000.


Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW (New Executive Office Building)
(202) 395-4790
http://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
(202) 456-2226 (a recording)
http://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/legislation

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 webpage at http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/executive-orders/.

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