

# LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

What is it, who creates it, and you. All you wanted to know about legislative history but didn't know to ask.

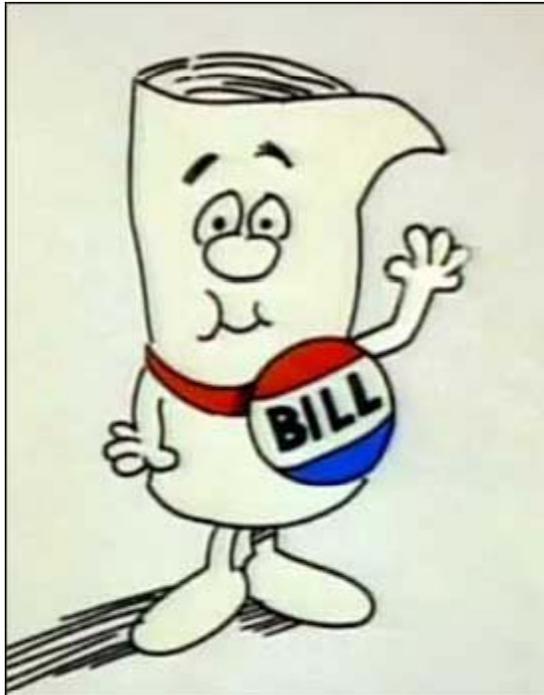
Presented by  
Joe Bartels, Kelly Brown, & Kelli Peterson

February 5, 2013

# What is Legislative History?



## Overview of the Legislative Process



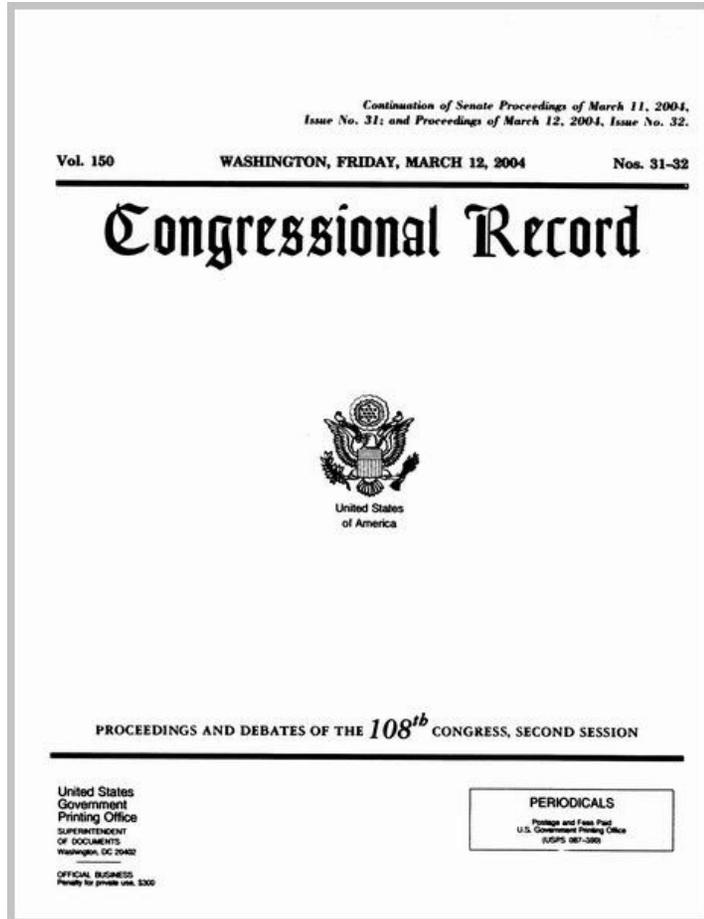
- Member proposes a bill
- Referred to a committee, which refers to subcommittee
- Hearings and/or markup of bill(s) in (sub)committees
- Report out of committee
- Debated in full chamber
- Passed by one chamber
  - If the other chamber passes a similar, but not identical bill, the law goes to a “conference committee” to resolve differences. The resolution is then voted on in both chambers
- Sent to the President for signature

# Legislative Record

- Each stage produces some documentation
- Drafts of bills, notes from legislators, statements from Administration officials or others
- These documents become the legislative history

# Official Records

- Any member can ask that any document submitted to the member or a committee become part of the “Congressional Record.”
- By Rule, these records can be modified by members in any way at any time.



# Unofficial Records

- All materials used by members can become part of the legislative history
- Unofficial records, often called “committee prints,” are any of these
- Include memos by the Congressional Research Service, publications from committees, reports to Congress, Compiled Series of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

# Finding the Records

What *are the records?*

&

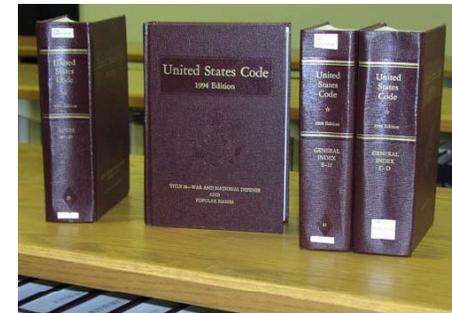
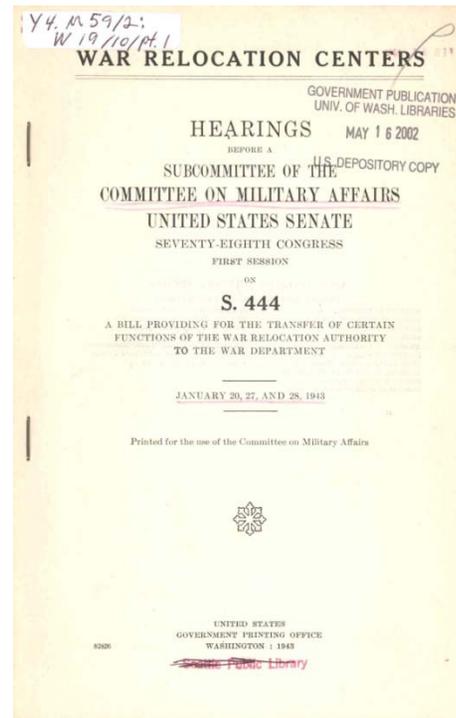
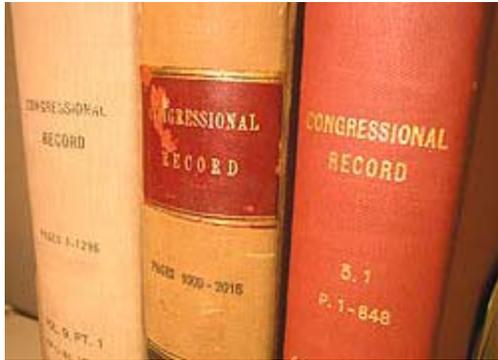
Where *are the records?*

- Main Documents
  - Bills
  - Reports\*
  - Hearings
  - Congressional Debate
  - Public Law
  - Presidential Signing Statement
- Other
  - Committee Prints
  - CRS Reports

# How do you get started?

- What year did the legislation take place?
  - Pre-1970s, 1990s-present?
- What do you know?
  - Bill #, Public Law #
  - Popular Name, USC Citation

# Print Resources



# US Statutes at Large

PUBLIC LAW 95-223—DEC. 28, 1977

91 STAT. 1625

Public Law 95-223  
95th Congress

## An Act

With respect to the powers of the President in time of war or national emergency.

Dec. 28, 1977

[H.R. 7738]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

Wartime or national emergencies. Presidential powers.

### TITLE I—AMENDMENTS TO THE TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT

#### REMOVAL OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY POWERS UNDER THE TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT

SEC. 101. (a) Section 5(b)(1) of the Trading With the Enemy Act is amended by striking out “or during any other period of national emergency declared by the President” in the text preceding subparagraph (A).

50 USC app. 5.

(b) Notwithstanding the amendment made by subsection (a), the authorities conferred upon the President by section 5(b) of the Trading With the Enemy Act, which were being exercised with respect to a country on July 1, 1977, as a result of a national emergency declared by the President before such date, may continue to be exercised with respect to such country, except that, unless extended, the exercise of such authorities shall terminate (subject to the savings provisions of the second sentence of section 101(a) of the National Emergencies Act) at the end of the two-year period beginning on the date of enactment of the National Emergencies Act. The President may extend the exercise of such authorities for one-year periods upon a determination for each such extension that the exercise of such authorities with respect to such country for another year is in the

Termination or extension, effective date. 50 USC app. 5 note.

50 USC 1601. 50 USC 1601 note.

# Index - History of Bills

## HOUSE BILLS

H.R. 7736—To authorize Federal assistance to private, profitmaking agencies and organizations under title II of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Mr. Teague, Mr. Brademas, Mr. Neal, Mr. Downey, Mr. Walgren, Mr. Flippo, Mr. Gore, and Mr. Watkins; Committee on Education and Labor, 18419.

H.R. 7737—To amend title IV of the National Housing Act to require an affirmative vote of the shareholders of an insured institution owning at least two-thirds of its voting stock or voting power before the Federal Home Loan Bank Board may approve the acquisition of control of the insured institution by any savings and loan holding company or any other company.

Mr. Annunzio; Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs, 18620.

H.R. 7738—With respect to the powers of the President in time of war or national emergency.

Mr. Bingham, Mr. Whalen, Mr. Ireland, and Mr. Cavanaugh; Committee on International Relations, 18620.—Reported with amendment (H. Rept. 95-459) 20657.—Rules suspended. Amended and passed House, 22473.—Referred to Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, 22747.—Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 95-466) 31944.—Amended and passed Senate, 33212.—House concurs in Senate amendments with amendments, 38165.—Senate concurs in House amendment to Senate amendments, 38690.—Examined and signed, 38850, 38893.—Presented to the President, 38894.—Approved [Public Law 95-223], 39081.

H.R. 7739—To require the preparation of

of rivers and harbors by contract or otherwise, and for other purposes.

Mr. Johnson of California, Mr. Harsha, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Howard, and Mr. Cochran of Mississippi; Committee on Public Works and Transportation, 18620.—Reported (H. Rept. 95-605), 29523.—Rules suspended. Amended and passed House, 31061.—Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works, 31609.

H.R. 7745—To amend section 98 of title 28, United States Code, to eliminate the divisions in the Western District of Louisiana.

Mr. Long of Louisiana; Committee on the Judiciary, 18620.

H.R. 7746—To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act.

Mr. Madigan, Mr. Gilman, Mr. Hagedorn, Mrs. Meyner, and Mr. Stark; Committee on Agriculture, 18620.

H.R. 7747—To amend title 23 of the District of Columbia Code with respect to the release or detention prior to trial of persons charged with certain violent or dangerous crimes, and for other purposes.

Mr. Mazzoli, Mr. Mann, Mr. Coleman, Mrs. Collins of Illinois, and Mr. Risenhoover; Committee on the District of Columbia, 18620.—Reported with amendment (H. Rept. 95-610), 30017.—Amended and passed House, 30918.—Referred to Committee on Government Operations, 31437.

H.R. 7748—To amend the Tariff Schedules of the United States in order to increase the rate of duty on certain boxes, cases, and chests lined with textile fabrics.

Mr. Mitchell of New York; Committee on Ways and Means, 18620.

additive, drug, and cosmetic for 18 months.

Mr. Rogers, Mr. Satterfield, Mr. Preyer, Mr. Scheuer, Mr. Walgren, Mr. Carter, Mr. Broyhill, Mr. Madigan, Mr. Skubitz, and Mr. Martin; Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, 18620.

H.R. 7754—To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide payment for rural health clinic services.

Mrs. Smith of Nebraska and Mr. Thone; Committees on Ways and Means; Interstate and Foreign Commerce, 18620.

H.R. 7755—To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to provide cost-of-living adjustments to the adjusted gross income limitation on the exclusion for certain disability payments.

Mr. Steers, Mr. Fauntroy, Mr. Walker, Mr. Quillen, Mr. Lagomarsino, Mr. Wampler, Mr. Eilberg, Mr. Murphy of Pennsylvania, Mr. Badillo, Ms. Lloyd of Tennessee, Mrs. Fenwick, Mr. Mineta, Mr. Harrington, Mr. Rose, Mr. Quie, Mr. Emery, Mr. Neal, and Mr. Baucus; Committee on Ways and Means, 18620.

H.R. 7756—To protect the privacy of letter mail originating outside the United States.

Mr. Thompson; Committee on Ways and Means, 18620.

H.R. 7757—To dedicate the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore to the memory of Paul H. Douglas, and for other purposes.

Mr. Udall; Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, 18620.

H.R. 7758—To insure that recipients of veterans' pension and compensation will not have the amount of such pension or compensation reduced, or entitlement

Transportation

*Tables*

- Alcoholism rehabilitation grants allotment, by State, 5224
- Carter's energy goals, 26951
- Community development block grant allocation, by cities, 31893
- Estimated grower costs of sugarcane, 4858
- Food stamp program—graduated purchase requirement, Congressional Budget Office, 16319

*Telegram*

- Sugar program, by, to the President, 29719

*Texts of*

- Amendment No. 225 to S. 71, supervisory authority of Federal banking agencies, 13998
- Amendment No. 54 to S. 71, Federal Banking Appeals Board, 6113
- S. 381, authority of Corps of Engineers over discharge of dredged or fill material, 1683
- S. 802, alcoholism rehabilitation grants allotment to States, 5224
- S. 878, tax incentives for dentists and physicians to practice in health manpower shortage areas, 6072
- S. 1295, Food Stamp Reform Act, 11165
- S. 1458, railroad retirement benefits for employment with National Transportation Safety Board, 13496
- S. 1460, Right to Financial Privacy Act, 13722
- S. 1488, monitoring of soil moisture in drought-prone areas, 14273
- S. 1489, prevent soil erosion during drought period, 14273
- S. 1540, Davis-Bacon Act Amendment, 14965
- S. 1605, investigation of safety and health implication of cotton dust, 16571
- S. 1709, Crude Oil Pricing Reform Act, 19536
- S. 2095, investment credit for oil and gas drilling expenditures, 29280
- S. 2382, Small Business Investment Incentive Act, 39281-39283
- S. Res. 435 (July, 1970), protection of consumer supply of natural gas, 2727

**TOWLES, DONALD S.**

*Bills and resolutions*

- Pay gratuity to (see S. Res. 232\*)

*Remarks in Senate*

*Letter*

- Saccharin hazard (sundry), 29258, 29264

*Remarks in Senate*

- Chemical contaminations: emergency-response system (S. 1531), 33427, 36129
- Chemical Emergency Response Team Act: introduction (S. 1330), 11634
- Implementation: increase authorization (S. 1069), 8254

*Text of*

- S. 1531, toxic substances injury assistance, 36131

**TRACI, IRENE**

*Articles and editorials*

- Keep the Gold Coast, She'll Take West 28th Street, 34832

**TRACY, PHIL**

*Articles and editorials*

- Street Smarts of a Seafaring Man, 32799

**TRADE ACT**

*Address*

- Human Rights and Jackson-Vanik Amendment, Senator Jackson, 18895

*Analysis*

- Oil Import Tax Increase (excerpt), Senate Committee on Finance, 32447

*Articles and editorials*

- Steel Dumped by Five Japanese Firms, Treasury Tentatively Rules, 32247

*Bills and resolutions*

- Adjustment assistance program: eligibility of workers under (see H.R. 8362, 9556)
- extend period for benefits under (see H.R. 9556)
- improve operation of (see H.R. 8442)

- China: permit participation in credit programs by (see H.R. 8197)
- Communist countries: amend act relative to freedom of emigration from (see S. 1713)
- Copper: exclude from preferences provisions (see H.R. 8630)

- Domestic retail prices: impact of remedies recommended relative to import relief investigations on (see H.R. 4818)

- Import relief: restrict power of President to terminate (see S. 2271; H.R. 9022, 9342, 9626)

- Preferences: clarify application of (see S. 594; H.R. 2588)

- Preferences: clarify application of (see H.R. 6355, 6490)

- Western Hemisphere: designate certain countries in, as beneficiary countries (see H.R. 6283)

*Remarks in House*

- Trade readjustment allowance (TRA): 2-year eligibility limit for workers laid off as result of increased imports, 2378

**TRADE REFORM ACT**

*Bills and resolutions*

- Adjustment assistance program: eligibility of workers under (see H.R. 3666)

**TRADE REFORM ACT OF 1974**

*Bills and resolutions*

- Adjustment assistance program: eligibility of workers under (see S. 939; H.R. 2484, 2523, 4460, 4581)

- Trade readjustment allowances: extend period for receiving (see H.R. 1593)

**TRADEMARKS**

*Bills and resolutions*

- Registration and protection: provide for (see S. 1416)

- Tree City USA: prevent unauthorized manufacture and use of name and symbol (see H.R. 3832)
- prevent unauthorized use (see H.R. 1357)

*Remarks in House*

- Territorial franchises: permit certain (H.R. 6840), 13364

*Remarks in Senate*

- Unfair Competition Act of 1977: introduction (S. 1416), 12720

**TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT**

*Bills and resolutions*

- Amend (see H.R. 1560)
- President: national emergency powers of (see H.R. 7738\*)
- Vietnam: repeal trade embargo (see H.R. 3047)

*Remarks in House*

- Emergency trade controls: repeal section 5(b) relating to, 424
- International economic transactions: hearings on emergency controls, 7797
- President: national emergency powers (H.R. 7738), 38165

**TRAIN, RUSSELL E.**

## EMERGENCY CONTROLS ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC TRANSACTIONS

### HEARINGS BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY AND TRADE OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-FIFTH CONGRESS FIRST SESSION ON H.R. 1560 and H.R. 2382 AND MARKUP OF TRADING WITH THE ENEMY REFORM LEGISLATION

MARCH 29, 30, APRIL 19, 26, MAY 5, JUNE 2, 8, 9, AND 13, 1977

Printed for the use of the Committee on International Relations

Secretary of State and the Deputy Secretary of State for the Americas shall act as Acting Secretary of State."

(c) This Act shall come into force immediately upon enactment.

#### HEARINGS ON EMERGENCY CONTROLS ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC TRANSACTIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. BINGHAM) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to announce the commencement on March 29 of a series of hearings on "Emergency Controls on International Economic Transactions," to be held by the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, which I chair. These hearings are on two bills which I have introduced: H.R. 1560, a bill to repeal section 5(b) of the Trading With the Enemy Act of 1917, and H.R. 2382, the Economic War Powers Act.

Section 5(b) of the Trading With the Enemy Act is a broad, open-ended emergency authority which goes back to 1917. Over the years, it has come to be used by the President for routine regulation of international economic transactions. Some of the activities currently carried on under this authority are trade embargoes on trade with North Korea, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Cuba, blocking of Chinese and East European assets, export controls on U.S. subsidiaries abroad, and enforcement of the Export Administration Regulations notwithstanding the lapse of the Export Administration Act last September 30.

The National Emergencies Act, enacted last year, terminated most emergency authorities, but exempted section 5(b) of the Trading With the Enemy Act from termination because of that section's importance to the day-to-day functioning of the Government. Under the terms of the National Emergencies Act, the Committee on International

use of economic sanctions in the foreign policy field. They are not for the purpose of examining the wisdom of existing embargoes.

On March 29, the subcommittee will hear three distinguished legal scholars. They are Prof. Stanley Metzger of Georgetown University Law School, Prof. Andreas F. Lowenfeld of New York University Law School, and Prof. Harold G. Maier of Vanderbilt University Law School. The hearing will take place at 2 p.m. in room 2200 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

We are urging the administration to give high-level consideration to these issues, and I hope soon to announce a further hearing with administration witnesses. We are also in contact with interested members of the public, who will be heard subsequently.

#### RULES OF PROCEDURE ADOPTED BY SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. STOKES) is recognized for 10 minutes.

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, on March 7, 1977, the Select Committee on Assassinations adopted Rules of Procedure in accordance with the mandate of the House. These rules contain a stringent set of safeguards which are for the purpose of preserving the civil and constitutional rights of potential witnesses. These formal safeguards prevail both in field investigations and the formal sessions before the committee. The adopted rules which illustrate the extensive concern the committee has for the constitutional and civil rights of all prospective witnesses include rules that witnesses may be accompanied by an attorney and that the committee will provide a witness with an attorney if he is financially or otherwise unable to secure counsel; and that the attorney for a witness may submit

# Congressional Record – Daily Digest

## HISTORY OF BILLS ENACTED INTO PUBLIC LAW (95TH CONG., 1ST SESS.)

Title	Bill No.	Date introduced	Committee		Date reported		Report No.		Page of passage in Congressional Record		Date of passage		Public Law	
			House	Senate	House	Senate	House	Senate	House	Senate	House	Senate	Date approved	No.
To allow for the issuance of revenue bonds by the District of Columbia for the building of university facilities.	S. 1063 (H.R. 9544)	Mar. 21	DC	GA	Oct. 26	May 23	95-749	95-227	36625	16848	Nov. 2	May 26	Dec. 28	95-218
To bring the governing international fishery agreement with Mexico within the purview of the Fishery Conservation Zone Transition Act.	H.R. 9794	Oct. 27	MMF	.....	Oct. 31	.....	95-783	.....	36273	36745	Nov. 1	Nov. 3	Dec. 28	95-219
To provide for the efficient and regular distribution of current information on Federal domestic assistance programs.	S. 904 (H.R. 6257)	Apr. 3	GO	GA	May 16	May 12	95-341	95-135	31067	14940	Sept. 27	May 17	Dec. 28	95-220
To provide for the convening of the second session of the Ninety-fifth Congress at noon on Thursday, January 19, 1978, and to provide that the President transmit to the Congress not later than January 23 the fiscal year 1979 budget and his Economic Report.	H.J.Res. 674	Nov. 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38948	39132	Dec. 15	Dec. 15	Dec. 28	95-221
Authorizing funds for extension of the Legal Services Corporation.	H.R. 6666 (S. 1303)	Apr. 27	Jud	HR	May 13	May 16	95-310	95-172	20925	33354	June 27	Oct. 12	Dec. 28	95-222
To define the powers of the President to regulate international economic transactions in time of war or national emergency.	H.R. 7738	June 13	IR	BHUA	June 23	Oct. 3	95-459	95-466	22473	33212	July 12	Oct. 11	Dec. 28	95-223

NOTE.—The bill in parentheses is companion measure.

### TABLE OF COMMITTEE ABBREVIATIONS

AE	Joint Committee on Atomic Energy	CST	Commerce, Science and Transportation	GO	Government Operations	MMF	Merchant Marine and Fisheries
Aer	Aeronautical and Space Sciences	DC	District of Columbia	HA	House Administration	POCS	Post Office and Civil Service
Agr	Agriculture	EdL	Education and Labor	HR	Human Resources	PWT	Public Works and Transportation
App	Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	ENR	Energy and Natural Resources	IA	Select Committee on Indian Affairs	R	Rules
AS	Appropriations	EPW	Environment and Public Works	IFC	Interstate and Foreign Commerce	RAAdm	Rules and Administration
BFUA	Armed Services	Fin	Finance	IJA	Interior and Insular Affairs	SB	Small Business
BHUA	Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs	FR	Foreign Relations	Intel	Intelligence	ST	Science and Technology
BUD	Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs	GA	Governmental Affairs	IR	International Relations	VA	Veterans' Affairs
	Budget			Jud	Judiciary	WM	Ways and Means

# Find the records online & print

## **Bills**

GPO: 1993-present  
Lexis: 1989-present  
ProQuest Legislative Insight (various years)  
THOMAS: 1989-present  
Westlaw: 1994-present  
Congressional Record  
HeinOnline US Congressional Documents Library  
Beginning of some hearings

## **Hearings**

GPO: 1985-88 and 1991-present  
Lexis: Search CQ Transcripts (1993-present) or  
Federal News Service (1996-present)  
ProQuest Legislative Insight (various years)  
HeinOnline: 1929-present  
Committee websites often include hearings.  
Library (selective)

## **Congressional Reports**

GPO: 1995-present  
Lexis: 1990-present  
ProQuest Legislative Insight (various years)  
THOMAS: 1994-present  
Westlaw: 1990-present; Search the USCCAN file.  
Serial Sets in the Library

## **Committee Print**

GPO: 1995-present  
Lexis: 1994-2003 (selective)  
Library (selective)

## **Congressional Record**

GPO: 1994-present  
GPO: 1998-2002 (Bound)  
GPO: 1983-present (Index)  
HeinOnline: 1873-2009 (Bound)  
HeinOnline: 1980-2012 (Daily)  
Lexis: 1985-present  
Westlaw: 1985-present  
Library

## **US Statutes at Large**

GPO: 2003-2008  
HeinOnline: 1789-2009  
Lexis: 1789-most recent printed volume  
Westlaw: 1789-1972  
Library

## **Compilation of Presidential Documents**

GPO: 1993-present  
HeinOnline: 2009-present (Daily)  
HeinOnline: 1965-2009 (Weekly)  
Lexis: Public Papers of the Presidents 1979-present  
Westlaw: 1986-present (Weekly)  
Library

## **CRS Reports**

ProQuest Legislative Insight (various years)  
Guide to CRS Reports - <http://www.llrx.com/features/crsreports.htm>  
Open CRS - <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/index.html>  
US State Department - <http://fpc.state.gov/c18185.htm>  
UNT Digital Library - <http://digital.library.unt.edu/govdocs/crs/index.tkl>



# COMMERCE DEPARTMENTAL LIBRARY



[About the Library](#) [Databases A-Z](#) [Databases by Subject](#) [Government Docs](#) [News Resources](#) [Contact Us](#)

Everything

All Fields

Search

Advanced Search

Home  
BEA Library

## Quick Links

[Economist](#)

[Financial Times](#)

[HeinOnline](#)

[National Journal Daily](#)

[Wall Street Journal](#)

~~~~

[Digital Legislative Histories](#)

~~~~

[Consumers' Checkbook: Guide to Health Plans for Federal Employees](#)

~~~~

[CFR Distribution](#)

## How to Search the Library's Resources:

Use the **Search Box above** for our Digital PDF Collection including: Legislative Histories, Speeches by the Secretary of Commerce, and Lighthouse to Laserbeams: A History of the Department of Commerce.

Use the **Search Box below** for the library catalog (including e-books), as well as electronic journal & newspaper articles.

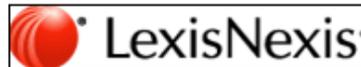
[Advanced Search](#)

Please also visit our [Databases A-Z](#) and [Databases by Subject](#) for other electronic services available to Commerce employees.

Join us for

## Coffee with LexisNexis

February 20th, 10:00am to 11:30am



## Training Schedule

**Library Orientation:**

Tuesday, February 12th,  
10:00-10:30

**LexisNexis:** Wednesday, February 20th, 10:00-11:30

**Westlaw:** Thursday, February 21st, 10:30-12:00

## Library Newsletter

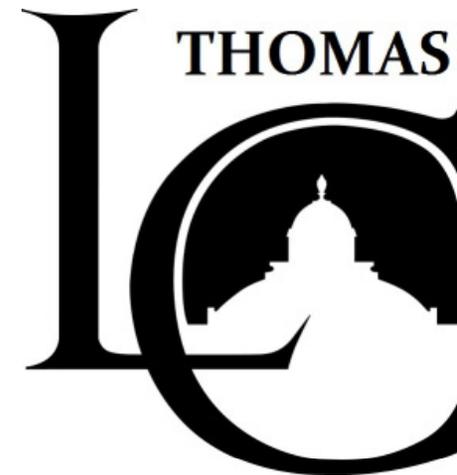
[February Newsletter](#)

Send us an [e-mail](#) to be added to our mailing list for the newsletter, events, and trainings.

[Newsletter Archive](#)

<http://library.doc.gov>

# Online



ProQuest Legislative Insight

Sources View Tutorial | Help

**Legislative & Regulatory Resources** - Remove Subtab + Set as Default Subtab Search Selected

**Federal Legislation** View more

- Congressional Bills and Bill Tracking - Current Congress [i](#)
- Congressional Full Text Bills - Current Congress [i](#)
- Bill Tracking Report - Current Congress [i](#)
- Congressional Bills Legislative Forecasts - Current Congress [i](#)
- USCS - Public Laws [i](#)
- USCS - United States Code Service: Code, Const, Rules, Conventions & Public Laws [i](#)
- Congressional Record, 1985-Current [i](#)
- Committee Reports [i](#)
- Legislative Transcripts [i](#)
- US - CIS Legislative Histories [i](#)

**Federal Regulatory** View more

- CFR - Code of Federal Regulations [i](#)
- Federal Register [i](#)
- Federal Regulation Tracking [i](#)
- Executive Orders [i](#)
- Public Papers of the Presidents [i](#)

Use checkboxes to select sources for search

**State Legislation** View more

- State Net Full Text of Bills - Current Session [i](#)

**Recently Used Sources** Help

Public Papers of the . . .

Edit Sources [G](#)

**Quick Tools** Help

Lexis® Web

Public Law

te He

[v](#) [G](#)

Source Information - Windows Internet Explorer

http://w3.lexis.com/research2/source/srcinfo.do?\_m=bb43476157cf78754f9445418d6adf0f&src=14415

**Source Information**

US - CIS Legislative Histories

**FILE-NAME:** CISLH

**COVERAGE:** From 1970 through current; From 91st Congress, 2nd Session through Current Congress

**COVERAGE-TYPE:** Abstract-Summaries-Briefs

**FREQUENCY:** Annually; every Spring; Following a session of Congress

**UPDATE-SCHEDULE:** Updated regularly - Atypical update schedule/as received from the publisher

**CONTENT-SUMMARY:**

This file contains Legislative Histories, prepared by Congressional Information Service (CIS), of key U.S. Public Laws from first consideration through presidential signature. Abstracts of the hearings, reports, prints and documents cited in the Legislative Histories are also included in the file.

**EXCLUSIONS:**

Done Internet 100%

**Key:**

Select a checkbox next to a source to combine it with other sources for searching.

FOCUS™ Terms  Search Within   Advanced...

View  ▼

◀ 2 of 5 ▶

[Edit Search](#) | [Save As Alert](#) | [More Like This](#) | [More Like Selected Text](#)  
**77 CIS PL 95223** (Copy w/ Cite)

## REFERENCES:

### DEBATE:

123 Congressional Record, 95th Congress, 1st Session - 1977  
July 12, considered and passed House.  
Oct. 11, considered and passed Senate, amended.  
Nov. 30, House concurred in certain Senate amendments, in others with amendments.  
Dec. 7, Senate concurred in House amendments.

### REPORTS:

#### 95th Congress

H. Rpt. 95-459, "Trading with the Enemy Act Reform Legislation," June 23, 1977.  
CIS NO: 77-H463-14  
LENGTH: iii+22 p.

S. Rpt. 95-466, "International Emergency Economic Powers Legislation," Oct. 3, 1977.  
CIS NO: 77-S243-24  
LENGTH: ii+10 p.

### HEARINGS:

#### 95th Congress

"Emergency Controls on International Economic Transactions" hearings before the Subcom on International Economic Policy and Trade, Committee on In  
Mar. 29, 30, Apr. 19, 26, May 5, June 2, 8, 9, 13, 1977.  
CIS NO: 77-H461-44  
LENGTH: iv+281 p.  
SUDOC: Y4.In8/16:Em3

"Revision of Trading With the Enemy Act" hearings before the Subcom on International Economic Policy and Trade, Committee on International Relations  
1977.  
CIS NO: 77-H461-59

# ProQuest Legislative Insight

The screenshot shows the ProQuest Legislative Insight website. At the top, there is a dark blue navigation bar with the text "Sign in to User Profile" on the left and "Historical Context | Help | Quick Start" on the right. Below this is the main header "ProQuest | Legislative Insight" in orange. A secondary navigation bar contains links for "Home", "Quick Search", "Guided Search", "Search by Number", and "Legislative Process". The main content area features a large light blue search box with the text "SEARCH FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE HISTORIES:" and a search input field with a magnifying glass icon. Below the search box is a hint: "Hint: 'civil rights' searches the phrase 'civil rights' but 'civil rights' searches 'civil' AND 'rights'". To the right of the search box is a link for "Popular Names of Laws List". On the left side, there is a "What's New?" section with a sub-header "What's New?" and text: "112th Congress Histories: 205 Histories Loaded" and "Explore changing perspectives in immigration policy:". Below this is a bullet point: "■ PL87-885, an act to facilitate the entry of alien skilled specialists and". In the center, there is a "CITATION CHECKER:" section with the instruction "input a number in any field to retrieve the equivalent numbers". It has three input fields: "Public Law Number" (with "PL90-351" below), "Statute at Large Citations" (with "82 Stat. 197" below), and "Enacted Bill" (with "90 H.R. 5037" below). At the bottom, there are tabs for "Spotlight" and "FAQ", and two orange buttons: "Sessions of Congress" and "Browse or Search for Subject Terms".

1929-present – coverage is sporadic

# Other Resources

- [DOC Library Digital Legislative Histories Collection](#)
- Print Legislative Histories in the Library
- HeinOnline - US Federal Legislative History Library
- CQ Almanac
- Westlaw's GAO Federal Legislative Histories



# Need Help? Contact the library.

Kelli Peterson, JD, MLS  
Commerce Departmental Library  
Room 1894

Phone: (202) 482-1154

Email: [kpeterson@doc.gov](mailto:kpeterson@doc.gov);  
[lawlibrary@doc.gov](mailto:lawlibrary@doc.gov)

<http://library.doc.gov>

