

U.S. Congressional Documents

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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



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

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

D. 76,000

Moving On Up

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 [Congressional Record Daily to Bound Locator](#) was built in 2007, enabling researchers to quickly navigate between the Congressional Record Daily and the official bound version.

Congressional Record Daily to Bound Locator

Bound Coverage: Vols. 1-159 pt. 12 (1873-2013) (43rd Congress, Special Session to 113th Congress, 1st Session)
Daily Coverage: Vols. 126-164 (1980-2018)

Select a date:

January 1 2010 Go

OR enter citation:

Vol.	Abbreviation	Page
145	Cong. Rec. (Daily E)	S259

OR browse a month and year:

January 2010 Browse

Results for: Senate Friday, January 15, 1999

Senate

Daily 145 Cong Rec. S259 (1999)
Bound 145 Cong. Rec. 559 (1999)

Terms to Compare with: Go

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!

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Congressional Reports Quick Finder". It contains four input fields: "Congress:" with a dropdown menu showing "Select Congress..."; "Document Type:" with a dropdown menu showing "Select Congress First..."; "Committee:" with a dropdown menu showing "Select Document Type First..."; and "Text:" with a text input field. Below the "Text:" field is a "Search" button.

Hyperlinking

With the addition of House and Senate reports came hyperlinking! Citations for congressional reports and other documents are hyperlinked throughout HeinOnline. [Hyperlinked citations](#) are highlighted in blue.



Pop Quiz



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

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- C. 20,000,000
- D. 15,000,000



Pop Quiz Answer

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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.

1. 141 Cong. Rec. 2349 (1995)
House of Representatives - Wednesday, January 25, 1995
House of Representatives - Wednesday, January 25, 1995

[Turn to page](#)
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD-HOUSE January 25, 1995 **balanced budget amendment** will Con- gress have the... **BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT** (Mr. BUNN asked and was given per- mission to address the House for 1 minute and..., the House of Representatives takes up the **balanced budget amendment** again. This House has repeatedly rejected the **balanced budget amendment**. In that time our Government has grown ever larger, our taxes... will pass the **balanced budget amendment**, or we will continue to condemn future generations of Ameri... **balanced budget amendment** and save our grand- children from a debt they did not run up and they do not

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Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 105th CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

SENATE—Monday, February 23, 1998

The Senate met at 12 noon and was administer the executive government not disapprove my determination to re-

U.S. Congressional Serial Set

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!