

# 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 'Words & Phrases' box is highlighted with a red circle. Below it, the 'Legislation and Law Numbers' box is also highlighted with a red circle. The 'Search Tools' link at the top right is circled in red. The 'Reset Form' button at the bottom right is circled in red. The 'Search' button is also visible.

## 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. The 'Current Congress' drop-down menu is highlighted with a red circle. The 'MORE OPTIONS' link is circled in red. The 'Sort by' menu is circled in red. The 'Limit Your Search' section on the left shows various filters. The 'Congress' section at the bottom shows the current Congress (118th) and the search results.

## FOLLOW CURRENT ACTIVITIES

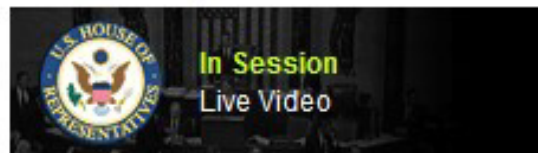
Learn about recent congressional activities.

- 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.

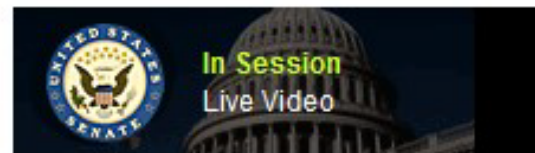
## Current Legislative Activities

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 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.

A screenshot of the CONGRESS.GOV website showing search results for "education". The page includes a search bar, filters, and a list of results. A popover is displayed over the results, asking "Your search has been saved. Get email alerts for this saved search?" with buttons for "No alerts" and "Get Alerts".

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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 (3561)

1. [H.R. 505](#) — 117th Congress (2021-2022)  
Native American **Education** Opportunity Act  
Sponsor: [Rep. Biggs, Andy \(R-AZ-5\)](#) (Introducer)  
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.

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Current Congress Examples: hr5, sres9, "health care"

Home > Committee Schedule > Week of April 5 - 11, 2021

**Committee Schedule**

[Get Weekly Alerts](#)

This schedule combines announcements about future House and Senate committee meetings and hearings for the session. For links to House & Meetings on Senate.gov. [About Committees and Committee Materials](#) provides additional information. For links to House & Meetings on Senate.gov. [About Committees and Committee Materials](#) provides additional information. For links to House & Meetings on Senate.gov.

Select a Date mm/dd/yyyy

Filter your results by

Chamber Senate [1]

Week of April 5 - 11, 2021 | [Daily View](#)

**MONDAY**  
April 5  
2021

No meeting data for this date.

**Confirmed**

You will receive an email every Monday with the updated committee schedule for that week.

OK

## 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.

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Congressional Record

Home > Congressional Record (Most Recent Issue) > Daily Digest

Citation | Subscribe | Share/Save | Site Feedback

**Congressional Record**  
Proceedings and Debates of the U.S. Congress

Most Recent Issue [Browse by Date](#) [CR Index](#) [About](#) [Get alerts](#)

**October 18, 2023**  
118th Congress (2023 - 2024), 1st Session  
Issue: Vol. 169, No. 171 — Daily Edition

[Entire Issue \(PDF 2MB\)](#)

Find an issue of the Record (1873-Present)

Date: mm/dd/yyyy

Or enter year and page number.

## 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.

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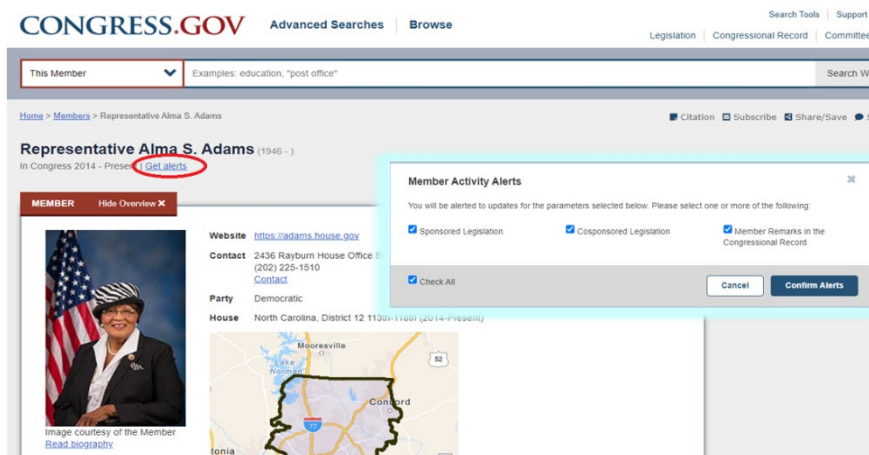


## GET MEMBER ACTIVITY ALERTS

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.

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## 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

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