

CONGRESS.GOV QUICK START guide

FIND A BILL

Search for bills and resolutions by number or keyword.

- Type a word or phrase into the **Words & Phrases** box. Use AND, OR and NOT to connect search terms.
- Enter a bill, resolution or law number in the **Legislation and Law Numbers** box. Click on **Search** or press *Enter* on your keyboard.
- Use **Search Tools** link at top of page to find number formats and other search connectors.
- Click on the **Reset** button to clear the form and start a new search.

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Searches' page on CONGRESS.GOV. The 'Words & Phrases' input field is circled in red. Below it, the 'Legislation and Law Numbers' input field is also circled in red. To the right, the 'Congress' dropdown menu is open, showing a list of congresses from 117 (2021-2022) down to 114 (2015-2016). The 'Sponsors/Cosponsors' section has 'Sponsor' checked. The 'Committees' section has 'Any House Committees' and 'Any Senate Committees' selected. At the bottom right, the 'Search' and 'Reset' buttons are circled in red. The 'Search Tools' link in the top right navigation bar is also circled in red.

MODIFY YOUR SEARCH

Home page search form defaults to the current Congress.

- Use the drop-down menu to expand your search to other collections.
- From search results page, click on **MORE OPTIONS** to modify your search parameters.
- Narrow your search by using the **filters** and selecting additional search constraints. →
- Choose a different way to sort your results from the **Sort by** menu.

The screenshot shows the search results page on CONGRESS.GOV. The search results are displayed in a table. The 'Sort by' dropdown menu is circled in red, showing 'Relevancy' selected. The 'MORE OPTIONS' link is also circled in red. The 'Limit Your Search' section on the left has several filters checked, including 'Legislation', 'Committee Reports', 'Committee Meetings', 'Committee Publications', 'Congressional Record', 'Nominations', 'Treaty Documents', 'House Communications', and 'Senate Communications'. The 'Sort by' dropdown menu is also circled in red. The 'Search Tools' link in the top right navigation bar is also circled in red.

FOLLOW CURRENT ACTIVITIES

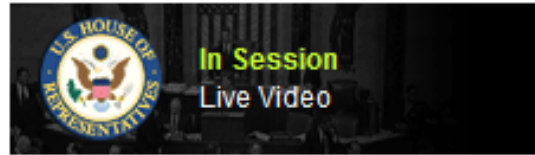
Find out about Congressional activities.

- Easy access from the home page.
- See when each chamber is in session.
- Watch live floor proceedings.
- View committee schedules.
- Subscribe to RSS feeds for Most-Viewed Bills, On the House Floor Today, On the Senate Floor today, and more.

Current Legislative Activities

115th Congress (2017-2018)

House of Representatives



Senate



SAVE YOUR SEARCHES AND GET ALERTS

Set up an account to save search queries and set up email alerts.

- From **Sign In** link in right top corner of any page, select **Create an account** for one-time set up of your account.
- Sign in with email and password.
- Select **Save this Search** from any search results page.
- Select **Get Alerts** from saved search confirmation popover to receive an email when your search results change.

The screenshot shows the Congress.gov search interface. A search for 'education' has been performed, resulting in 72,761 items. A popover is displayed over the search results, asking 'Your search has been saved. Get email alerts for this saved search?' with two buttons: 'No alerts' and 'Get Alerts'.

GET COMMITTEE SCHEDULE ALERTS

View and set up weekly email alerts for upcoming House and Senate committee meetings and hearings.

- Visit the **Committee Schedule** in either **Daily View** or **Weekly View** to see meetings.
- Select **Get Weekly Alerts**.
- Select **Confirm** and **OK** from the confirmation popover messages to receive an email every Monday with the updated committee schedule for that week.
- **Note:** A Congress.gov account is **required** to sign-up to and receive alerts.

The screenshot shows the Congress.gov Committee Schedule page for the week of April 5-11, 2021. The 'Get Weekly Alerts' link is circled in red. A 'Confirmed' popover is displayed, stating 'You will receive an email every Monday with the updated committee schedule for that week.' and has an 'OK' button. The 'Daily View' link is also circled in red.

READ THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

Link to *Congressional Record* home page from header or footer of any page.

- Daily Digest of most recent issue is displayed. Tabs go to other sections.
- Select **Entire Issue (PDF)** for a display formatted like the print copy.
- Find older issues by selecting a date from the calendar or **Browse by Date** to see all issues and sections in order.
- **Get alerts** to be notified when today's issue is available.

The screenshot shows the Congressional Record website interface. At the top, there are links for "House and Senate links", "CONGRESS.GOV", "Advanced Searches", and "Browse". A search bar contains the text "homeland security", medicare. Below the search bar, there are links for "Home > Congressional Record (Most Recent Issue) > Daily Digest", "Subscribe", and "Share". The main heading is "Congressional Record" with the subtitle "Proceedings and Debates of the U.S. Congress". Navigation links include "Most Recent Issue", "Browse By Date", "R Index", "About", "App for iPhone or iPad", and "Get alerts". The date "April 8, 2021" is displayed, along with "117th Congress (2021 - 2022), 1st Session" and "Issue: Vol. 167, No. 61 — Daily Edition". A link for "Entire Issue (PDF)" is highlighted. A search box for "Find an issue of the Record (1951-Present)" is present with a date input field and a calendar icon. Below this, there are tabs for "Sections in This Issue": "Daily Digest", "Senate", "House of Representatives", and "Extensions of Remarks".

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