

# 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 CONGRESS.GOV search interface. The search form includes fields for 'Words & Phrases' (with examples like 'Trade Relations', 'Export Controls'), 'Legislation and Law Numbers' (with examples like 'hr5, hr15, sires8, sa2, pl116-21, 86Stat1326'), and 'Legislative Actions' (with examples like 'Any Legislative Action'). There are also dropdowns for 'Sponsors/Cosponsors' (Any Representative, Any Senator), 'Committees' (Any House Committees, Any Senate Committees), and 'Congress (Years)' (1973-2024, 118 (2023-2024), 117 (2021-2022), 116 (2019-2020), 115 (2017-2018)). The top right features 'Search Tools', 'Support', and 'Sign In' links, and the bottom right has 'Reset Form' and 'Search' buttons.

## 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 CONGRESS.GOV search results page for the term 'education'. The search bar includes a 'Search Within' dropdown and a magnifying glass icon. The left sidebar has a 'Current Congress' dropdown menu (highlighted with a red circle) and a 'MORE OPTIONS' button (highlighted with a red circle). The results list shows two bills: 'S.2949 — 118th Congress (2023-2024)' and 'S.1090 — 118th Congress (2023-2024)'. Each bill entry includes the bill number, title, sponsor, committee, latest action, and tracker. The bottom of the page features a 'Sort by' dropdown (highlighted with a red circle) and a 'View' dropdown.

## FOLLOW CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Learn about recent 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.

## SAVE YOUR SEARCHES AND GET ALERTS

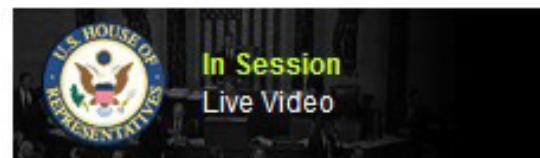
Set up an account to save search queries and set up email alerts.

- From **Sign In** link in right top corner of any page, select **Create an account** for onetime 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.

## Current Legislative Activities

115th Congress (2017-2018)

### House of Representatives



### Senate



## CONGRESS.GOV

Advanced Searches | Browse

Legislation education

Saved Search: Education | [Download Results](#)

Refined by: education Legislation

Hide Filters Hide Tracker 1-100 of 72,761 100 per page

Limit Your Search

Check all

Legislation [72,761]  
 Committee Reports [6,754]  
 Committee Meetings [18,468]  
 Committee Publications [861]

BILL

1. [H.R.505](#) — 117th Congress (2021-2022)  
Native American **Education** Opportunity Act  
Sponsor: [Rep. Biggs, Andy \[R-AZ-5\]](#) (Introduced)  
Committees: House - **Education** and Labor  
Latest Action: House - 01/28/2021 Referred to the House Committee on **Education** and Labor. ([All Actions](#))  
Tracker: [Introduced](#) → [Passed House](#) → [Passed Senate](#) → [To President](#) → [Became Law](#)

Your search has been saved. Get email alerts for this saved search?

No alerts

[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 committee 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.

## READ THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

*Access the Congressional Record from the header or footer of any page on Congress.gov.*

- 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 'Committee Schedule' page on Congress.gov. At the top, there is a search bar with 'Current Congress' selected and an example search term 'hr5, sres9, "health care"'. Below the search bar, a 'Get Weekly Alerts' button is circled in red. The main content area shows a 'Week of April 5 - 11, 2021' section with a 'Daily View' link. A 'MONDAY April 5 2021' box indicates 'No meeting data for this date.' A confirmation popover window titled 'Confirmed' is overlaid on the page, stating 'You will receive an email every Monday with the updated committee schedule for that week.' with an 'OK' button.

The screenshot shows the 'Congressional Record' page on Congress.gov. The top navigation bar includes 'Advanced Searches' and 'Browse'. The search bar shows a search for 'homeland security', 'medicare'. The main content area features the title 'Congressional Record' with a subtext 'Proceedings and Debates of the U.S. Congress'. Below the title, there are links for 'Most Recent Issue', 'Browse By Date' (circled in red), 'CR Index', 'About', and 'Get alerts' (circled in red). A specific issue for 'October 18, 2023' is highlighted, showing it's the '118th Congress (2023 - 2024), 1st Session' and 'Issue: Vol. 169, No. 171 — Daily Edition'. A red circle also highlights the 'Entire Issue (PDF 2MB)' link. On the right, there is a search bar for 'Find an issue of the Record (1873-Present)' with a date input field.

## GET APPROPRIATION MEASURE ALERTS

*View and set-up email alerts when appropriations measures are considered by Congress.*

- Visit the **Appropriations Saved Search** on the home page.
- View the measures in the search results.
- Select **Save this Search**.
- Select **Confirm** and **OK** to save this search.
- Select **Get Alerts** from saved search confirmation popover to receive an email when a new measure is added or a change occurs with a measure.

**Note:** A Congress.gov account is required to saved searches and receive results.

## GET MEMBER ACTIVITY ALERTS

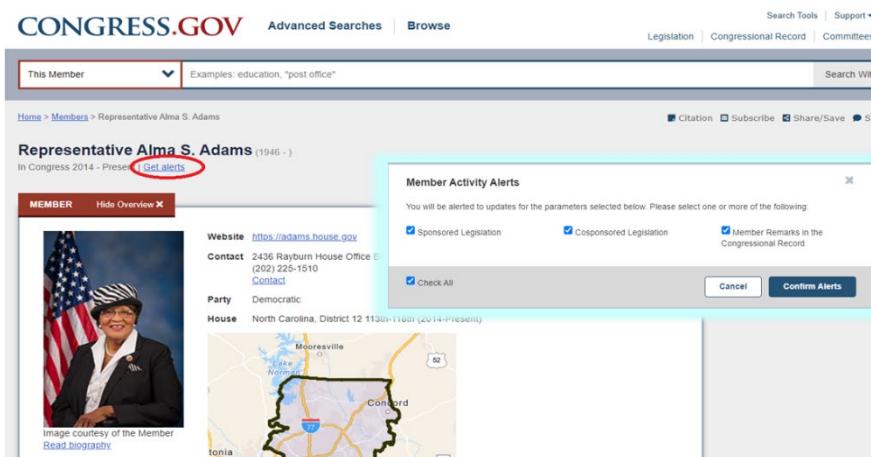
*Learn about new activity from any current members.*

- Visit any current member's detail page.
- Select **Get Alerts** to receive an email when that member **sponsors or cosponsors a bill**, or has **remarks in the Congressional Record**.

**Note:** A Congress.gov account is **required** to sign-up to and receive alerts.



The screenshot shows the Congress.gov homepage. A central search bar has 'hr5, sres9, "health care"' entered. Below it, a 'Most-Viewed Bills | Top 10' section lists bills like S.596, S.1323, and H.R.2670. A modal window is open, asking 'Your search has been saved. Get email alerts for this saved search?' with 'No alerts' and 'Get Alerts' buttons. To the right, 'Bill Searches and Lists' includes a link to 'Appropriations: Status Tables, Search FY24', which is circled in red. Other sections like 'Recent' and 'Contact Your Member' are also visible.



The screenshot shows the Congress.gov member detail page for Representative Alma S. Adams. The 'Member Activity Alerts' popover is open, showing checkboxes for 'Sponsored Legislation', 'Cosponsored Legislation', 'Member Remarks in the Congressional Record', and 'Check All'. The 'Confirm Alerts' button is at the bottom right. The member's profile includes a photo, contact information, and a map of her district in North Carolina.

## DOWNLOAD DATA WITH THE CONGRESS.GOV API

*View, retrieve, and re-use machine-readable data from collections available on Congress.gov using the Congress.gov public Application Programming Interface (API).*

- Sign-up for an API key to get started -- <http://api.congress.gov/sign-up/>
- Review user guides and documentation, read the Change log, and provide feedback in the Congress.gov API Github Repository --

<https://github.com/LibraryOfCongress/api.congress.gov>

## CONGRESS.GOV

### API Key Sign Up

For a user guide on how to use our API key please view our [GitHub](#) page.

Required fields are marked with an asterisk (\*).

First Name \*

Last Name \*

Email \*

How will you use the APIs? (optional)

[Signup](#)

[Legal](#) | [Visit Congress.gov](#)

**LEARN MORE ABOUT CONGRESS.GOV:** Click on **Support** for Help pages. Use **Contact** to send questions on searching or content.