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

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

House Legislative Resource Center

B106 Cannon House Office Building

(202) 226-5200

To order publications: (202) 226-5200 or e-mail hdocs@mail.house.gov

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

House offices only: <http://extranet.clerk.house.gov>

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.

Note: Documents are ordered through the Legislative Resource Center. However, the documents collection is located in the House Documents Room, B25 Ford House Office Building.

House Legislative Counsel

136 Cannon 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 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/portal/server.pt/community/technology/393>

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/customersupport/information_technology

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://webster.senate.gov/other/solc>

For assistance with legislative drafting and preparation of conference reports

Senate Library

B15 Russell Senate Office Building
(202) 224-7106 or e-mail reference@sec.senate.gov
Senate offices only: <http://webster.senate.gov/secretary/library>

Provides reference assistance for Senate offices, including assistance in searching the Legislative Information System (LIS); 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

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/Pages/twitter.aspx>

For confidential, authoritative, and objective research and analysis on legislative and oversight issues before Congress, as well as programs designed to help you 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 e-mail publications@cbo.gov
<http://www.cbo.gov>

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>
House offices only: <http://watchdog.house.gov>
Senate offices only: <http://watchdog.senate.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 Printing Office (GPO) Federal Digital System (FDsys) Website

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys>

<http://twitter.com/USGPO>

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.

Legislative Information System (LIS) Website

Congressional offices only: <http://www.lis.gov>

To register for Twitter feed, go to <http://www.lis.gov/help/twitter.php>

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.

Note: LIS and THOMAS (see below) will be eventually replaced by one website, **Congress.gov**. Congress.gov is currently being developed and is available as a public site at <http://www.congress.gov>.

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) 741-6040.

Public Law Update Service, a recorded message listing newly assigned public law numbers: (202) 741-6043.

PUBLAWS-L, an e-mail 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.

THOMAS Website

<http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php>; public version of LIS

For timely, accurate and complete legislative information, going back to the 93rd Congress (1973-74). This site is the public version of LIS and includes legislation, floor votes, the *Congressional Record*, and committee publications.

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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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