

## Congressional Legislative Data Sources

(This web resource is maintained by the [Congressional Data Coalition](#).

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Note: I've published a [better list here on our blog](#)

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### Major XML Data Sources/Scrapers

[United States Project](#) on GitHub. Includes (not comprehensive list):

- Congress Votes Servo: tracks changes to roll call votes XML files ([website](#))
- Public domain photos of members of congress ([website](#))
- Email members of Congress ([website](#))
- Members of Congress from 1789 to present ([website](#))
- Partial congressional record parser ([website](#))
- Legal citation parser ([website](#))
- Public domain collectors for the works of congress, including bill text, amendments, and votes ([website](#))
- Authentication service ([website](#))
- Table of popular nicknames for bills ([website](#))
- Bill numbers for early american statutes ([website](#))
- Parser for US Code ([website](#))
- Congressional district shapefiles ([website](#))
- Calendar of congressional hearings and meetings ([website](#))

[Senate XML Sources](#). Includes (not comprehensive list):

- Active legislation ([website](#))
- Committee hearings and meetings schedule ([website](#))
- Committee memberships ([website](#))
- Current Senators contact list ([website](#))

- Current Senators including current committee assignments ([website](#))
- Floor schedule ([website](#))
- Floor summaries ([website](#))
- Roll Call vote lists ([website](#))
- Roll Call votes ([website](#))
- Nominations info ([website](#))

**House Clerk XML Sources. Includes but is not limited to:**

- Tons of information about members of the House ([XML](#))  
(name of member, official name, bioguide number, party)
- Roll Call votes ([website](#))
- Official lists of members with committee assignments ([website](#))
- List of Legislative Branch Data sources ([website](#)) -LOTS of stuff here

**Congressional Budget Office cost estimates ([website](#))**

**Government Accountability Office Reports ([website](#)).**

- New GAO Report RSS feed ([website](#))
- GAO Reports as XML ([website](#))
- Report news from GAO (XML) ([website](#))
- GAO legal decisions (contracting) ([website](#))
- Reports issued under the congressional review act (on major regulations) (RSS) ([website](#))

**Government Publishing Office ([website](#)).**

- Developer Hub ([website](#))
- GitHub ([website](#))
- XML Bulk Data (XML and JSON Endpoints) ([website](#))
  - Bill Text ([website](#))
  - Bill Status ([website](#))
  - Bill Summaries ([website](#))

- House Rules and Manual ([website](#))
- Federal Register ([website](#))
- Electronic Code of Federal Regulations ([website](#))
- Code of Federal Regulations (Annual Edition) ([website](#))
- United States Government Manual ([website](#))
- Privacy Act Issuances ([website](#))
- Public Papers of the Presidents ([website](#))
- Link Service ([website](#))
- RSS Feeds ([website](#))
- Sitemaps ([website](#))
- Govinfo A to Z Browse ([website](#))

#### **United States Code (House office of law revision counsel).**

- Text of the US Code, schema, and stylesheet. ([website](#))
- US Code Classification tables ([website](#))

#### **Data Schemas for Legislative Information ([XML.HOUSE.GOV](#))**

- International standard that is being tracked to:  
[https://www.oasis-open.org/committees/tc\\_home.php?wg\\_abrev=legaldocml](https://www.oasis-open.org/committees/tc_home.php?wg_abrev=legaldocml)

#### **Official House Documents ([docs.house.gov](#))**

- Bills to be considered on the House floor during a particular link ([website](#))
- Repository of committee hearings and documents ([website](#))

**House Rules Committee Information** (rules governing consideration of bills, text, and amendments) ([website](#))

#### **Floor Schedules**

- House Majority Leader (not XML) ([website](#))
  - Daily ([website](#))
  - Weekly ([website](#))
  - Annual ([website](#))
- House Minority Whip (not XML) ([website](#))
  - Legislative Calendar (RSS) ([website](#))
  - Daily (RSS) ([website](#))
  - Weekly (RSS) ([website](#))
- Senate floor updates (majority) ([website](#))
- Senate floor updates (minority) (rss) ([website](#))

Congressional Committee and Support Office webpages

- Includes all committees and some support offices ([Google spreadsheet](#))

## **Congressional Spending Information**

House Statement of Expenditures (official) (2009-present) (PDFs and CSVs): ([website](#))

Senate Statement of Expenditures (official) (2011-present) (PDFs): ([website](#))

House Statement of Expenditures (unofficial) (1970-2008) (PDFs): ([website](#))

Partially scraped dataset for House Statement of Expenditures (2009-present): ([website](#)) (this is being transitioned from Sunlight to Pro Publica as of Nov. 2016)

Partially scraped dataset for Senate Statement of Expenditures (2011-present): ([website](#)) (this is being transitioned from Sunlight to Pro Publica as of Nov. 2016)

The House has begun publishing publishing Statements of Expenditures in a structured data format 2nd quarter 2016.

### **Library of Congress**

- United States Treaties (PDFs) ([website](#))
- Law Library of Congress Research Reports (RSS) ([website](#))
- Video of Hearings from the House of Representatives ([website](#)) (but use docs.house.gov for descriptors of the hearings)

### **Senate Historian** ([website](#))

- Statistics and lists about the Senate ([website](#))-- has many subsets
- Historical photos ([website](#))

### **House Historian**

- Election statistics (PDF) ([website](#))
- Lots of historical information, but hard to navigate/not in structured format ([website](#))

**Cato's DeepBills** -- adds semantic data to congressional bills ([website](#))

**Social Congress** -- track tweet followers and updates for Members of Congress (GitHub) ([website](#))

**Vital Statistics on Congress:** Historical data about congressional staff levels, member data over time, etc. --available as structured data ([website](#))

### **Staff pay and retention:**

- House (CSV) ([file](#))
- Senate (CSV) ([website](#))

### **Other Sources**

- Major aggregator of historic information about Congress -- Charles Stewart's Congressional Data Page ([website](#))
- Digital information about legislation from 1947-1972 ([website](#))
- All laws as they were enacted by Congress: LegisLink (1789-present) ([website](#))

### **• BY SUBJECT MATTER/ TOPIC**

### **Congressional Hearings and Meetings Calendar**

- Senate Committee Hearings and Meetings Calendar ([XML](#))
- House Committee Hearings and Meetings Calendar ([webpage](#))
- United States Project GitHub Repository pulling House and Senate data ([link](#))
- GovTrack website displaying integrated House and Senate Data ([website](#))

### **Congressional Press Releases Aggregator**

- "Stamententer" search tool for House press releases ([website](#))
- GitHub repository for Stamententer ([website](#))

*(BUILD this out)*

- **APIs**

- New York Times ([website](#))
- GovTrack (<https://www.govtrack.us/developers>)

- **Coming Soon**

- House Statement of Disbursements (spending information).  
Includes all money spent by the House, where the money is spent; and a list of all staff