LIGHTNING TALKS #3

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https://uslaw.link

A legal citation resolver,
now with Legisworks's *Statutes at Large* data.

- 2012: Eric Mill started **github:unitedstates/citation**.

- 2014: Joe Carmel started **Legisworks** crowd-sourced project to digitize Statutes at Large metadata.

    Split PDFs from Constitution.org into 32,181 per-law PDFs for 1789-1951.

    Added statute title metadata. 11 volunteers.

- 2015: **uslaw.link** launched.

- 2019: Added Legisworks data. This demo today.

- 2025: Congress adopts uslaw.link as an official U.S. govt resource?

40 U.S.C. 11101(1)

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Capabilities / Data Links

- **40 U.S.C. § 11101(1)** → uscode.house.gov, GovInfo.gov, Cornell LII
- **Pub. L. 110-84** → Legisworks (Congresses 1-85), GovTrack.us (86th-103rd), GovInfo.gov (104th-)
- **118 Stat. 3910** → Legisworks (volumes 1-64), GovInfo.gov (65-125)
- **5 CFR §531.610(f) / 75 Fed. Reg. 28404** → GovInfo.gov
- **410 U.S. 113, 214 F.3d 416** → Court Listener
- **U.S. CONST., art. VI, cl. 2** → Archives.gov, CONAN
- **DC Law 22-168, DC Code 1-1161.01** → code.dccouncil.us
- **VA Code § 30-178** → Virginia Decoded

- PDFs for every Public Law* since 1789
- Automatically finds some parallel citations
  - Stat. → P.L. → Bill
- Fetches titles for laws/court cases
  - GPO MODS metadata
  - Legisworks SaL metadata
  - Court Listener
- U.S.C. citations are disambiguated