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United States Code congressional and administrative news (USCCAN)

United States. PRINT | West Pub. Co. | 1941-
Available at 5th floor Federal (KF48 .U54 89)
Also available at Microforms 1941-

USCCAN contains the public laws and related House and Senate reports since 1941 and Presidential Signing Statements since 1986. http://encore.sociallaw.com/iii/encore/record/C__Rb1012356

CIS annual

Congressional Information Service. PRINT | Congressional Information Service | 1970- 2010
Available at 1st floor Non-core (KF49 .C62)

CIS has abstracts, indexes of all Congressional bills, hearings and reports. "Legislative History" volumes have listings of materials for all public laws, 1984-2010. http://encore.sociallaw.com/iii/encore/record/C__Rb1012334

Congressional record [microform] : containing the proceedings and debates of Congress

United States. Congress. MICROFORM | G.P.O. | 1874- | [Permanent ed.].
4th floor Microforms http://encore.sociallaw.com/iii/encore/record/C__Rb1014342

Congressional record [electronic resource]

United States. Congress. ELECTRONIC RES | U.S. G.P.O.] | 1994-
All issues 1994- online through the United States Government Printing Office
http://encore.sociallaw.com/iii/encore/record/C__Rb1030004

ProQuest congressional [electronic resource]

Provides daily updated information including the CIS Index starting in 1970, Congressional indexes, 1789-1969, indexes to unpublished hearings through 1980, full text of bills, public laws, committee reports, House and Senate documents, Congressional Record, Federal Register, National Journal, and other government information
http://encore.sociallaw.com/iii/encore/record/C__Rb1080284
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ProQuest U.S. serial set [electronic resource]

Provides Congressional reports on public and private legislation; reports resulting from congressionally commissioned or conducted investigations; Congressional journals, administrative reports, directories, manuals and related internal publications; annually submitted reports from Federal executive agencies and independent organizations; extended series of survey, research and statistical publications developed by executive agencies; selected annual or special reports of nongovernmental agencies; and reports on proposed legislation
http://encore.sociallaw.com/iii/encore/record/C__Rb1143989

Available in-library only

HeinOnline U.S. Federal Legislative History Library [electronic resource]

Online collection of compiled legislative histories published by the federal government, private publishers and law firms.

Available in-library and remotely to public and courtesy members and law firms with fewer than 50 attorneys

Bloomberg law [electronic resource]

House and Senate Reports 1989-
Congressional Record 1933-

In-library use only

Westlaw [electronic resource]

United States Code Congressional and Administrative News 1948-

U.S. Government Accountability Office Legislative Histories

1921 - 1995 and PL 104-191

Legislative histories for most public laws enacted between 1921 and 1995 and PL 104-191 (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996).

Comprehensive legislative histories for most U.S. Public Laws enacted from 1921 to 1995, and PL 104-191, as compiled by the U.S. Government Accountability Office, including the text of laws, bills, committee reports, Congressional Record documents, transcripts of hearings, and other documents in pdf format.

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Selected books on federal legislative history

What good is legislative history? : Justice Scalia in the Federal Courts of Appeals / Joseph L. Gerken

[Gerken, Joseph L.](#) PRINT | William S. Hein & Co. | 2007. 1st floor Non-core (Call number: KF425 .G47 2007)

Judging statutes / Robert A. Katzmann

[Katzmann, Robert A.](#) PRINT | Oxford University Press | 2014

4th floor Reading Room [KF425 .K38 2014](#)

Guide to state legislation, legislative history, and administrative materials / William H. Manz

[Manz, William H.](#) PRINT | William S. Hein & Co., Inc. | 2008. | 7th ed.

4th floor Reference [KF1 .F57 2008](#)

An introduction to statutory interpretation and the legislative process / Abner J. Mikva, Eric Lane

[Mikva, Abner J.](#) PRINT | Aspen Law & Business | c1997. 4th floor Reading Room (Call number: KF425 .M55 1997)

A dictionary of statutory interpretation / William D. Popkin

[Popkin, William D.](#) PRINT | Carolina Academic Press | c2007.

4th floor Reading Room (Call number: KF425 .P669 2007)

Reading law : the interpretation of legal texts / Antonin Scalia & Bryan A. Garner

[Scalia, Antonin.](#) PRINT | Thomson/West | c2012

4th floor Reading Room (Call number: KF250 .S33 2012)

Statutes and statutory construction / J.G Sutherland

[Singer, J. D. Shambie.](#) PRINT | Thomson Reuters | 2018- | Eighth Edition / by Shambie Singer.

4th floor Reading Room (Call number: KF425 .S25 2018 V.3A 2018)

Sources of compiled legislative histories : a bibliography of government documents, periodical articles, and books, 1st Congress-114th Congress / compiled by Ronald E. Wheeler & Jenna E. Fegreus

[Wheeler, Ronald E.](#) PRINT | William S. Hein & Co., Inc. | 2018 | Fourth edition.

4th floor Reference (Call number: KF42.2 .S68 2018)

Some comprehensive treatises such as Collier on Bankruptcy KF1524 .C6 2009

http://encore.sociallaw.com/iii/encore/record/C__Rb1122209 and Nimmer on Copyright KF2994 .N55 1963

http://encore.sociallaw.com/iii/encore/record/C__Rb1000917 include selected legislative history resources.

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