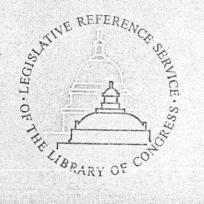
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## INTRODUCTION

A growing awareness within the United States Congress of the potential of automatic data processing (ADP) and analysis, as they might be applied to the administrative and legislative functions of that body, has prompted the preparation of a series of studies by corporate groups and information scientists. This documentation has taken the congressional reports, remarks in the Congressional Record, speeches, research analyses by the Legislative Reference Service, proposals by commercial firms, and observations by private sector and governmental scholars. The literature on the role and applications of computer technology as it may serve legislators is expanding significantly. This compilation will serve as an initial reflection of the attention being given this priority development, and the range of approaches, both political and technical, indicates the serious nature of the study efforts.

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