U.S. Congressional Documents AALL 2018

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From the Beginning



In **June 2007**, HeinOnline released the U.S. Congressional Documents collection, which featured comprehensive coverage of the Congressional Record and its predecessors: the Annals of Congress, Register of Debates in Congress, and the Congressional Globe. Since then, the collection has grown exponentially. Let's take a look at how this database has evolved over time.

Content Growth

- Late 2007: The Daily to Bound Locator tool was built, enabling researchers to quickly navigate between the Congressional Record Daily and the official bound version
- January 2012: Congressional Record Daily coverage expanded back to 1980
- **February 2012**: Began adding Congressional hearings
- **April 2014**: Began adding CRS Reports

Content Growth Continued

- October 2014: Began adding Committee Prints
- June 2017: Congressional committee reports and congressional documents, including House and Senate documents and Senate treaty document began being added
- **June 2017**: Linking to GPO Authenticated PDFs of the Congressional Record from 1951-1988.

Pop Quiz

How many congressional hearings are there in the U.S. Congressional Documents database?

A. 46,000

B. 56,000

C. 66,000

D. 76,000



Pop Quiz Answer

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A. 46,000
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C. 66,000 (66,163 to be exact!)

D. 76,000

Moving On Up 5

The chart below illustrates the growth of this database in numbers.

	Titles	Volumes	Pages
2011	124	12,572	4,657,026
2012	21,638	34,903	9,395,714
2013	26,385	40,519	10,935,619
2014	42,600	57,796	13,572,137
2015	55,357	71,706	16,382,173
2016	77,672	95,199	19,695,121
2017	127,001	138,860	23,979,319
Today	137,833	149,757	25,523,898

New Tools

The <u>Congressional Record Daily to Bound Locator</u> was built in 2007, enabling researchers to quickly navigate between the Congressional Record Daily and the official bound version.



Customer Suggestion



A customer suggested that House and Senate reports should be included in the U.S. Congressional Documents database. Previously, these were only available in the U.S. Federal Legislative History Library. In addition to adding House and Senate reports, we also added a new Quick Finder tool!

This led Hein's production team to the GPO's Federal Digital System (FDSYS), to obtain even more documents!

Congress:	Select Congress First	
Document Type:		
Committee:	Select Document Type First	
Text:		
	Search	

Hyperlinking &

With the addition of House and Senate reports came hyperlinking! Citations for congressional reports and other documents are hyperlinked throughout HeinOnline. <u>Hyperlinked citations</u> are highlighted in blue.



Pop Quiz

How many pages of content exist in the U.S. Congressional Documents database?

A. 30,000,000

B. 25,000,000

C. 20,000,000

D. 15,000,000



Pop Quiz Answer 🗸

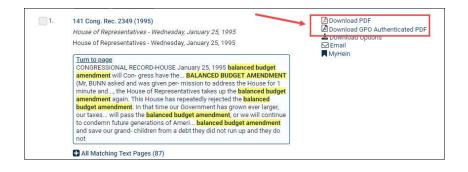
How many pages of content exist in the U.S. Congressional Documents database?

- A. 30,000,000
- **B. 25,000,000** (25,522,472 to be exact!)
- C. 20,000,000
- D. 15,000,000

GPO Authenticated PDFs



With the digital release of the GPO's authenticated PDFs of the Congressional Record, users are given the option to view either the HeinOnline version of these documents or authenticated archival version from the GPO. The text and pagination in both versions are identical, as they're both scanned replicas of the original.





U.S. Congressional Serial Set IIII

Coming soon is the addition of the U.S. Congressional Serial Set. This will be included at no additional charge for all of our U.S. Congressional Documents database supporters!

Stay tuned for more information about this new addition in our upcoming demo!

The U.S. Congressional Documents database will continue to grow with the ultimate goal of having comprehensive coverage of all hearings and other congressional documents!