

Home Page

The screenshot shows the Congress.gov homepage with the following elements:

- Navigation:** Top menu with 'Legislation', 'Congressional Record', 'Committees', and 'Members'. A 'Sign In' link is in the top right.
- Search:** A search bar with 'Quick Q', 'Advanced Q', and 'Browse' buttons. A search input field contains 'Examples: hr5, sres9, "health care"' and a search icon.
- Current Legislation:** A dropdown menu set to 'Current Legislation'.
- Most-Viewed Bills | Top 10:**
  - [S.J.Res.18](#) [115th] A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule submitted by the Department of the Interior relating to Non-Subsistence Take of Wildlife, and Public Participation and Closure Procedures, on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska.
  - [S.J.Res.34](#) [115th] A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission relating to "Protecting the Privacy of Customers of Broadband and Other Telecommunications Services".
  - [H.J.Res.69](#) [115th] Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Department of the Interior relating to "Non-Subsistence Take of Wildlife, and Public Participation and Closure Procedures, on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska".
- Bill Searches and Lists:**
  - By Sponsor: [House](#) | [Senate](#)
  - [Introduced](#) | [Active Legislation](#) (Senate.gov)
  - [Public Laws](#) | [U.S. Code](#)
  - [Appropriations](#)
- Current Legislative Activities:**
  - 115th Congress (2017-2018)
  - House of Representatives:**
    - Not in Session Video Archive
    - Next Meeting: April 6, 2017
    - Previous Meeting: April 5, 2017
  - Senate:**
    - Not in Session Video Archive
    - Next Meeting: April 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
  - Recent:**
    - [Yesterday in Congress](#)
    - [Bill Texts](#)
    - [Calendars and Schedules](#)
    - [Committee Reports](#)
    - [Roll Call Votes](#)
    - [Presented to President](#)
  - Contact Your Member:**
    - Contact by email and telephone.
    - [Representatives >](#) [Senators >](#)
  - News from the Law Library:**
    - Presented to President

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Free

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## Brief History

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

## Scope and Coverage

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

## Kind of Information

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

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

The screenshot displays two legislative entries from the 115th Congress (2017-2018). Each entry includes a title, sponsor information, committee assignments, latest action, and a progress tracker.

**BILL**  
1. [H.R. 1901](#) — 115th Congress (2017-2018)  
To provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: [Rep. Young, Don \[R-AK-At Large\]](#) (Introduced 04/04/2017) Cosponsors: (0)  
Committees: House - Natural Resources, Energy and Commerce  
Latest Action: 04/04/2017 Referred to House Energy and Commerce ([All Actions](#))  
Tracker: [Introduced](#) [Passed House](#) [Passed Senate](#) [To President](#) [Became Law](#)

**BILL**  
2. [H.R. 1900](#) — 115th Congress (2017-2018)  
To designate the Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, Ohio, as the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: [Rep. Stivers, Steve \[R-OH-15\]](#) (Introduced 04/04/2017) Cosponsors: (15)  
Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs, Natural Resources  
Latest Action: 04/04/2017 Referred to House Natural Resources ([All Actions](#))  
Tracker: [Introduced](#) [Passed House](#) [Passed Senate](#) [To President](#) [Became Law](#)

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




The screenshot displays three entries from the Congressional Record, each with a title, issue and section information, and a page reference with a PDF link.

**CONGRESSIONAL RECORD**  
1. [Daily Digest - Next Meeting of the SENATE + Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES + Other End Matter](#)  
Issue and Section: April 04, 2017 - Daily Digest (Vol. 163, No. 58)  
Page: [D391 \(PDF\)](#)

**CONGRESSIONAL RECORD**  
2. [Daily Digest - COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 2017-04-05](#)  
Issue and Section: April 04, 2017 - Daily Digest (Vol. 163, No. 58)  
Page: [D390 \(PDF\)](#)

**CONGRESSIONAL RECORD**  
3. [Daily Digest - Senate Committee Meetings](#)  
Issue and Section: April 04, 2017 - Daily Digest (Vol. 163, No. 58)  
Page: [D387 \(PDF\)](#)

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

<b>MEMBER</b>	
1. <a href="#">Senator Abdnor, James</a>	
	<b>State:</b> South Dakota <b>Party:</b> Republican <b>Served:</b> Senate: 1981-1987 House: 1973-1981
<b>MEMBER</b>	
2. <a href="#">Representative Abercrombie, Neil</a>	
	<b>State:</b> Hawaii <b>District:</b> 1 <b>Party:</b> Democratic <b>Served:</b> House: 1985-1987, 1991-2011
<b>MEMBER</b>	
3. <a href="#">Senator Abourezk, James</a>	
	<b>State:</b> South Dakota <b>Party:</b> Democratic <b>Served:</b> Senate: 1973-1979 House: 1971-1973

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

House	Senate
<b>Standing Committees</b>	
<a href="#">Agriculture</a> <a href="#">Appropriations</a> <a href="#">Armed Services</a> <a href="#">Budget</a> <a href="#">Education and the Workforce</a> <a href="#">Energy and Commerce</a> <a href="#">Ethics</a> <a href="#">Financial Services</a> <a href="#">Foreign Affairs</a> <a href="#">Homeland Security</a> <a href="#">House Administration</a> <a href="#">Judiciary</a> <a href="#">Natural Resources</a> <a href="#">Oversight and Government Reform</a> <a href="#">Rules</a> <a href="#">Science, Space, and Technology</a> <a href="#">Small Business</a> <a href="#">Transportation and Infrastructure</a> <a href="#">Veterans' Affairs</a> <a href="#">Ways and Means</a>	<a href="#">Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry</a> <a href="#">Appropriations</a> <a href="#">Armed Services</a> <a href="#">Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs</a> <a href="#">Budget</a> <a href="#">Commerce, Science, and Transportation</a> <a href="#">Energy and Natural Resources</a> <a href="#">Environment and Public Works</a> <a href="#">Finance</a> <a href="#">Foreign Relations</a> <a href="#">Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions</a> <a href="#">Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs</a> <a href="#">Judiciary</a> <a href="#">Rules and Administration</a> <a href="#">Small Business and Entrepreneurship</a> <a href="#">Veterans' Affairs</a>

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

### *Special Features*

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

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

**Arrangement Pattern** Information in 'Legislation' & 'Congressional Record' is arranged date of upload wise.  
Information in 'Committees' are arranged according to Committee index i.e.; alphabetically.  
No such arrangement is maintained for other information.

**Remarks**

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

**Comparable Tools**

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

**Date of Access**

6<sup>th</sup> April, 2017