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/slc

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.

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  
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.

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.

Note: LIS and THOMAS will be eventually replaced by one website, Congress.gov. Congress.gov is currently being developed and is available as a public site at http://beta.congress.gov.

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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