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Modernizing Senate Member Data

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No Mailing Labels

- Unlike the House we do not offer mailing labels.
    - This is a common request.
    - Requestors often point out that the House does offer mailing labels.
- This prompted the exposure of XML used to populate Senators' contact list on www.senate.gov for public consumption (about 20 year ago).
- Which prompted the CVC to request richer XML data for Senators for use with the new exhibit space (about 10 years ago).
- Which prompted the LOC to ask for similar information delivered in JSON (about 4 weeks ago).

Member Data in JSON

- Currently under development.
- Based on existing information provided, in addition to making the data smarter:
  - Using same common identifier as the House and LOC.
  - Providing update information at Senator level.
  - Using common field names with the House member feed.
  - Using a common schema – schema.org/Person
- Hope to release on extranet and public site.

Next steps

- Work with LOC to produce JSON Senator data in preferred standardized format.
- Make available across Capitol Hill extranet.
- Make available to the public.
- Consider providing other data in JSON:
  - Committee Member Information.
  - Committee Schedules.
  - Roll Call Votes

Thank you!

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