



Schedule of Events

9:30 AM	Welcome Remarks
9:35 AM	Rep. Zoe Lofgren Address
9:45 AM	Rep. Rodney Davis Address
9:55 AM	Overview of Transparency
10:05 AM	Bulk Data Task Force Panel
11:00 AM	Consensus Calendar and Managing Cosponsors
11:10 AM	Transparency Meets Security Panel
12:00 PM	Lunch and Networking
1:30 PM	Welcome Back
1:35 PM	Lightning Talks
2:15 PM	Reps. Derek Kilmer and Tom Graves Address
2:30 PM	Vision of the Future Panel
3:20 PM	Vision of the Future Breakout Session
4:10 PM	Closing Remarks

The Legislative Branch Bulk Data Task Force provides updates about House, Senate, Government Publishing Office, and Library of Congress data transparency projects.

2019 Legislative Data and Transparency Conference

Congressional Auditorium, Capitol Visitor Center | Washington, DC

On Thursday, October 17, 2019, representatives from legislative branch agencies, transparency and civic tech organizations, and academia gathered at the seventh annual Legislative Data and Transparency Conference (#LDTC2019) to engage in a conversation about the availability and use of legislative data.

Hosted by the Committee on House Administration with support from the Office of the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Legislative Branch Bulk Data Task Force, the day-long event brought together more than 200 attendees, panelists, and speakers.

View the [conference video](#), [agenda](#) with speaker bios and presentation slides, and [photos](#).

Highlights

2019 Legislative Data and Transparency Conference

- Welcome remarks from the Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the House.
- Addresses by Chairperson Zoe Lofgren and Ranking Member Rodney Davis of the Committee on House Administration and Chairman Derek Kilmer and Ranking Member Tom Graves of the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress about efforts to promote a more efficient Congress.
- Introduction to the “collaborative sport” of congressional transparency from Dr. Anne Washington of New York University.
- Updates from the Legislative Branch Bulk Data Task Force, a partnership of the House, Senate, Government Publishing Office, and the Library of Congress that works to make legislative data accessible and usable to all.
- Overview by Kevin McCumber of the Legislative Operations division of the House Office of the Clerk on the legislative cosponsor and Consensus Calendar processes.
- Discussion with legislative and executive branch information technology professionals about transparency and cybersecurity.
- Lightning talks by governmental and nongovernmental organizations on legislative data-sharing and civic tech initiatives.
- Panel and breakout session with congressional staff, academics, and civil society organizations about tools and resources for Members of Congress, Committees, and staff to do their jobs better and for the public to interact with Congress in meaningful ways.
- Informational tables sponsored by legislative branch organizations, networking opportunities, Q&A sessions, and engagement activities.

A conference attendee looks over participants’ responses to an engagement activity.



Seen and Heard 2019 Legislative Data and Transparency Conference

“Now we’re not just creating data, we’re using data to set priorities; we’re not just pushing data off to the public but we’re using data to distribute resources strategically and internally.”

Dr. Anne Washington, Assistant Professor of Data Policy, New York University, speaking on the House Consensus Calendar



Transparency Meets Security panelists take questions from the audience.



Rep. Zoe Lofgren, Chairperson of the Committee on House Administration, and Rep. Rodney Davis, Ranking Member, open the 2019 Legislative Data and Transparency Conference.

“It’s not always easy to add a digital layer to a centuries-old paper process. We do know that well-equipped and trained staff can and do build systems that are quick and flexible and meet the forever-changing needs of Members...”

Kirsten Gullickson, Principal Analyst, Legislative Computer Systems, Office of the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives

“To some people security can be an obstacle. They’ve learned to understand it as the team inside the organization that they just don’t get along with and keeps saying no to their stuff. To other people it’s something that seems in conflict with transparency in some fundamental way... It doesn’t have to be any of those things.”

Eric Mill, Senior Technology Advisor, Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, Minority Staff



Rep. Tom Graves, Vice Chair of the House Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, and Rep. Derek Kilmer, Chair, discuss the Committee’s mandate and its technology and transparency recommendations.