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SUMMARY

In recent years, parliaments around the world have enhanced their websites in order to improve access to legislative information and other parliamentary resources. Innovative features allow constituents and researchers to locate and utilize detailed information on laws and lawmaking in various ways. These include tracking tools and alerts, apps, the use of open data technology, and different search functions. In order to demonstrate some of the developments in this area, staff from the Global Legal Research Directorate of the Law Library of Congress surveyed the official parliamentary websites of fifty countries from all regions of the world, plus the website of the European Parliament. In some cases, information on more than one website is provided where separate sites have been established for different chambers of the national parliament, bringing the total number of individual websites surveyed to seventy.

While the information on the parliamentary websites is primarily in the national language of the particular country, around forty of the individual websites surveyed were found to provide at least limited information in one or more other languages. The European Parliament website can be translated into any of the twenty-four official languages of the members of the European Union.

All of the parliamentary websites included in the survey have at least basic browse tools that allow users to view legislation in a list format, and that may allow for viewing in, for example, date or title order. All of the substantive websites also enable searching, often providing a general search box for the whole site at the top of each page as well as more advanced search options for different types of documents. Some sites provide various facets that can be used to further narrow searches.

Around thirty-nine of the individual websites surveyed provide users with some form of tracking or alert function to receive updates on certain documents (including proposed legislation), parliamentary news, committee activities, or other aspects of the website. This includes the ability to subscribe to different RSS feeds and/or email alerts.

The ability to watch live or recorded proceedings of different parliaments, including debates within the relevant chamber as well as committee hearings, is a common feature of the parliamentary websites surveyed. Fifty-eight of the websites surveyed featured some form of video, including links to dedicated YouTube channels, specific pages where users can browse and search for embedded videos, and separate video services or portals that are linked to or viewable from the main site. Some countries also make videos available on dedicated mobile-friendly sites or apps, including Denmark, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, and New Zealand.

In total, apps containing parliamentary information are provided in just fourteen of the countries surveyed. In comparison, the parliamentary websites of thirty countries are available in mobile-friendly formats, enabling easy access to information and different functionalities using smartphones and tablets.

The table also provides information on some of the additional special features available on the surveyed websites. Examples include dedicated sites or pages that provide educational information about the parliament for children (Argentina, El Salvador, Germany, Israel, Netherlands, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey); calendar functions, including those that allow users to save information to their personal calendars or otherwise view information about different types of proceedings or events (available on at least twenty websites); and open data portals or other features that allow information to be downloaded in bulk for reuse or analysis, including through the use of APIs (application programming interfaces) (at least six countries).
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1 Archive at [https://perma.cc/NS76-BRKM](https://perma.cc/NS76-BRKM).
2 Users may click on the tabs on the main banner of the page to access general and historical information about the legislative branch, the Palace of Congress, and the legislative process. Links to publications, the congressional library website, the government health services site, laws and regulations, and the Children’s Congress site are available at the bottom of the page.
5 Users may browse bills, session information, and parliamentary documents by clicking “Actividad Legislativa” at the top of the home page. The session agenda is also displayed on the main home page. Information on senators is continuously scrolling across the bottom of the page, including name, photograph, political party, duration of term, and links to individual social media accounts. Users may click on each senator to get further information on each or may sort the entire list by last name, block, commission, and province.
6 The Senate website allows users to search all bills by number, title, date, key words, or status of commission consideration, at [http://www.senado.gov.ar/parlamentario/parlamentaria](http://www.senado.gov.ar/parlamentario/parlamentaria), archived at [https://perma.cc/VY5X-RPX9](https://perma.cc/VY5X-RPX9).
Users of the congressional websites may follow congressional news through Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram accounts.

A live stream of Senate sessions is available at http://www.senado.gov.ar/parlamentario/sesiones/enVivo, archived at https://perma.cc/6LKW-P4QW.

The Chamber of Deputies website allows users to browse bills, session information, and parliamentary documents by clicking “Actividad Parlamentaria” at the top of the home page. The session agenda is also displayed on the main home page. Information on representatives is continuously scrolling across the bottom of the page, including name, photograph, political party, duration of term, and links to individual social media accounts. Users may click on each representative to get further information on each or may sort the entire list by last name, block, commission, and province.

While there is no general search bar for the entire website, users can utilize the Chamber of Deputies website to search all bills under consideration in either chamber by type, number, title, proposing chamber, commission, date, keywords, or sponsor name, at http://www.hcdn.gob.ar/proyectos/buscador2016-99.html, archived at https://perma.cc/M3K7-FXYY.

Live coverage of congressional hearings and debates are available on the website of the Chamber of Deputies’ channel, at http://www.hcdn.gob.ar/index.html, archived at https://perma.cc/Z79U-GBMW.

Most of static information is available in four languages. However, information on bills and other frequently updated data are available only in Armenian.


It is possible to search the entire website or specific parts of the website, e.g., bills, enacted legislation, committees, transcripts, and news. The search box is available on all pages. The website gives the option to subscribe to email newsletters and RSS feeds. However, it is not clear if these functions are operational.

Live and recorded sessions of Parliament can be watched on its YouTube channel, at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnbiSB0cBe9AnzwbcdwWznz, archived at https://perma.cc/6L89-EF87.

A calendar shows the dates of sessions and links to the agenda, text, history, and authors of bills, minutes, and transcripts of past sessions, http://parliament.am/agenda.php?lang=arm, archived at https://perma.cc/CG7V-4EC6.

The Australian Parliament website allows users to browse all bills by title or search for bills, at http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation, archived at https://perma.cc/BS9T-K32A. Search options can be expanded in order to narrow search by date, current bills, bill status, and type. The Australian Parliament website also has a search box on each page for searching the whole site. The ParlInfo advanced search page allows even more specific searching by allowing users to select different parts of the Parliament site to search, at http://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/search/search.w3p?adv=yes.


Not all content may be available in all languages. The website of the Austrian parliament provides PDF brochures for download in thirty other languages besides the five languages that the website is offered in. Information on parliamentarianism, the Austrian legislative process, and visiting the parliament is available in sign language. The accessible sign language service offers sign language videos with the option to turn on subtitles. The sign language interpreter’s words are also simultaneously displayed in text below the video and highlighted so that the viewer may follow along. See [https://www.parlament.gv.at/GESP/](https://www.parlament.gv.at/GESP/), archived at [http://perma.cc/KM3M-VD3K](http://perma.cc/KM3M-VD3K).

The bills and parliamentary initiatives of the Austrian parliament can be browsed in a variety of ways, at [https://www.parlament.gv.at/PAKT/RGES/](https://www.parlament.gv.at/PAKT/RGES/), archived at [http://perma.cc/2FS8-MQ7M](http://perma.cc/2FS8-MQ7M). They can be sorted by date, type of document, topic, document number, and bill status.


Users can subscribe to a variety of RSS feeds. They are listed at [https://www.parlament.gv.at/HILF/RSS-FEED/index.shtml](https://www.parlament.gv.at/HILF/RSS-FEED/index.shtml), archived at [http://perma.cc/6BLF-K9MT](http://perma.cc/6BLF-K9MT). Users who sign up for an account can also subscribe to newsletters on various topics and budgetary information.


An app is available for iOS (Apple), Android, and Windows phones. The app provides a live stream of parliamentary debates, current information on legislation, petitions, and parliamentary initiatives, a calendar, contact information, virtual tours, frequently asked questions, photo albums, etc. Information on members of parliament is also available, including the option to call or email the member directly from the app. See [https://www.parlament.gv.at/PAKT/AKT/SCHLTHEM/SCHLAG/J2015/2015_05_20_Neue_App.shtml](https://www.parlament.gv.at/PAKT/AKT/SCHLTHEM/SCHLAG/J2015/2015_05_20_Neue_App.shtml), archived at [http://perma.cc/3XE3-KPV4](http://perma.cc/3XE3-KPV4).

Calendar events may also be imported into a personal calendar.

Users can create an account and personalize the layout of the website, bookmark pages, and sign up for newsletters on various topics and budgetary information.


The Belgium Chamber of Representatives has a video portal at http://www.lachambre.be/kvvcr/media2/index.html?language=fr, archived at https://perma.cc/Z82D-S2DG (click “See the Screenshot View”), that allows users to watch live and on-demand footage of debates, committee hearings, votes, and other sessions.

The Belgian Senate website allows users to browse bills and other legislative documents at http://www.senate.be/www/?MIval=/index_senate&MENUID=22000&LANG=fr, archived at https://perma.cc/V92T-4C5D; documents may be browsed by number, by date, or by procedural status.

The Belgian Senate website allows users to search bills and other legislative documents at http://www.senate.be/www/?MIval=/index_senate&MENUID=22150&LANG=fr, archived at https://perma.cc/H7DW-UXCR.


In order to narrow a search, search options can be expanded to include type of bill, number of bill, date presented, subject, author, and bill status.

Users of the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies website can register to track bills, at http://www2.camara.leg.br/atividade-legislativa/projetos-de-lei-e-outras-proposicoes/acompanhamento-de-proposicoes-por-e-mail, archived at https://perma.cc/F9RE-993F.

Live sessions of the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies can be watched on the Chamber of Deputies TV Channel (TV Câmara), at http://www2.camara.leg.br/camaranoticias/tv/aoVivo.html, archived at https://perma.cc/UT5G-LUEG.


The Brazilian Federal Senate website allows users to browse all bills by title or search for bills, at http://www25.senado.leg.br/web/atividade/materias, archived at https://perma.cc/48E7-JL8X.

In order to narrow a search, search options can be expanded to include type of bill, number of bill, date presented, subject, author, and bill status.

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The House of Commons website has a Find box on the front page, which is described by the website as “a multi-faceted search engine,” allows a quick search of all the content on the website, members of Parliament, bills, topics, and e-petitions. The LEGISinfo website has a quick search box (to search by bill number or title) and a link to an advanced search function, both of which are located on the left-hand menu, at http://www.parl.gc.ca/LEGISInfoSearch.aspx?Language=E&Mode=1, archived at https://perma.cc/6XER-8XCT. The website also has a publication search tool for House Debates (Hansard), Committee Evidence, and the Journals data sets, allowing for basic, Boolean, and advanced searches, at http://www.parl.gc.ca/Parliamentarians/en/PublicationSearch?PubType=1, archived at https://perma.cc/D8YE-BGV3.

Users of the Parliament of Canada website can subscribe to RSS news feeds to get the latest updates on a number of topics, including new bills for the current session of Parliament, new bills before committees, the latest activity or progress for bills, and new bills matching certain filters or search criteria, at https://perma.cc/D5B9-QVE6.
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72 ParlIVU offers live and on-demand webcasts of Parliamentary proceedings and public committee hearings. Webcasts for the House of Commons can be found at http://parlvu.parl.gc.ca/xrender/en, archived at https://perma.cc/7EHV-3APS.

73 Users are able to access the legislative information website via mobile devices. Although the recently updated House of Commons website appears to be mobile friendly, the LEGISinfo website itself notes that “does not offer an optimized version for mobile devices.” It also notes that “the ‘Text Mode’ hyperlink found on each page may accommodate a more mobile-friendly experience.” Frequently Asked Questions, PARLIAMENT OF CANADA, LEGISINFO, http://www.parl.gc.ca/LEGISInfo/Faq.aspx?Languages=E&Mode=1#ID0ESG, archived at https://perma.cc/QC68-CJ8G.

74 The home page of the House of Commons website has a “Live View of House Proceedings” section that allows a user to see if the House is in session, House agenda and decisions, committee meetings, and members’ work in the current session (which includes the number of members in office, bills presented, votes recorded, petitions presented, and committees established).

75 The home page for the House of Commons website provides a calendar for past or scheduled parliamentary business. The website also provides a link to the House of Commons Sitting Calendar, at http://www.ourcommons.ca/en/sitting-calendar, archived at https://perma.cc/E40K-MJ6D.

76 The House of Commons website provides open data, which the site defines as “[s]tructured data that is machine-readable, freely shared, used and built on without restrictions.” Open data is available for Members of Parliament, Bills, Chamber Proceedings, Committees, Publications Search, and E-petitions data sets in XML format, at http://www.ourcommons.ca/en/open-data, archived at https://perma.cc/S8CX-24LK.


78 A link to the LEGISinfo website is available through a drop-down menu, and a “Find a Bill” icon on the home page leads to the LEGISinfo website where Senate Bills can be browsed. For more information, see supra note 57.

79 The Senate website has a search icon on the top right side of each page that, if clicked, leads to a search box to do a quick search of all the content on the website, members of the Senate, bills, committees, chamber debates, and news, at https://senparlvu.parl.gc.ca/en/search, archived at https://perma.cc/Q3JG-4JD7. If a user clicks on the Chamber Debates tab a link below the search box leads to the “Debates search tool,” where Debates of the Senate of Canada (Hansard) can be searched through a quick or advanced search feature. An In the Chamber drop-down menu provides a link to the LEGISinfo website. The LEGISinfo website can also be accessed from a Find a Bill icon on the home page. Steps for conducting searches of bills in LEGISinfo are detailed in note 58, supra. From the same drop-down menu a link to search Debates of the Senate of Canada (Hansard) is also available.

80 See supra note 59.

81 ParlIVU is a webcasting service that “allows users to access the live and archived streams of public proceedings of the Senate and its committees,” at http://senparlvu.parl.gc.ca/XRender/, archived at https://perma.cc/STD5-BUDN.

82 The Senate website was recently updated to make it mobile-friendly. For more information see supra note 61.

83 A calendar on the home page displays fixed sitting days, possible sitting days, committee events, and special events for that month.

84 Archived at https://perma.cc/XXQ2-23UK.

85 A separate English page of the National People’s Congress (NPC) website is available but provides limited information: http://www.npc.gov.cn/englishnpc/news/index.htm, archived at https://perma.cc/AGV8-8U22.


87 An advanced search option provide a variety of ways to search data: http://law.npc.gov.cn/FLFG/gSearch.action, archived at https://perma.cc/CH8U-AL4V.


A search box is provided at the top of each page that enables searching across the whole website. The homepage (http://www.ft.dk, archived at https://perma.cc/TEH5-UMXR) also has a quick search option (“Kvikopslag”) for proposed legislation at the bottom of the page, and links to a full search page (http://www.ft.dk/dokumenter#dok, archived at https://perma.cc/JK9F-KJ5L) that allows searches using various facets, such as year and document type. This page also includes a “Kvikopslag” (Quick Search) tab to search by law proposal number and a “Søg” tab for a general search.

Users can subscribe to email updates for different aspects of the website, such as the work of particular committees. Emails can be received at different intervals, and individual subscriptions can be bundled together into a single email newsletter: Abonnement på folketinget.dk, FOLKETINGET, http://www.ft.dk/Aktuelt/abonnementservice/Subscription/CheckLogin.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fAktuelt%2fAbonnementService.aspx, archived at https://perma.cc/W7K3-SRAR.

Meetings of the parliament and committee hearings can be watched live or delayed online: Direkte TV, FOLKETINGET, http://www.ft.dk/webTV/Direkte.aspx, archived at https://perma.cc/GAF6-76HL.

The Egyptian House of Representative’s website allows users to browse by committee names, members’ names, and the House’s history, at http://www.parliament.gov.eg/home (see list on right side of screen), archived at https://perma.cc/M3MB-WGRX.

A search tool box is available on the website, at http://www.parliament.gov.eg/home/ (see upper-left corner), archived at https://perma.cc/M3MB-WGRX.

El Salvador’s Legislative Assembly website allows users to browse the Assembly’s session activities by clicking on the “Sesion Plenaria” tab at the top of the page and then navigating the menu on the left side of the resulting page. Bills are not searchable or trackable on a separate page, but by clicking the “Correspondencia” tab, users can see a list of bills and initiatives being considered in the latest session, with text related to each available by clicking on “Piezas A” and selecting a document. See http://www.asamblea.gob.sv/sesion-plenaria/correspondencia, archived at https://perma.cc/U7EE-JH3Y. Laws and decrees currently in effect may be browsed at http://www.asamblea.gob.sv/eparlamento/indice-legislativo/buscador-de-documentos-legislativos, archived at https://perma.cc/A87N-GE69. Users can search by key words and narrow by type of legislative document (codes, decrees, laws, regulations). The latest approved decrees may be viewed by year at http://www.asamblea.gob.sv/eparlamento/indice-legislativo/ultimos-decretos-aprobados, archived at https://perma.cc/R3CF-B69A.

A general search box is available on the top banner of every page. Users of the Legislative Assembly website can subscribe to RSS news feeds to get the latest news and updates of a list of topics, including the latest activity of the committees and legislation, at http://www.asamblea.gob.sv/noticias/rss-de-noticias, archived at https://perma.cc/66RU-XVFB.

Legislative Assembly TV is available on the home page of the Assembly’s website, by clicking on TVL. The site requires Adobe Flash.

The European Parliament is also active on a number of social media, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube: [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/atourservice/en/20150201PVL0030/Social-media](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/atourservice/en/20150201PVL0030/Social-media), archived at [https://perma.cc/R0FY-VPVU](https://perma.cc/R0FY-VPVU).

The EU has twenty-four official languages: Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Estonian, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Irish, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, and Swedish. Parliament’s official documents must be translated and available to the public in all of the official languages. Parliament’s website is also translated into all official languages. All of Parliament’s plenary sessions and committees meetings are fully multilingual. Members may speak their own languages; simultaneous interpretation is ensured. More information on the language policy in the EU is provided by the European Parliament fact sheet: [Language Policy, European Parliament](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegistreWeb/home/welcome.htm?language=EN). The European Parliament has its own database for monitoring the EU decision-making process called the Legislative Observatory. It allows research by key words, subject matter, year, type of procedures, type of acts, legal basis, etc.: [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/home/home.do?lang=en](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/home/home.do?lang=en), archived at [https://perma.cc/B5D6-LG67](https://perma.cc/B5D6-LG67). The Legislative Observatory website is available in two languages (French and English) but the official documents are available in all twenty-four official languages of the EU. EUR-Lex is an EU database that provides access to EU law (primary and secondary law, as well as national implementing measures) in all twenty-four of the official languages, at [http://eur-lex.europa.eu/content/welcome/about.html](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/content/welcome/about.html), archived at [https://perma.cc/V75J-NNEE](https://perma.cc/V75J-NNEE). The European Parliament’s online Public Register of Documents provides searchable direct access to most of the Parliament’s documents, and some others are available on request. See [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegistreWeb/home/welcome.htm?language=EN](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegistreWeb/home/welcome.htm?language=EN), archived at [https://perma.cc/C5NW-64RZ](https://perma.cc/C5NW-64RZ).


The European Parliament also offers a mobile version that contains a selection of information available online. The whole EuroParl website is currently being changed in order to make it more responsive. It should be completed by 2018.

There is no general App for the EuroParl website. The European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) is developing an APP for its publications, which will be available in September 2017.


Archived at https://perma.cc/4FTZ-47FG.

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Proposed legislation is listed in date order on pages related to the Grand Chamber and committees. A page covering issues before the parliament enables browsing based on types of legislation and other documents: https://www.eduskunta.fi/fi/lakiensaattaminen/valtiopaivatasi/sivut/default.aspx, archived at https://perma.cc/NC8F-9LZE.


Archived at https://perma.cc/Z4V3-T9EH.

The French National Assembly website allows users to browse bills by date or bill number at http://www2.assemblee-nationale.fr/documents/liste/(type)/depots, archived at https://perma.cc/8W6R-22R5. Users can also browse all National Assembly legislative documents (including not only bills but also amendments, resolutions, reports, etc.) at http://www2.assemblee-nationale.fr/documents/liste/(type)/projets-loi, archived at https://perma.cc/CGT8-CAMR.

Users can also search all National Assembly legislative documents (including not only bills but also amendments, resolutions, reports, etc.) at http://www2.assemblee-nationale.fr/documents/liste/(type)/projets-loi, archived at https://perma.cc/CGT8-CAMR.


The French National Assembly website allows users to search bills via a simple word search at http://www2.assemblee-nationale.fr/documents/liste/(type)/projets-loi, archived at https://perma.cc/CGT8-CAMR. Users can also search all National Assembly legislative documents (including not only bills but also amendments, resolutions, reports, etc.) at http://www2.assemblee-nationale.fr/documents/liste/(type)/depots, archived at https://perma.cc/8W6R-22R5.

The French National Assembly has a video portal at http://videos.assemblee-nationale.fr/, archived at https://perma.cc/EDU7-9KFD, which allows users to watch live and on-demand footage of National Assembly debates, committee hearings, and other sessions. A search tool is available at http://videos.assemblee-nationale.fr/recherche.php, archived at https://perma.cc/936P-796H. Videos are freely accessible on the website for a period of one year, but anyone wishing to watch a video over a year old must make a specific request.

Archived at https://perma.cc/X2TK-TE75.

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113 Archived at https://perma.cc/A6NS-F4CY.

114 The French Senate (Sénat) website allows users to browse bills from the previous twelve months at http://www.senat.fr/leg/index.html, archived at https://perma.cc/XPL9-H22S. Bills may be browsed by date, by alphabetical order, or by topic.

115 The French Senate website has a search tool at http://www.senat.fr/recherche/index.html, archived at https://perma.cc/W3MT-9BV6, which allows users to search for any text or document (bills, debate transcripts, reports, etc.) on the website.

116 A number of RSS feeds (parliamentary reports, bills, latest videos) are available at http://www.senat.fr/rss.html, archived at https://perma.cc/D6SZ-9FYZ.


119 “Easy Language” (Leichte Sprache) aims to remove linguistic barriers for people that do not understand or have trouble understanding everyday or technical language either due to learning disabilities or because German is not their first language. It is a way to make the content more accessible by using shorter sentences and more pictures. See http://www.bundestag.de/leichte_sprache, archived at http://perma.cc/DW8Z-QBPH.

120 Live video is available for most parliamentary debates and other on-demand videos are provided in the media center. See http://videos.senat.fr/direct, archived at http://perma.cc/VB9E-M4BY.

121 Bills and plenary protocols can be sorted by legislative period or date, and reports and analyses can be sorted by topic, document type, and date, at http://www.bundestag.de/dokumente, archived at http://perma.cc/VWD7-9SJ4.

122 The German parliament has a search box on the top right of every page to search all the content on the whole website.

123 Users of the German parliament website can subscribe to RSS feeds to receive updates on a variety of specific topics or on current topics, press releases, current events at the parliament, reports from the parliamentary research services, parliamentary documentation, plenary protocols, committee meeting agendas, and job announcements, at https://www.bundestag.de/service/rss/rss/196896, archived at http://perma.cc/3J2X-YHQM. In addition, users can sign up for newsletters to receive updates on daily current events at the parliament, press releases, analyses and reports from the parliamentary research services, and information on art exhibitions and art events at the parliament. See http://www.bundestag.de/newsletter, archived at http://perma.cc/K59N-DZIBT.

124 The media center of the German parliament offers live broadcasts from the plenary. Viewers who are following the channel live receive additional information, such as the current agenda or the order of speakers, directly on the homepage. In addition, the website offers on-demand videos of plenary sessions, committee meetings, interviews, reports, special events, and explanatory videos (“ABC videos”) on the work of the parliament. See http://www.bundestag.de/dokumente, archived at http://perma.cc/28V9EI-UW2J.

125 The German parliament’s smartphone and tablet app is available for iOS (Apple), Android, Windows 8, and Samsung/Bada operating systems, with information available at https://www.bundestag.de/apps, archived at http://perma.cc/QH7R-6F5N. The app allows users to watch live debates in the plenary; offers information on debates, committees, members of parliament, bills, and meeting agendas; and provides advice on visiting the parliament, including opening hours for the building and the dome.

126 Calendar may be found on the home page of the parliamentary website.

127 The “virtual eagle” is a virtual assistant that answers questions that users type in the search box and provides links to relevant parts of the parliamentary website. See http://adler.bundestag.de/nmQ/frage.jsp, archived at http://perma.cc/M6E7-2FDV.

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The website has been regularly archived since 2005. Old versions may be accessed at http://webarchiv.bundestag.de/cgi/archive.php, archived at http://perma.cc/T6QJ-8NYW.


The “Find it Fast” tool at the top of each page enables searches by keyword. Searches can also be conducted within specific areas, such as press releases and documents, and allow for narrowing by date range.

A live stream of parliamentary proceedings is available on the home page.


The Parliamentary Bills Information System is a research tool accessible under the Legislation tab on the Lok Sabha’s home page for finding information on legislation that is before Parliament, at http://164.100.47.194/Loksabha/Legislation/NewAdvsearch.aspx, archived at https://perma.cc/BL9F-7QS5. The site allows users to browse bills by bill status, including bills that have been introduced, passed, pending, granted presidential assent, lapsed, withdrawn, or “negatived” (rejected), under the Legislation tab at the top of the page—for example, http://164.100.47.194/Loksabha/Legislation/billspassed.aspx, archived at https://perma.cc/756T-72HF (depicting bills passed). Tabs running across the top portion of the home page also allow for browsing by Members, Business, Questions, Debates, Papers Laid, and Committees (including committee meetings, schedules, bills referred, etc.).


The Lok Sabha website has a search box on the top of each page to search all the content on the website. The Parliamentary Bills Information System on the Lok Sabha website allows for general searches in an advanced search box at http://164.100.47.194/Loksabha/Legislation/NewAdvsearch.aspx, archived at https://perma.cc/4TUG-JVHB. A similar box appears once a researcher has clicked on a particular bill status.
Parliamentary debates can be searched on the Lok Sabha website at http://164.100.47.194/Loksabha/Debates/DebateAdvSearch16.aspx, archived at https://perma.cc/95RG-MLLM, and the site allows for a text (keyword) search, “subject wise” search, “member wise” search, “contents-datewise” search, or an “advance” (advanced) search using multiple search criteria. Parliamentary questions can also be searched on the Lok Sabha website at http://164.100.47.194/Loksabha/Questions/Qtextsearch.aspx, archived at https://perma.cc/KZ2X-JLF6. Searches can be made by text, member, or ministry, or through an advanced search page. Lok Sabha Television is the “Parliament Channel of India with the mandate to telecast live the proceedings of the Lok Sabha,” which are also webcast at http://loksabhatv.nic.in/, archived at https://perma.cc/V4NB-ELCY. While no official Apps are available, unofficial Apps do exist on MPs and their bios; one such App also includes debates and questions. Archived at https://perma.cc/RP69-NBUU.

The Rajya Sabha website also uses the Parliamentary Bills Information System. Bills can be browsed by the session in which the bill was introduced, http://164.100.47.4/newbios_search/intSessionReport3.aspx?session=242&house=bh&type=All&year=All&sort=0&stitle=, archived at https://perma.cc/FF4N-GJZV, or passed, http://164.100.47.4/newbios_search/sessionreport3.aspx, archived at https://perma.cc/547P-EANQ. The Rajya Sabha website has a search box on the top of each page that allows for searching all the content on the website. The website also has an advanced search box at http://164.100.47.4/newbios_search/newadvsearch.aspx, archived at https://perma.cc/H9U9-MBAB. In addition, searches can be made based on the bill type (Govt./Private), bill status, the session in which the bill was introduced or passed, or the member or ministry that introduced the bill. Questions can be searched by member name, ministry name, date, question type, question number, session, or through an integrated search, http://164.100.47.5/qsearch/qsearch.aspx, archived at https://perma.cc/EKB3-Q5VP. Rajya Sabha official debates can be searched with a simple search or an advanced search at http://rsdebate.nic.in/simple-search?sort_by=dc.date.debatedate_dt&order=DESC. Live webcasts of Rajya Sabha proceedings are also available through RSTV during the session period, http://rajyasabha.nic.in/rsnew/webcast/rstvlive.html, archived at https://perma.cc/YLG8-HWAL.


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167 Lok Sabha Television is the “Parliament Channel of India with the mandate to telecast live the proceedings of the Lok Sabha,” which are also webcast at http://loksabhatv.nic.in/, archived at https://perma.cc/V4NB-ELCY.
168 Archived at https://perma.cc/RP69-NBUU.
170 The Rajya Sabha website has a search box on the top of each page that allows for searching all the content on the website. The website also has an advanced search box at http://164.100.47.4/newbios_search/newadvsearch.aspx, archived at https://perma.cc/H9U9-MBAB. In addition, searches can be made based on the bill type (Govt./Private), bill status, the session in which the bill was introduced or passed, or the member or ministry that introduced the bill. Questions can be searched by member name, ministry name, date, question type, question number, session, or through an integrated search, http://164.100.47.5/qsearch/qsearch.aspx, archived at https://perma.cc/EKB3-Q5VP. Rajya Sabha official debates can be searched with a simple search or an advanced search at http://rsdebate.nic.in/simple-search?sort_by=dc.date.debatedate_dt&order=DESC.
171 Live webcasts of Rajya Sabha proceedings are also available through RSTV during the session period, http://rajyasabha.nic.in/rsnew/webcast/rstvlive.html, archived at https://perma.cc/YLG8-HWAL.
172 Archived at https://perma.cc/NS8B-6VHK. The website includes a list of legislation being considered and a special list of priority legislation, and has links to legislation passed by year (with full texts). All texts are in Indonesian.
173 Language settings may be adjusted on the top of the page. Although English translations of legal texts are not included, the English interface does include some of the additional information on the website.
174 Searches may be performed in the search bar at the top of the page by keyword. There is also a special “Find Your Representative” search, by either number or member name.
175 Users can sign up for “web mail” by clicking link on top banner of any page on the website.
176 Information about the Parliament TV service and a link to live streaming is available at http://www.dpr.go.id/serba-serbi/tv-parlemen, archived at https://perma.cc/4VSD-X47B.
178 Archived at https://perma.cc/2AGD-FGL3. The Iranian Parliament’s web portal links to six separate websites. Clicking on the link that says “English” leads to the Islamic Parliament Research Center English website, which contains different content than the Persian website.
179 Archived at https://perma.cc/QLV6-AEXA.
180 The English site’s content is different from and more limited than the Persian site’s content. The English site is available at http://rc.majlis.ir/en, archived at https://perma.cc/ACP7-LY84.
181 Browse by banner and/or section tabs, and/or use the site map at the bottom of the home page.
182 General searches can be conducted from the home page, or more specific searches via some of the tabs.
183 A mobile version of the website can be viewed at http://rc.majlis.ir/m, archived at https://perma.cc/T2E7-WB34.
Android and iOS versions of the website apps are available at http://rc.majlis.ir/fa/content/mobile, archived at https://perma.cc/NUX6-D45X. The site also provided an iOS installation guide, http://rc.majlis.ir/rc-assets/uploads/798809302.37046072.ios-help.pdf, archived at https://perma.cc/T2WQ-6CB2. However, Law Library of Congress staff were not successful in downloading these apps on their personal devices during testing. Downloading these apps may require security setting adjustments.

186 Archived at https://perma.cc/G6TV-8VHM.


Searches can be performed under the “News,” “Subject Links,” and certain individual section tabs.

Users can register to receive a newsletter. Archived at https://perma.cc/V4UX-SBFZ.


There are two search tools that search specific data sets. One search tool allows users to search parliamentary and committee debates at http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/debateswebpack.nsf/combinedsearch?readform, archived at https://perma.cc/3XWN-3F45. The other enables users to search documents that have been formally presented to Parliament and historical materials, and is available at http://opac.oireachtas.ie/liberty/libraryHome.do, archived at https://perma.cc/B2TK-QLR8.

Users may sign up to receive alerts through the RSS feed on a variety of topics, or by the work of individuals members of the Dáil Éireann, the Seanad Éireann, at http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/debateswebpack.nsf/(webrsstopicfeeds)?readform, archived at https://perma.cc/GXV6-SHGP.

Oireachtas TV is a broadcast television channel that is streamed via the website showing selected parts of live Parliament to viewers: http://www.oireachtas.ie/parliament/watchlisten/watchoireachtastv/, archived at https://perma.cc/PB7F-KRT7. An additional webcasting service is available that live streams the Dáil Éireann, the Seanad Éireann, and all committee rooms at http://www.oireachtas.ie/parliament/watchlisten/watchlive/, archived at https://perma.cc/2ZH9-B2BT.

An app, called Houses of the Oireachtas, is available on both iTunes and Google Play that provides users with the contact details of all Teachtaí Dála (members of the Dáil Éireann) and Senators, as well as constituency boundaries. Live streaming of both houses and links to press releases are available at https://itunes.apple.com/en/app/houses-of-the-oireachtas/id783571697?mt=8, archived at https://perma.cc/GXV6-SHGP.

A calendar of events in both houses of the Oireachtas is available at http://www.oireachtas.ie/parliament/#tabs-b1, archived at https://perma.cc/9D24-W7NL.

Daily and hourly videos of both houses of Parliament and committees are available for download as MP4 files at http://www.oireachtas.ie/parliament/watchlisten/downloadvideofiles/, archived at https://perma.cc/T7CE-5ADS.

195 Archived at https://perma.cc/25MW-GKUV.

The National Legislative Database (NLD) at http://main.knesset.gov.il/Activity/Legislation/Laws/Pages/LawReshumot.aspx?t=LawReshumot&st=LawReshumotBook, archived at https://perma.cc/B5CA-AQCA, enables browsing all bills and laws that are or were in effect in the State of Israel.

The English language site (http://knesset.gov.il/main/eng/home.asp, archived at https://perma.cc/4NSJ-UEAM) includes general information; a list of members, committees, factions; text of basic laws, laws of special interest, and selected documents; and information on elections.


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The parliamentary website (http://www.parlamento.it/home, archived at https://perma.cc/HX6E-VSDU), contains two icons that lead to the Senate of the Republic and the Chamber of Deputies, respectively. Users may click on the tabs on the main banner of the page to access general information about enacted legislation, joint parliamentary sessions, bicameral committees, international relations, and the Polo Bibliotecario, which refers to an initiative of both houses of Parliament to direct their respective libraries to undertake joint activities and services including but not limited to acquisitions, user access, and common cataloguing and search capabilities.

The parliamentary website (http://www.parlamento.it/home, archived at https://perma.cc/HX6E-VSDU), allows for the viewing of the Anagrafe patrimoniale or Balance Sheets of current members of Congress, government officials, and certain political party leaders.


The Senate website contains an English version of the Italian-language portal at http://www.senato.it/3801, archived at https://perma.cc/64M8-XTMS.

The site allows for the browsing of legislation and documentation, http://www.senato.it/2867, archived at https://perma.cc/D9ZF-6D2Z.

Search tools, including advanced search, are available, but only in the Italian language.


A Senate YouTube channel is available at https://www.youtube.com/user/SenatoItaliano, archived at https://perma.cc/MW8N-JH3V (click “See the Screenshot View”). A “live” YouTube channel is also available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_pvpV7frfG4, archived at https://perma.cc/UAC2-JWJW.

Besides a mobile version a desktop version is also available.
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Camera dei deputati (Chamber of Deputies), [http://www.camera.it/leg17/1](http://www.camera.it/leg17/1), archived at [https://perma.cc/3f6h-l836](https://perma.cc/3f6h-l836).


The site is also available in French at [http://fr.camera.it/](http://fr.camera.it/), archived at [https://perma.cc/4RGM-7TB3](https://perma.cc/4RGM-7TB3).

Search tools, including advanced search, are available, but only in the Italian language.

Twitter is available at [https://twitter.com/montecitorio](https://twitter.com/montecitorio), archived at [https://perma.cc/6V6B-LUAM](https://perma.cc/6V6B-LUAM).

A Chamber of Deputies YouTube channel is available at [https://www.youtube.com/user/cameradeideputati](https://www.youtube.com/user/cameradeideputati), archived at [https://perma.cc/69KV-K9Z2](https://perma.cc/69KV-K9Z2) (click “See the Screenshot View”).


A Facebook page is available at [https://www.facebook.com/Cameradeideputati](https://www.facebook.com/Cameradeideputati), archived at [https://perma.cc/4XU5-U2KX](https://perma.cc/4XU5-U2KX).


The websites have search boxes on each page to search all the content on the websites. Meeting minutes can be searched through the National Diet Meeting Record System provided by National Diet Library, at [http://kokkai.ndl.go.jp/](http://kokkai.ndl.go.jp/), archived at [https://perma.cc/3P9V-2W6Q](https://perma.cc/3P9V-2W6Q).


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At present there are no Law Library of Congress research staff members versed in Latvian. This report has been prepared by the author’s reliance on practiced legal research methods and on the basis of relevant legal resources, chiefly in English, currently available in the Law Library and online.

The database of legislative documents and agendas is available only in the Latvian language.

Bills can be browsed by status (reading number), type (e.g., EU-related), and lead committee. Visitors can also browse other types of parliamentary documents (resolutions, interpellations, agendas, etc.), http://titania.saeima.lv/LIVS12/saeimalivs12.nsf/webAll?OpenView, archived at https://perma.cc/ZY7N-BWEM.

Users can subscribe to RSS feeds available for each bill. They also can subscribe to twenty-nine categories of news (e.g., labor, criminal law, taxes), http://titania.saeima.lv/LIVS12/saeimalivs12.nsf/webRssSelect?Readform, archived at https://perma.cc/6NWW-YFMQ.


The site has a search window on the upper-left side of the screen that allows users to search the entire website.

A monthly calendar of events since October 2016 is accessible by users from most pages.

Written materials on the website are published in English; legislative sessions (a limited number of which are available on video on the site) are held in the vernacular language.

The legislature’s website as a whole is searchable; faceted searching is unavailable.

Video of a limited number of legislative sessions is available.

The Mexican Senate website may be navigated using the tabs at the top of the home page or by hovering over the short menus on the left side of the page, for parliamentary information (bills, votes, senators, agendas, a searchable law database, and a page for tracking constitutional reform legislation), or the right side of the page, for administrative information (transparency policies, budget, ethics codes, etc.). Users can search the Mexican Senate’s Gaceta containing the daily agenda, bills under consideration, and other business, at http://www.senado.gob.mx/index.php?ver=cp&mn=3, archived at https://perma.cc/HT6R-95MX.

The Mexican Senate website has a search box on the right side of the top banner that may be used to search the entire website.

Users of the Mexican Senate website can sign up for email updates on legislative matters at http://notisenado.com/registro, archived at https://perma.cc/D38V-Y8HJ.
The Mexican House of Representatives website may be navigated using the menus on either side of the page. Information from the latest session is available at the top right corner by date, while the “Accesos Directos” menu allows users to directly browse laws at the federal and state level, updates to laws in force, and the official gazette, among others. The link for “Leyes Federales y Estatales” provides a list of the latest laws published in the official federal gazette, sorted by amendment date, which can be narrowed into smaller collections such as amendment summaries, abrogated federal laws, regulations related to federal laws, and individual links to state congresses and their gazettes: http://www.diputados.gob.mx/LeyesBiblio/index.htm, archived at https://perma.cc/W9TA-7LUG.


The Mexican House of Representatives website has a search bar at the top right corner of the home page. An advanced search feature is available at http://201.147.98.10/search?access=p&entqr=0&output=xml_no_dtd&sort=date:D:L:d1&entsp=0&ie=latin1&lr=lang_es&client=diputados&ud=1&site=default_collection&oe=latin1&proxystylesheet=diputados&p roxy_custom=%3CADVANCED%3E, archived at https://perma.cc/2C8Z-WH2H.

In addition to live and on-demand coverage on the congressional television channel’s website, a live stream of the House of Representatives’ sessions may be accessed by clicking “Sesion en Vivo” on http://www5.diputados.gob.mx/index.php/esl/Comunicacion, archived at https://perma.cc/SWR5-AZLA.

The members page of the Staten-Generaal website can be browsed by name, political faction, gender, date of birth, seniority, and First /Second Chamber.

Every page of the Staten-Generaal website has a search window.


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277 The Staten-Generaal has a special web page dedicated to its two-hundredth anniversary, celebrated in 2015. 200 jaar Staten-Generaal [200 Years of the Staten-Generaal], STATEN-GENERaal, http://www.staten-generaal.nl/begrip/200_jaar_staten_generaal, archived at https://perma.cc/CUB8-SQRF. The page has a related app that may be downloaded from the Apple store or Google Play, according to the web page.

278 The various web pages of the Staten-Generaal website have a “ReadSpeaker” tool, an audio feature whereby the text on the page is read aloud, word by word, with accompanying visual highlighting in contrasting colors. See, e.g., http://www.staten-generaal.nl/begrip/over_de_staten_generaal, archived at https://perma.cc/6ZKS-SJW5. The ReadSpeaker icon, a red symbol in the form of a loudspeaker, is at the top right corner of the page, beside the words Lees voor (“Read for”).

279 Archived at https://perma.cc/885J-J9TG.

280 The English version of the House website includes links to general information about the House and its functions, rules, and history; members of Parliament; an organizational chart; and news items.

281 Many of the main pages of the House of Representatives website have filter options. House documents can be browsed by amendments, decisions, government letters, chamber questions, motions, and other documents. By clicking meer (more), documents can also be browsed by voting results, reports, and bills/legislative proposal. The number of the documents is in parentheses beside each entry. See, e.g., https://www.tweedekamer.nl/kamerstukken, archived at https://perma.cc/CSF9-PQ1L. These categories in turn have filter options—e.g., bills can be browsed by committee, type (budget, initiative, or government), or status (pending or done). The plenary meetings (Plenaire vergaderingen) web page can be browsed by a specific time period (today, this week, last week, next week, unscheduled) or by selection of a period by a date-range feature, https://www.tweedekamer.nl/debat_en_vergaderingen/plenaire_vergaderingen, archived at https://perma.cc/4NM9-EZW5. On the MPs (Kamerleden) web page, at https://www.tweedekamer.nl/kamerleden_en_commissies, archived at https://perma.cc/MT2K-8DJ3S, the names of all the members can be viewed at once, or they can be selected alphabetically.

282 There is a search window on every page of the House of Representatives website.

283 Most of the chamber documents web pages of the House of Representatives website offer an email alert system that the user can register for by clicking on the “!” icon in the upper-right corner of the page; the user can sign up for notifications in any category of the website. Op de hoogste blijven via e-mailtattenderingen [Stay Informed via e-Mail Notifications], TWEEDE KAMER, https://www.tweedekamer.nl/applicaties/mijn-profiel, archived at https://perma.cc/SJ8U-NKGu.

284 The Dutch House of Representatives website has icons for links to Facebook, Twitter, Linked-In, and email in the upper-right corner of every web page for sharing information. The alerts can be immediate, daily, or weekly. On the Live Debate web page under the section on debates and meetings, the House of Representatives website allows users to watch and/or listen to live debates (Live Debatten) and missed debates (Debat Gemist). According to this web page, “[a]ll plenary sessions and public committee meetings can be viewed directly online. Only private committee meetings will not be broadcast.” Live Debatten, TWEEDE KAMER, https://www.tweedekamer.nl/debat_en_vergadering/livedebatten, archived at https://perma.cc/CD53-GDSX. The names of seven committee rooms are listed with links for visual/audio streaming, and there are also links to “incidental broadcasts.” Id.

285 The user can view video streams of debates in the Dutch House of Representatives on desktop computers, tablets, and mobile devices with iOS version 7 and higher or Android 4.1 and higher. Live Debatten, TWEEDE KAMER, https://www.tweedekamer.nl/debat_en_vergadering/livedebatten, archived at https://perma.cc/CD53-GDSX. There are two apps available for use on mobile devices.


287 The Dutch House of Representatives has a web page for an Open Data Portal, https://opendata.tweedekamer.nl/, archived at https://perma.cc/KD66-UXN6, which is aimed at “quick and transparent public data sharing with the outside world” of legislative information.


289 The Lobbyists Register is located at https://www.tweedekamer.nl/contact_en_bezoek/lobbyistenregister, archived at https://perma.cc/2BK8M-V54R.

290 Archived at https://perma.cc/SNJ7-VEHA.
The user will see a Status of the Bill web page that tracks measures through four phases—The Law Library of Congress 37

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a pop-up with a picture of the member and a brief description. Clicking in the pop-up goes to a CV of the member.
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https://www.eerstekamer.nl/begrip/readspeaker,
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shared via Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and email, by clicking on icons in the upper-right section of the web page.
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allows users to download and watch videos of reports to plenary meetings, at
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rectangles, each topped with a red broken line to show the progress in each phase. The web page also provides Key Data (the date the legislative proposal was submitted, its title, a hyperlink to the written preparation by a relevant committee, a hyperlink to the sponsors, and entry-into-force information) and Documentation (including, for example, hyperlinks to the Council of State advisory report, Explanatory Notes, and the law proposal text itself). An “i” in a rectangle is a hyperlink to information about what happens to the legislation in that given phase. This tracking feature is not on the House of Representatives website. On these web pages for the individual Senate items of legislation, moreover, there is an icon in the upper-right corner to subscribe to an RSS feed.
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The Dutch Senate website refers to the Staten-Generaal’s web page on the two-hundredth anniversary of the Staten-Generaal, celebrated in 2015, and also refers to the availability of a free app on this subject via the Apple store and Google Play, at https://www.eerstekamer.nl/nieuws/20150831/nieuwe_website_en_app_over_200, archived at https://perma.cc/2K3B-RMCJ. Information about the new web page and app can be shared via Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and email, by clicking on icons in the upper-right section of the web page.
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The agenda of the Dutch Senate is available in a full listing of prospective dates (starting with the most recent upcoming meeting) at https://www.eerstekamer.nl/planning_eerste_kamer, archived at https://perma.cc/4EDG-G6EW. Earlier meetings can be accessed via the EK Archived Activities (Archief activiteiten EK) hyperlink on the left side of the page and then, for even earlier meetings, by clicking on eerder (earlier) at the foot of the listings. The home page of the Senate, https://www.eerstekamer.nl/home, archived at https://perma.cc/9NJ7-VEHA also has a drop-down window titled “Agenda.”
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The various web pages of the Senate website have a “ReadSpeaker” tool, an audio feature whereby the text on the page is read aloud, word by word, with accompanying visual highlighting in contrasting colors, at https://www.eerstekamer.nl/begrip/readspeaker, archived at https://perma.cc/AU7-5MUT. The ReadSpeaker icon, a red symbol in the form of a loudspeaker, is at the top right corner of the page, beside the words Lees voor (“Read for”).
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The Dutch Senate has an interactive seating chart of members, at https://www.eerstekamer.nl/wie_zit_waar, archived at https://perma.cc/8ZUA-S6CX. Moving the mouse over one of the “bench” positions gives a pop-up with a picture of the member and a brief description. Clicking in the pop-up goes to a CV of the member.
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Among the links available on the Senate website at https://www.eerstekamer.nl/begrip/weblinks_3, archived at https://perma.cc/9T9R-QTBG, is one to the “Third Chamber” (Derde Kamer), a website for youth on how Dutch democracy works, https://derdekamer.nl/ (in Dutch), archived at https://perma.cc/XEF6-WVVC. According to the Third Chamber website, it was designed and made possible by the First and Second Chamber of the States-General in cooperation with ProDemos, an organization partially subsidized by the government that educates citizens about democracy and the rule of law.
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303 Archived at https://perma.cc/XHJ7-E8VD.

304 Most menu options and some page titles on the New Zealand Parliament website can be converted to Māori by clicking the language option at the top of the page.


306 On the “Bills (proposed laws)” page, users can filter using facets on the left of the page, including date, type, and the committee that a bill has been referred to. There is also a search box at the top of each page, as well as advanced and expert search options for the whole site, at https://www.parliament.nz/en/search, archived at https://perma.cc/P4QJ-SP9Y.


308 Parliament TV, which shows proceedings in the chamber of the New Zealand Parliament, can be viewed live and on demand at https://www.parliament.nz/en/watch-parliament/, archived at https://perma.cc/4F4N-XDQA. Live streams from the chamber can also be listened to online or on the Radio New Zealand National, and sessions are also available to listen to on demand at https://www.parliament.nz/en/watch-parliament/audio, archived at https://perma.cc/7ATD-MWCQ.

309 The New Zealand Parliament’s Virtual House App is available for Apple and Android devices, with information available at https://www.parliament.nz/en/get-involved/virtual-house-app/, archived at https://perma.cc/G79L-Y8PS. The app allows users to see when Parliament is sitting, search for members and view their biography, locate where a member sits in the chamber, use an interactive display of the seating plan, watch or listen to Parliament TV, and email members.

310 A daily calendar is provided on the home page, and a full calendar is available at https://www.parliament.nz/en/calendar, archived at https://perma.cc/9B3Z-B1PR. The calendar links to information about hearings, sitting sessions, tours, and other events, and allows users to save events to their private calendar. Events can be filtered by type and committee and are also color-coded. Archived at https://perma.cc/4S6P-VGEL.

311 While the website is not officially translated in any language other than Spanish, there is an icon on the top right of every page to translate its contents into multiple languages using Google Translate, regardless of browser.

312 The Nicolagran National Assembly website allows users to browse all bills at http://legislacion.asamblea.gob.ni/SILEG/Iniciativas.nsf/NewBuscarIniciativas.xsp, archived at https://perma.cc/UZ53-22AE. Users can browse the latest bills by clicking on the tab “Trabajo Legislativo” on the main home page and then on “Iniciativas de Ley,” after which they may select from the latest bills introduced for debate as well as the latest laws that have been passed, all sorted by date. The “Trabajo Legislativo” tab also links to the parliamentary debates page, grouped by law and sorted by year, at http://www.asamblea.gob.ni/trabajo-legislativo/diario-de-debates/, archived at https://perma.cc/7CTX-VJ5Q. Users may also browse legislation, treaties, decrees, and regulations from 1808 to date, sorted by category, topic, or year, at http://www.asamblea.gob.ni/informacion%20legal/legislativa, archived at https://perma.cc/M8WA-HVRW.

313 While there is no general search bar available on the main National Assembly page, the central parliamentary library archive may be searched by either a simple term search or an advanced search, at http://bpa.asamblea.gob.ni/, archived at https://perma.cc/58ME-XFZ2.

314 Users of the National Assembly website can subscribe to RSS news feeds by clicking on the icon on the top right corner of any page on the website.


316 Bills that have been introduced in the National Assembly are listed in reverse date order at http://nass.gov.ng/document/bills, archived at https://perma.cc/7J3Y-CZ6G. Statutes that have been enacted are also listed at http://nass.gov.ng/document/acts, archived at https://perma.cc/V4GR-SKAQ. The website has a menu entitled “About NASS” with links to information about the role and composition of the Senate, at http://nass.gov.ng/document/acts, archived at https://perma.cc/V4GR-SKAQ. The website has a menu entitled “About NASS” with links to information about the role and composition of the Senate, at

319 Acts, bills, and other legislative documents may be searched by keyword in a search window in the middle of the home page, archived at https://perma.cc/4E5S-2WCP/, or may be accessed via the quick links at the bottom of the home page. The bills and acts pages also provide a search box for these documents, and allows users to add some additional search criteria.

320 The website makes it possible to subscribe to RSS feeds at http://nass.gov.ng/feed (use Firefox browser).


324 Measures on both the Senate and House pages are searchable by chamber and type.

325 It appears the legislature is experimenting with providing video on its website of some committee meetings, but at this time very few are available.

326 Archived at https://perma.cc/LAN2-ZWEP.


328 Proposed legislation dating back to 1986 can be browsed and searched at https://www.stortinget.no/no/Saker-og-publikasjoner/Saker/, archived at https://perma.cc/G9YJ-WAVW. Historic proposals dating back to 1814 can also be browsed and searched at https://www.stortinget.no/no/Saker-og-publikasjoner/Stortingsforhandlinger/, archived at https://perma.cc/22TG-6VDS.

329 Id.

330 RSS feeds are available for a range of information, including new publications, decisions on legislation, answered questions, new issues, and announcements related to various themes: RSS, STORTINGET, https://www.stortinget.no/no/Stottemeny/RSS/, archived at https://perma.cc/A4H6-5ZYD.


334 The Panamanian National Assembly website allows users to browse for anteproyectos and proyectos de ley (bills), which can be sorted by date, number, legislator that introduced the bill, and description. PDFs of the bills may also be downloaded at http://www.asamblea.gob.pa/anteproyectos-de-ley/, archived at https://perma.cc/Y6BM-CPGV, and at http://www.asamblea.gob.pa/proyectos-de-ley/, archived at https://perma.cc/SZCV-3NKZ. Additionally, users can track the debate and approval stages for bills and can sort and search by stage, date, bill number, and title in order to access a PDF of all documents related to the legislative proceedings, at http://www.asamblea.gob.pa/seguiemento-legislativo/, archived at https://perma.cc/R7RD-KQXW.

335 The Panamanian National Assembly website has a search box for searching the whole site.

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Several parts of the Portuguese Parliament website are also available in English and French by clicking the language option attached to the corresponding flag icon at the top right of the page.


Id. In order to narrow search, search options can be expanded to include type of bill, date of debates, subject, bill status, and author.

Archived at https://perma.cc/X676-GJYW.

Bills can be browsed by status and type at http://asozd2.duma.gov.ru/, archived at https://perma.cc/4CZK-YNBY.


Users can subscribe to email newsletters (categories to be chosen from include St.


The State Duma also has official accounts in social media (Vkontakte, Instagram, Odnoklassniki, Twitter, Facebook, Telegram), http://www.duma.gov.ru/about/social/, archived at https://perma.cc/VU2N-7MGQ. It also has a YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/user/ParlamentRu, archived at https://perma.cc/YU66-R2CZ.

It is possible to search a voting results, video recording, etc.


API tools for searching bills are offered to website administrators, http://api.duma.gov.ru/, archived at https://perma.cc/9K3Y-4LVB.


Users can open a personal account at the virtual reception, https://priemnaya.parliament.gov.ru/, archived at https://perma.cc/9LFP-7CGD, to send requests, make an appointment, or find an MP.

Archived at https://perma.cc/GD9T-DZWG.

Visitors can search for information using different categories (news, activities, photos, and video), [http://www.council.gov.ru/services/search/, archived at https://perma.cc/L4RB-284R](http://www.council.gov.ru/services/search/). Search results can be shown by relevance or chronologically. 

The website offers email subscription for general news, committee news, main topics, and news from the Chairman of the Council and Senators in the regions. Users can choose periodic emails (every day or every hour). RSS feeds are also available, [http://www.council.gov.ru/services/subscribe/, archived at https://perma.cc/QXD5-XELW](http://www.council.gov.ru/services/subscribe/).

Live streaming and an online TV channel are available at [http://www.council.gov.ru/events/streams/, archived at https://perma.cc/QM75-CXXD](http://www.council.gov.ru/events/streams/).


The Majlis al-Shūrā (Consultative Council) website allows users to browse agenda related to topics to be discussed by the Council: [https://www.shura.gov.sa/wps/wcm/connect/shuraarabic/internet/Session+Agenda/Seventh+Term-1st+Year/27/, archived at https://perma.cc/2ATX-J8XP](https://www.shura.gov.sa/wps/wcm/connect/shuraarabic/internet/Session+Agenda/Seventh+Term-1st+Year/27/).


Users of the Majlis al-Shūrā (Consultative Council) website can subscribe to RSS news feeds to get the latest updates.

The Majlis al-Shūrā (Consultative Council) media feature is available to the public. Recorded hearings, organized by date, can be watched at [https://www.shura.gov.sa/wps/wcm/connect/ShuraArabic/internet/Audio+and+Video/Council+Sessions/Sixth+Course-Fourth+Year/](https://www.shura.gov.sa/wps/wcm/connect/ShuraArabic/internet/Audio+and+Video/Council+Sessions/Sixth+Course-Fourth+Year/).

Archived at [https://perma.cc/3HA5-RZSZ](https://perma.cc/3HA5-RZSZ).


The National Assembly website has a search box on each page for a key word search of the entire site, at [http://www.parlament.gov.rs/narodna-skupstina-.871.html, archived at https://perma.cc/BTV4-FPDX](http://www.parlament.gov.rs/narodna-skupstina-.871.html). The search engine allows browsing through all acts of the legislature based on their type.

The National Assembly’s website does not allow for tracking legislation, but major news reports and updates are provided through the Twitter account at [https://twitter.com/O_Parlament](https://twitter.com/O_Parlament).

Recorded webcasts of past plenary sessions are available online. They can be watched through computers and mobile devices, at [http://www.parlament.gov.rs/narodna-skupstina-.871.html, archived at https://perma.cc/3A3Y-VJKW](http://www.parlament.gov.rs/narodna-skupstina-.871.html).

The Serbian Parliament also has its own channel on YouTube, at [https://www.youtube.com/user/ParlamentSrbska](https://www.youtube.com/user/ParlamentSrbska).
The National Assembly website provides information on Serbian cooperation with the European Union and European Union accession efforts, including major legislative documents related to implementation of Serbia-EU agreements, at http://www.parliament.gov.rs/activities/european-integration.606.html, archived at https://perma.cc/SCT7-6REL.

Archived at https://perma.cc/R1W5-PC7K.

The legislation on the South African Parliament’s website, which goes back ten years, can be browsed a number of ways at https://www.parliament.gov.za/legislation?sorts[date]=1, archived at https://perma.cc/Q3S5-ZZXX. Users can navigate between bills, section 76 bills, mandates, and Acts of Parliament by making a selection on the right side of the page. Each subsection has a dropdown menu or search features to narrow results, except for section 76 legislation (bills affecting provinces before the National Council of Provinces), which are listed chronologically and are easy to view. All other bills are assigned one of seven different colors to indicate their status in the legislative process.

The South African Parliament website has a universal search box on the top banner for all items in the site. In addition, certain specific publications (Acts of Parliament, Parliamentary papers, and Hansard) include their own search boxes.


Copies of the programs of both houses of Parliament, as well as the committee meeting schedule and the Parliament TV schedule, are available on the Parliament website, at https://www.parliament.gov.za/whatson, archived at https://perma.cc/RZY9-SCGV.

At present there are no Law Library of Congress research staff members versed in Korean. This information has been prepared by the author’s reliance on practiced legal research methods and on the basis of relevant legal resources, chiefly in English, currently available in the Law Library and online.


The websites have search boxes on each page of the site to search all the content on the websites. In addition, there is search system for bills and members information.

Webcast is available at http://assembly.webcast.go.kr/, archived at https://perma.cc/NES5-N85D.

Archived at https://perma.cc/C7WS-KQYF.

Archived at https://perma.cc/4T64-UTUT.

Only titles and subtitles are available in English after clicking the “English” link in the upper-right corner of the home page. However, many of the linked pages and related search/browse features are available in English.


Archived at https://perma.cc/R6WE-7ECW.

Although there are no tracking or alert functions on the website itself, users may follow legislative information and news through the Congress of Deputies’ Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube pages by clicking on the relevant icons in the upper-right corner of the home page, at http://www.congreso.es/portal/page/portal/Congreso/Congreso, archived at https://perma.cc/7ECN-V5EW.
Live coverage of congressional hearings and debates are available on the website of Congress’s channel at http://www.congreso.es/portal/page/portal/Congreso/Congreso/CongresoTV/ConDir, archived at https://perma.cc/L2FM-92TJ.

A free app downloadable is available from iTunes (Congreso 2.0) to access to parliamentary activity including voting records, at https://itunes.apple.com/es/app/congreso-2.0/id657298168?mt=8&ls=1, archived at https://perma.cc/7WC9-PBYA.

Versions of the website in one of the various languages may be accessed by clicking the desired language in the upper-right corner of the home page. However, content is not fully translated and degree of translation varies by language.

Parliamentary activity may be browsed under the “Actividad Parlamentaria” tab by clicking “Actualidad,” at http://www.senado.es/web/actividadparlamentaria/actualidad/agenda/index.html, archived at https://perma.cc/HCF9-WGM9. Users can use the menu on the left side of the page to access the daily agenda for the Senate, news, and bills currently under consideration (including the stage in the legislative process in either chamber), as well as those that have already been approved.

A general search bar is available in the upper-right corner of each page. Additionally, a search bar to find senators by first or last name or position can be found in the lower-left corner of the home page.


A children’s educational portal is available at http://www.senado.es/pequenosenado/es, archived at https://perma.cc/VJA7-4R8N.


Different types of documents, including government bills and individual proposals, can be browsed and at http://www.riksdagen.se/sv/dokument-lagar/, archived at https://perma.cc/3D6R-LBZJ.

A search box for the whole website is provided at the top of each page. The documents page above enables searching using multiple facets, including year, legislator, Cabinet member, party, parliamentary session, and date.

Users can subscribe to RSS feeds and email alerts regarding decisions and documents: Följ och prenumerera, SVERIGES RIKS Dag, http://www.riksdagen.se/sv/folj-och-prenumerera/, archived at https://perma.cc/YE6C-DHJN.


Users can subscribe to the parliamentary calendar in order to add events to their own calendar: Prenumerera på riksdagens kalenderhändelser, SVERIGES RIKS Dag, http://www.riksdagen.se/sv/folj-och-prenumerera/prenumerera-pa-kalenderhandelser/, archived at https://perma.cc/KDT8-JUVP.

Data on the parliament’s website can be downloaded and used freely by developers, journalists, researchers, etc. to develop their own services and statistics. The open data includes an API, data sets, and reports. There is a separate website for open data information: Riksdagens öppna data, SVERIGES RIKS Dag, http://data.riksdagen.se/, archived at https://perma.cc/B22U-EFBE.


The Legislative Yuan website allows searching laws by keywords found in the title or full text of the law, and by date of publication or passage by the Legislative Yuan: [click on blue Chinese link on the left], archived at [https://perma.cc/4Z2H-PUVH].

Users can subscribe to RSS news feeds to receive updates on a variety of topics at [http://law.moj.gov.tw/RSS/RSS.aspx], archived at [https://perma.cc/H2K2-STFZ].

The Legislative Yuan website provides recorded videos of meetings and forums at [http://ivod.ly.gov.tw/], archived at [https://perma.cc/VN94-RBP4]. The Legislative Yuan also operates a YouTube Channel, “Legislative Yuan Congress Open Channel”: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFrjAt5Z9hu6TuXWBUuRvg], archived at [https://perma.cc/9WBC-7MN5].

The Legislative Yuan website adopts a version suitable for mobile devices: [http://www.ly.gov.tw/pda/innerIndex.action], archived at [https://perma.cc/5T2F-XVWJ].

Recorded videos and live streaming of meetings are available on the app Legislative Yuan Proceedings Broadcast, at [https://itunes.apple.com/tw/app/%E7%AD%89%E5%8D%A1%E9%99%A2%E8%AE%BE%E5%AE%A4%E8%8E%B7%E8%AF%89/id793008881?l=zh&mt=8], archived at [https://perma.cc/9GQF-3WLN].

A separate children’s version of the website is available for educational purposes: [http://kids.ly.gov.tw/], archived at [https://perma.cc/7P7B-7SN8].

The availability of each category of the documents is limited. For instance, the Acts available on the website only cover those enacted in the current and previous legislative year, and only bills considered in the last three years are available.

While the Tanzania Parliamentary website provides a language option for English or Swahili on the top right side of the page, some items (including the Debates, Parliamentary Reports, and Order Papers) are available only in Kiswahili.

Items on the website are organized in a user-friendly manner. For instance, the bills available on the website include a table tracing their legislative progression. The site also makes available a separate search box for such items.

The website has a universal search box; however, it does not work well. Each category of document available on the website (such as Acts and Bill) also comes with a separate search box.

Users can subscribe to get monthly updates on certain items available on the page.


An option to change the website’s language to French appears to be inoperative.

Draft bills before the Parliament are listed by and can be browsed by their reference number at [http://www.arp.tn/site/projet/AR/index.jsp?c_t=17&prof=5], archived at [https://perma.cc/QC7H-K3VT], and draft laws before committees are listed at [http://www.arp.tn/site/projet/AR/index.jsp?c_t=39&prof=3], archived at [https://perma.cc/DJV4-6UJJ]. There are also links for bills that have been withdrawn or challenged.

The Tunisian website allows users to search for law projects pending before Parliament at [http://www.arp.tn/site/projet/AR/index.jsp?c_t=17&prof=5], archived at [https://perma.cc/W73E-HTLA]. There are also links for bills that have been withdrawn or challenged.

The Tunisian website allows users to search for law projects pending before Parliament at [http://www.arp.tn/site/projet/AR/index.jsp?c_t=17&prof=5], archived at [https://perma.cc/W73E-HTLA], and draft laws before committees are listed at [http://www.arp.tn/site/projet/AR/index.jsp?c_t=39&prof=3], archived at [https://perma.cc/DJV4-6UJJ], and draft laws before committees are listed at [http://www.arp.tn/site/projet/AR/index.jsp?c_t=39&prof=3], archived at [https://perma.cc/DJV4-6UJJ]. There are also links for bills that have been withdrawn or challenged.
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424 A YouTube link is provided on each page of the website, which takes users to the channel for the People’s Assembly, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPazHxQuP5Roi7wvQ97NHpg, archived at https://perma.cc/7VHF-PRSJ?type=image (click “See the Screenshot View”). The link displays a livestream video, if available, and contains videos of committee proceedings and speeches or debates in the Assembly.


424 On every web page of the Grand National Assembly website, in the upper-right corner, there is a Search (Arama) button. Bills (kanun tasarıları), proposals (tekllferi) may be searched for conference and legislative year, law group (i.e., laws or proposals), number, starting date, end date, summary, and content, at https://www.tbmm.gov.tr/develop/owa/kanunlar_sd.sorgu_baslangic, archived at https://perma.cc/2J8H-W97P. Laws (kanun) can be searched for by law number, acceptance (start/end) date, publication date in Reuni Gazete (the official gazette, enter start/end date), and law title, at https://www.tbmm.gov.tr/develop/owa/kanunlar_sd.sorgu_baslangic, archived at https://perma.cc/3EVT-PYEW. According to a note on the website, however, while laws are published after being adopted by the Grand National Assembly, the published texts can be replaced by other laws. To access the latest version of an applicable law one should consult the law database on the website of the Prime Ministry, at http://www.mevzuat.gov.tr, archived at https://perma.cc/JMRU-9EWB. A similar set of search options is available for decisions (kararlar), https://www.tbmm.gov.tr/develop/owa/kbmm_kararlari_sd.sorgu_baslangic, archived at https://perma.cc/9R9M-4RZ7; decrees (Kanun Hükünmede Kararnameler, KHK), https://www.tbmm.gov.tr/develop/owa/khk_sd.sorgu_baslangic, archived at https://perma.cc/C35B-63YW, and committee reports (komişyon raporları), https://www.tbmm.gov.tr/develop/owa/sirayasi_sd.sorgu_baslangic, archived at https://perma.cc/A3HG-J4YC. The general meeting minutes may be searched at https://www.tbmm.gov.tr/develop/owa/tutanak_sd.sorgu_baslangic, archived at https://perma.cc/UW7X-28RP, committee minutes are searchable at https://www.tbmm.gov.tr/develop/owa/komisyon_tutanaklar_kom_liste, archived at https://perma.cc/LQ54-KE25. Alternatively, the user can see search law texts and decisions through the TBMM Law and Decision Information System (TBMM Kanun ve Karar Bilgi Sistemi), at https://www.tbmm.gov.tr/kanunlarvekararlari.htm, archived at https://perma.cc/9ZMA-6FNM.

430 Icons for Facebook, Twitter, RSS feeds, and email alerts appear on the right side of every page of the Grand National Assembly website. The TBMM RSS feeds web page, https://www.tbmm.gov.tr/rss.htm, archived at https://perma.cc/Q87F-R4KD, has twelve RSS feed icons, for Parliament News, the Speaker’s daily schedule, the Speaker’s activities, the Speaker’s Press Releases, Bills and Proposals, oral motions, written motions, laws, main committee reports, parliamentary calendar, General Assembly Index, and parliamentary research proposals. The bottom of the web page has links for using RSS feeds on different devices and operating systems.

431 A live broadcast of TBMM activities is available on TBMM TV, at http://www.tbmmtv.gov.tr, archived at https://perma.cc/T8NF-M7V.
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The bottom of the TBMM RSS feeds web page, https://www.tbmm.gov.tr/rss.htm, archived at https://perma.cc/Q3YK-8XWV, has links for using RSS feeds on different devices and operating systems, including iPhones.

The official Parliament website has a link to an Open Data portal at http://opendata.rada.gov.ua/, archived at https://perma.cc/9F52-28H6. Select taped briefings, committee hearings, and individual statements of the Verkhovna Rada members are available as well. The Verkhovna Rada has its own channel on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/user/RadaTVchannel, archived at https://perma.cc/55UA-ZEBT.

The English version of the website, at http://iportal.rada.gov.ua/en, archived at https://perma.cc/V6C5-AACB, contains legislative news, information on the administrative and territorial division of Ukraine, and the laws of Ukraine. The “Laws of Ukraine” page has 1,843 abstracts of Ukrainian laws in English. Among them are twenty-two abstracts of laws that were accepted before August 24, 1991, when Ukraine became an independent state. This page has not been updated since October 14, 2014.

The Ukrainian Parliament website allows the user to browse and locate information on the structure of the Verkhovna Rada, its offices, individual members, interparliamentary relations, and legislative documents related to specific government projects and programs by clicking the tabs on the top of the page. A special section found directly on the home page is dedicated to the current session and allows users to access the legislative calendar and bills under consideration. Bills accessible through the website can be searched by date, title, or keyword, at http://zakon2.rada.gov.ua/laws, archived at https://perma.cc/9F52-28H6. Select taped briefings, committee hearings, and individual statements of the Verkhovna Rada members are available as well. The Verkhovna Rada has also a continuous scroll of parliamentary events.

The Russian version of the Ukrainian Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) website contains information on announcements, bills, and laws, at http://iportal.rada.gov.ua/ru, archived at https://perma.cc/BTR4-DPS4. Legal acts defining the Verkhovna Rada’s activity are officially translated into Russian, but other legislation is not. Clicking on “Bills and Laws of Ukraine” redirects the user to the Ukrainian language version of the website.

The TBMM calendar can be accessed at https://www.tbmm.gov.tr/develop/owa/takvim.ekran, archived at https://perma.cc/Q3OQ-R77D. Daily, weekly, or monthly calendar views may be selected on the top right of the web page; calendars of other months/years may be viewed by using the calendar selection feature on the top left. The home page of the TBMM also has a continuous scroll of parliamentary events.

The official Parliament website has a link to an Open Data portal at http://opendata.rada.gov.ua/, archived at https://perma.cc/9F52-28H6. Select taped briefings, committee hearings, and individual statements of the Verkhovna Rada members are available as well. The Verkhovna Rada has its own channel on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/user/RadaTVchannel, archived at https://perma.cc/55UA-ZEBT.

The TBMM calendar can be accessed at https://www.tbmm.gov.tr/develop/owa/takvim.ekran, archived at https://perma.cc/Q3OQ-R77D. Daily, weekly, or monthly calendar views may be selected on the top right of the web page; calendars of other months/years may be viewed by using the calendar selection feature on the top left. The home page of the TBMM also has a continuous scroll of parliamentary events.


The Ukrainian Parliament website has a search box on each page for searching the entire site, at http://www.rada.gov.ua/, archived at https://perma.cc/5GSM. The website is connected with the national legislative information database where users can also search for Ukrainian legislation by title, keyword, publisher, type of document, date, or the document’s identifying Parliament or Ministry of Justice numbers, at http://zakon3.rada.gov.ua/laws/find/a, archived at https://perma.cc/CUV4-QKKW.

Users of the Verkhovna Rada website can subscribe to RSS news feed to get the latest news reports and press releases regarding parliamentary activities, by clicking “RSS” at the top right corner of any page on the website.

The user can watch online sessions of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine via the Parliament website, at http://iportal.rada.gov.ua/video/rada-tv/66420.html, archived at https://perma.cc/RSZ7-75GR. Select taped briefings, committee hearings, and individual statements of the Verkhovna Rada members are available as well. The Verkhovna Rada has also its own channel on YouTube, at https://www.youtube.com/user/RadaTVchannel, archived at https://perma.cc/55UA-ZEBT.

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446 The UK Parliament’s website, http://parliament.uk, archived at https://perma.cc/8RTU-VVJ9, allows users to browse bills, the work of the various committees, publications, and the records of both houses of Parliament.

447 The search function pulls up all content available at http://parliament.uk. An additional search tool allows users to filter content by section, such as “Parliamentary Business” and “MPs, Lords & Offices.” Hansard, the official record of parliamentary debates, can be searched separately with a more in-depth search tool at https://hansard.parliament.uk/, archived at https://perma.cc/HNC8-UTZP. A new beta search of parliamentary material to allow users to conduct a more directed search is available at http://search-material.parliament.uk/, archived at https://perma.cc/7LCP-6K6D.


449 Each house of Parliament, plus the committees, can be watched live online. The House of Commons can be watched at http://www.parliamentlive.tv/Commons, archived at https://perma.cc/G9KA-QKBD, and the House of Lords can be watched at http://www.parliamentlive.tv/Lords, archived at https://perma.cc/0FA6-SYCY. The work of the committees can be watched at http://www.parliamentlive.tv/Committees, archived at https://perma.cc/9VHD-RNPS. Online footage of both houses has been archived back to December 3, 2007, and may be searched and then viewed at http://www.parliamentlive.tv/Search?Area, archived at https://perma.cc/6BG3-8WXA.


451 A separate platform for parliamentary open data has been created, at http://www.data.parliament.uk/, archived at https://perma.cc/7JITU-WEM7. Data is available in a variety of formats and can be accessed in different ways, including an interactive API explorer. Archived at https://perma.cc/8SBU-CPDJ.

452 There are a variety of ways to browse data in Congress.gov, at https://www.congress.gov/browse, archived at https://perma.cc/5A8C-TCL2.

453 Congress.gov has a variety of ways to search the data. Two prominent methods are the advanced search options, at https://www.congress.gov/advanced-search/legislation, archived at https://perma.cc/C5S8-7RJW; and quick search options, at https://www.congress.gov/quick-search/legislation, archived at https://perma.cc/W23D-DGWG.

454 Congress.gov users can subscribe by email to receive updates on new activity on a specific bill or a new summary, or text for each bill in the current congress. All RSS and email alerts are listed at https://www.congress.gov/rss, archived at https://perma.cc/AAXC-A2XD.

455 Congress.gov provides links to videos published on the House and Senate websites.


457 There is an app specifically for the Congressional Record, https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/the-congressional-record/id492077075, archived at https://perma.cc/GF5W-AP3K. However, there is no app for the legislation or other information available on Congress.gov.
Congress.gov Bill Status data is available from GPO’s FDsys bulk data repository. Bulk data may be imported into spreadsheets and databases. Information about Congress.gov XML Bulk Data is provided at https://www.congress.gov/about/data, archived at https://perma.cc/6NTP-AFQX.