

# RESEARCH GUIDE

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## U.S. CONGRESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

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### CONGRESSIONAL BILLS

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| 1789-1969 (1 <sup>st</sup> --91 <sup>st</sup> Congress)    | Congressional Indexes, 1969-76 from LexisNexis Academic*                                                                                                                |
| 1833-1873<br>(23 <sup>rd</sup> -42 <sup>nd</sup> Congress) | Congressional Globe (Gdoc Microfilm), Congressional Index, 1789-1969 from LexisNexis Academic*                                                                          |
| 1873-1976<br>(43 <sup>rd</sup> -94 <sup>th</sup> Congress) | Congressional Record Index (Gdoc Microfilm), Congressional Index, 1789-1969* from LexisNexis Academic*                                                                  |
| 1977- (95 <sup>th</sup> - )                                | Congressional Record Index<br>(See Call number starting <b>X 95.1:</b> or <b>X1.1: 101</b> ): Gdoc Microfiche. 95 or 96 indicates 95 <sup>th</sup> Congress so on)      |
| 1970 - (91 <sup>st</sup> - )                               | CIS Index ( <b>Ref KF 49. C 62</b> ) or Online via Congressional LexisNexis*                                                                                            |
| 1973 - (93 <sup>rd</sup> - )                               | Thomas ( <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov">http://thomas.loc.gov</a> )*                                                                                                   |
| 1976 - (94 <sup>th</sup> - )                               | GMU Online Catalog or GPO Monthly Catalog (First Search)                                                                                                                |
| 1983 - (98 <sup>th</sup> -)                                | History of Bills or Congressional Record Index via GPO Access*<br>( <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov/bills/index.html">http://www.gpoaccess.gov/bills/index.html</a> ) |

**GMU HOLDINGS:**

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| 1833- 1873 (23 <sup>rd</sup> -42 <sup>nd</sup> ) | Congressional Globe (Gdoc Microfilm)                                                                                                     |
| 1873-1976 (43 <sup>rd</sup> -94 <sup>th</sup> )  | Congressional Record (Gdoc Microfilm)                                                                                                    |
| 1977- (95 <sup>th</sup> - )                      | Congressional Record (Gdoc Microfiche) :See Sudoc Call number, <b>Y1.4/6</b> for House Billes (H.R) ; <b>Y1.4/1</b> for Senate Bills (S) |
| 1989 - (101 <sup>st</sup> - )                    | Congressional LexisNexis*                                                                                                                |
| 1973 - (93 <sup>rd</sup> - )                     | Thomas ( <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov">http://thomas.loc.gov</a> )* —summary: full text-1989                                           |
| 1993 - (103 <sup>rd</sup> --)                    | Via GPO Access<br>( <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov/bills/index.html">http://www.gpoaccess.gov/bills/index.html</a> )                  |

Pre 1833 material—No holdings for GMU.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD (99<sup>th</sup> (1985-86)--)) is available online via Congressional LexisNexis

## CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

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| 1789-1969                                                       | Congressional Indexes, 1789-69*                                                                                                 |
| Early 1800's-1969                                               | Monthly Catalog of U.S. Government Publications<br>( <b>Ref GP 3.8:</b> ), Congressional Index, 1789-1969*                      |
| 1970-<br>(91 <sup>st</sup> Congress, 2 <sup>nd</sup> session- ) | CIS/Index ( <b>Ref KF 49. C 62:</b> ) or<br>Online Via Congressional LexisNexis*                                                |
| 1976-<br>(94 <sup>th</sup> Congress, 2 <sup>nd</sup> session- ) | GPO Monthly Catalog via First Search* or GMU online<br>Catalog.                                                                 |
| 1983—<br>(98 <sup>th</sup> Congress- )                          | CCH (Congressional Committee Hearings) Index<br>( <b>Ref KF 49.C 6</b> )                                                        |
| 1997—<br>(105 <sup>th</sup> Congress- )                         | Online via GPO Access<br><a href="http://www.access.gpo.gov/congress/cong017.html">www.access.gpo.gov/congress/cong017.html</a> |

### GMU HOLDINGS:

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| Pre-1960                                     | Not available in GMU Libraries. May available from the<br>Library of Congress and Center for Research Libraries                                                                                                                                           |
| 1960-1979                                    | Incomplete holdings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1981----<br>(96 <sup>th</sup> Congress-----) | Depository hard copy or Microfiche is shelved by<br>individual <u>SuDoc</u> number (Y4.) in the Government<br>Document Collection Area (check GMU Online Catalog<br>by title or Sudoc call number to see whether an item<br>is in paper or in microfiche) |
| 1997----<br>(105 <sup>th</sup> Congress--)   | Online via GPO Access*<br><a href="http://www.access.gpo.gov/congress/cong017.html">www.access.gpo.gov/congress/cong017.html</a>                                                                                                                          |

### Senate, House, and Executive Reports, Senate, House, and Treaty Documents.

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| 1789-1969                                             | CIS U.S. Serial Set (NO GMU Holdings), Online<br>Congressional Indexes, 1789-1969*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1970- (91 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Congress- ) | CIS/Index ( <b>Ref KF 49. C 62:</b> ) or Online Congressional<br>Universe*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1976- (94 <sup>th</sup> - )                           | GPO Monthly Catalog via First Search* or GMU online<br>catalog                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1989—for Report: 1995- for<br>Documents               | Congressional Universe*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1995- (104 <sup>th</sup> - )                          | Via GPO Access for Documents:<br>( <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov/serialset/cdocuments/index.html">http://www.gpoaccess.gov/serialset/cdocuments/index.html</a> )<br>Via GPO Access for Reports<br>( <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov/serialset/creports/index.h">http://www.gpoaccess.gov/serialset/creports/index.h</a> ) |

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| 1989- (101 <sup>st</sup> - ) for Report            | Online Congressional Universe*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1995- (104 <sup>th</sup> Congress- ) for Documents | Online Congressional Universe*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1976-                                              | Depository copy classed in Sudoc, "Y 1.1/" and shelved in Gdoc microfiche or in Paper. Incomplete Holdings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1995- (104 <sup>th</sup> - )                       | Via GPO Access for Documents:<br><a href="http://www.access.gpo.gov/congress/cong006.html">www.access.gpo.gov/congress/cong006.html</a><br>Via GPO Access for Reports<br><a href="http://www.access.gpo.gov/congress/cong005.html">www.access.gpo.gov/congress/cong005.html</a><br>and Thomas ( <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov">http://thomas.loc.gov</a> ) |

**COMMITTEE PRINTS**

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| 1789-----1969 (91 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> session) | CIS U.S. Congressional Committee Print Index ( <b>Fen Ref. J 74 C 66</b> ) GMU Holdings) or Online Congressional Indexes, 1789-1969* |
| 1970- (91 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> session-)        | CIS/Index ( <b>Ref KF 49. C 62:</b> ) or Online Via Congressional Universe*                                                          |
| 1976- (94 <sup>th</sup> - )                              | GPO Monthly Catalog via First Search* or GMU online catalog                                                                          |

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| 1970--                        | Depository Copy classed in SuDoc "Y"                                                                                     |
| 1993-- (103 <sup>rd</sup> - ) | Congressional Universe*                                                                                                  |
| 1994--(105 <sup>th</sup> - )  | Via GPO Access ( <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cprints/index.html">http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cprints/index.html</a> ) |

## LAWS AND LEGISLATIVE HISTORIES

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| 1789---    | Statutes at Large via Congressional Universe*                                  |
| 1789--1926 | Statutes at Large (Gdoc <b>KF 50.U6</b> )- Microfilm                           |
| 1927---    | Statutes at Large (Gdoc <b>Ref KF 50.U6</b> )                                  |
| 1980--     | U.S. Code Congressional and Administrative News (Gdoc <b>Ref KF 48 W 45</b> )  |
| 1970--     | CIS/Index ( <b>Ref KF 49. C 62:</b> ) or<br>Online Via Congressional Universe* |

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| 1789-                       | Statutes at Large (Gdoc <b>Ref KF 50. U6</b> );<br>online via Congressional Universe*           |
| 1988-                       | Public Laws-Slip (Gdoc <b>KF 50. U6</b> );<br>online via GPO Access and Congressional Universe* |
| 1968—                       | U.S. Code (Gdoc <b>Ref KF 48 W 45</b> ) or U.S. Code Online<br>via GPO Access (1994-)           |
| 1970--                      | Congressional Universe*.                                                                        |
| 1989 (101 <sup>st</sup> - ) | History of Bills Online via Thomas and Congressional<br>Universe* and GPO Access* (1996-)       |

### Others:

Fenwick Documents Microfiche Room houses Senate Treaty Document (Y1.1/4) and Senate Executive Report (Y1.1/6), and Serial Set (By Serial Volume Number, **Y1.1/2**) from 1979 (96<sup>th</sup> Congress) in Microfiche. See Also Historical Congressional Documents and Debates (1774-1873) via Thomas (<http://thomas.loc.gov>).

\*Available online through the Database Wizard for Government Information on the GMU Libraries' Home Page (<http://oscr.gmu.edu/sql/subdb.php?>).

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