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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.

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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

(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.

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/uscho>

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>

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, 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.

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)

(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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