Bills and Bill Status

*Bills are drafts of laws which propose new laws, or amend or repeal existing law.*

Thomas: Legislative Information on the Internet.  [thomas.loc.gov](http://thomas.loc.gov)
Text of bills from 1989 on; bill summary and status from 1973 on.

*Congressional Record Index, History of Bills and Resolutions*.  Gov Reference  KF 35 .C6  1911-
- Does not contain the text of the bills: lists legislative actions on bills reported in the *Cong. Rec.*
- Entries give the bill number, title, summary, sponsors/cosponsors, and list actions on the bill giving the *Congressional Record* page and date.  E.g., S5798 [9JN] = Senate section, page 5798, June 9

Floor Action: Congressional Record

*The Congressional Record is the official record of the proceedings and debates of Congress.*

Thomas: Legislative Information on the Internet:  [thomas.loc.gov](http://thomas.loc.gov)
Has the text of the *Congressional Record* from 1989 on, and also links to it from the *Bill Status* section.

The Library also has the *Congressional Record* and its predecessors.  For more information including earlier dates and library locations, see the Maps & Government Information guide *Congressional Record*.

Background, News, Summaries of Legislation

*CQ Weekly*:  [http://iii.lib.csufresno.edu/search/?tcq+weekly+congressional](http://iii.lib.csufresno.edu/search/?tcq+weekly+congressional)
Off campus connection requires login
Weekly summary of congressional activities; highlights of issues & legislation; votes on major legislation.

*Congressional Quarterly Almanac Plus*.  Reference  JK 1 .C663  1945-
Annual survey of legislation.  Includes summaries of major issues and actions and voting records.

Committee Action (Hearings & Reports)

Check with Maps & Government Information (2nd floor of the Library) for titles not available online.

Thomas: Legislative Information on the Internet:  [thomas.loc.gov](http://thomas.loc.gov)
Links to reports and *selected* hearings from 1995 on.

Quick Links to … Committee Hearings & other Publications:  [www.illsdc.net/sourcebook/gpolinks.htm](http://www.illsdc.net/sourcebook/gpolinks.htm)

*CIS Index*.  Gov Reference
Indexes congressional hearings, reports and other publications (the Library will have most of these).
Roll Call Votes

CQ Weekly:  http://iii.lib.csufresno.edu/search/?tcq+weekly+congressional  
Off campus connection requires login
In the Weekly Report section, under For the Record, select Votes Chart.
  ➢ To see previous issues, click to open the Read Recent Issues box under the CQ Press logo (top left of the screen).

Congressional Quarterly Almanac Plus. Reference JK 1 .C663 1945-

Voting Information from Thomas: Legislative Information on the Internet:
  ➢ Roll Call Votes, 1989-  thomas.loc.gov/home/rollcallvotes.html
  ➢ Bill Summary & Status:  thomas.loc.gov/home/bills_res.html
   Includes roll call numbers since 1975, and links to roll call votes since 1991.
  ➢ Compiling a Member Voting Record:  thomas.loc.gov/home/votes/member.html
   How to find voting records for members of Congress.

Key [Congressional] Votes Project Vote Smart:  www.vote-smart.org/issue_keyvote.php
Select an issue, enter a bill number, or search by keyword.

Resume of Congressional Activity:  www.senate.gov/pagelayout/reference/two_column_table/Resumes.htm
1947- present, includes total number of yea/nay and roll call votes per session

Presidential Action

The official publication of presidential statements, messages, remarks, and other materials released by the White House Press Secretary.

White House News:  www.whitehouse.gov/news/ 
Update the Weekly Compilation by looking through recent press releases on this site.


Presidential Vetoes via Thomas: Legislative Information on the Internet:
  Bills, Resolutions:  thomas.loc.gov/home/bills_res.html
  1. Select Bill Summary & Status.
  2. Select a Congress.
  3. Under Browse by, select Vetoed Bills

Presidential Vetoes (1789- )  clerk.house.gov/art_history/house_history/vetoes.html
Number and type of vetoes by each President, and number overridden

Legislative Histories

CIS Index. Gov Info Reference
Has legislative histories listing publications related to the passage of each Public Law from 1984- .


Legislative Histories of Selected U.S. Laws in Electronic Format:  www.llsdc.net/sourcebook/leg-hist.htm

Guides to the Legislative Process


Other resources on the legislative process are linked to from the Web version of this guide:
www.csufresno.edu/library/subjectresources/governmentdocuments/fedleg.html