

# Government Works (govrefs.dtx)

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These references are for legislative and executive materials that do not fall into the above categories.

## **bill:** An bill or resolution of Congress

### Key Parameters:

**number:** The serial number of the bill. This is used as-is, and must include any prefix (e.g., “S. 1234”).

**congress:** The term number of the Congress in which the bill was introduced. This should just be a number, and an ordinal suffix will be added automatically.

**year:** The date of the bill. By default, the date should be the date of introduction. Otherwise, use a date qualifier or the **status** parameter as described below.

### Optional Parameters:

**name, inline:** The full and short names for this reference, as described with regard to statute names in statrefs.dtx.

**status:** The status of the version of the bill being cited, for example “introduced,” “reported by *<committee>*,” or “passed by Senate.” This will be added before the date, so no qualifier should be added before the date if this parameter is used. Text after “by” will be abbreviated according to the **leg** abbreviation scheme.

#### *Example:*

```
\defbill{yoda-2015}{  
  bill=H.R. 862,  
  congress=114,  
  name=You Own Devices Act,  
  date=feb 11 2015  
}
```

#### *Produces:*

You Own Devices Act, H.R. 862, 114th Cong. (Feb. 11, 2015).

```

\def\hi@bill@abbrevstatus#1#2{%
  \def\hi@kv@status{#1 by }%
  \hi@abbrev@leg{#2}{\appto\hi@kv@status}%
}

```

## congdoc: A Congressional numbered document

This is for reports, and documents. Unnumbered documents should use **cong-print**.

### Key Parameters:

**number**: The document number. This should include the abbreviated description for the number (e.g., “H.R. Rep. No.”). The description must match a predefined list of permitted descriptions, and those descriptions will be de-abbreviated to make inline citation forms.

**year**: The date of the report.

### Optional Parameters:

**author, name**: The author(s) and title of the document.

**page**: A pin cite that will be included in the full citation. This might be used, for example, for multipart reports (i.e., page could be part 2).

#### Example:

```

\defcongdoc{aia-report}{
  name=America Invents Act,
  serial=H.R. Rep. No. 112-98,
  year=2011,
}

```

#### Produces:

AMERICA INVENTS ACT, H.R. REP. NO. 112-98 (2011).

```

\def\hi@congdoc@expandnumber#1{%
  \expand{\find@try\find@start}\hi@congdoc@list i{#1}{%
    \PackageError\hi@pkgname{%
      #1 is not a valid congressional document number
    }{Use a valid name such as H.R. Rep. No. or S. Doc. No.}%
  }%
}
\def\hi@congdoc@do#1#2{%
  \def\reserved@a{#1#2}%
}
\def\hi@congdoc@list{}
\def\hi@congdoc@add#1#2{%
  \make@find@start{H.R. #1 No. }
  \make@find@start{S. #1 No. }
  \addto@macro\hi@congdoc@list{%
    {H.R. #1 No. }{\hi@congdoc@do{House #2 No. }}%
    {S. #1 No. }{\hi@congdoc@do{Senate #2 No. }}%
  }%
}
\hi@congdoc@add{Rep.}{Report}
\hi@congdoc@add{Conf. Rep.}{Conference Report}
\hi@congdoc@add{Doc.}{Document}
\hi@congdoc@add{Exec. Doc.}{Executive Document}
\hi@congdoc@add{Misc. Doc.}{Miscellaneous Document}

```

### **congprint: A Congressional unnumbered document**

This is essentially a more structured citation to a book.

#### **Key Parameters:**

**author:** Author(s) of the report or document.

**committee:** If no author is given but this parameter is, then the author becomes “Staff of *committee*.” The committee name is abbreviated.

**name:** The title of the document.

**congress:** The term number of the Congress in which the bill was introduced. This should just be a number, and an ordinal suffix will be added automatically.

**year:** The year of publication.

### **congreg: A Congressional Record debate**

This supports both the daily edition and the permanent edition, determined based on the page number. Note also the **cr** reference below.

#### **Key Parameters:**

**vol:** The volume number.

**rep:** The name of the record, typically “Cong. Rec.”

**page:** The page number where the relevant debate begins. For the daily edition, include the letter prefix in the page number (preceded with “!” to ensure it is not treated as a division name, see `pages.dtx`). The phrase “daily ed.” will automatically be added to the date parenthetical in this case.

**year:** The date of the debate or of publication of the volume. It typically is a full date for the daily edition, and a year for the permanent edition.

Any book publication parameters described in `bookrefs.dtx` are also permitted. This is primarily useful for volume 1 of the *Annals of Congress*.

#### *Example:*

```
\defcongreg{kastenmeier-statement}{
cite=126 Cong. Rec. 29895,
year=1980,
paren=statement of Mr.\ Kastenmeier
}
```

#### **If the page number in a Congressional Record citation**

```
\def\hi@congreg@testpg#1#2\@stop{%
\@ifdigit{#1}{}%
\def\hi@kv@edition{daily ed.}%
}%
\end{package}
\documentclass{book}

\subsection{\texttt{cr}: The Congressional Record}

\label{rtype:cr}
```

```

As an alternative to \rtype{congreg} above, the predefined reference |cr| can be
used to cite arbitrary pages in the \emph{Congressional Record} permanent
edition. The date should be given as the optional argument:
\begin{demo}
|\sentence{see 123 cr[1977] 17147}.|
\Produces \emph{See} 123 \textsc{Cong.} \ Rec.} \ 17147 (1977).
\end{demo}

</doc>
<*package>
% \begin{macrocode}
\def\lc@cr{Congressional Record}
%\def\tcp@cr{} % Note: not sure if the volumes will show up
\def\fc@cr{%
  \hi@citeguts{%
    \@this@vol\space
    \hi@fn@congd@{Cong. Rec.}\space
    \@this@page
  }%
  \ifx\@this@opt\relax\else
    \hi@parens@add\hi@paren@date{\@expandarg\hi@date@parse\@this@opt}%
  \fi
}
\SetTOACategory{cr}{other}

```

## hearing: A hearing in Congress

These should be hearings where the Government Printing Office has printed a transcript of the proceedings. Use **testimony** to cite separately published testimony in a hearing.

### Key Parameters:

- committee**: The committee before which the hearing was held.
- congress**: The term number of the Congress in which the bill was introduced. This should just be a number, and an ordinal suffix will be added automatically.

### Optional Parameters:

- type**: The nature of the proceeding, default “Hearing.”
- name**: A title to the hearing, if given.
- number**: A bill number (same as the **bill** reference type), to be given if the hearing deals with a specific bill.

#### Example:

```

\defhearing{azar-hearing}{
  name=Nomination of Alex Azar to Serve as Secretary
    of Health and Human Services,
  committee={Senate Committee on Health, Education,
    Labor, and Pensions},
  congress=115,
  date=nov 29 2017,
}

```

\make@find@in{, }

## **prespaper: A Presidential Paper**

### **Key Parameters:**

**name:** The title of the paper.

**vol, rep, page, cite:** Citation information for the paper. Typically **rep** is “Pub. Papers” or “Weekly Comp. Pres. Doc.”

**year:** The date of the document.

## **dcpd: Daily Compilation of Presidential Documents**

Because documents in the DCPD are numbered rather than consecutively paginated, a different reference type is required.

### **Key Parameters:**

**name:** The name of the document.

**number:** The number of the document.

**year:** The date of the document.

## **patent: A U.S. patent**

### **Key Parameters:**

**number:** The patent number. It should be entered as an unpunctuated raw number, preceded by “D” for design patents. Commas will be added to the number, and the last three digits will be used for the short form.

**year:** The date of the patent. The date *must* contain a qualifier, likely “issued” or “filed.”

**issueyear:** Equivalent to setting **year** to ISSUED <issueyear>.

### **Optional Parameters:**

**name:** The title of the patent, if relevant.

```
\make@find@start{D}  
\make@find@start@cs{/hi@fn@dateprefix}{\hi@fn@dateprefix}
```

## **govdoc: A government document**

This is a generic reference type amenable primarily to two types of government documents. First, it can be used for *Federal Register* notices and other government documents published in agency reporters or compilations. In this case, the abbreviated reporter and such information should be included as parameters. In most cases, this produces output not unlike **admincase**, the main difference that the document title has no special font applied to it (**admincase** would apply whatever font is applied to case names).

Second, this reference type can be used without the reporter parameter, to cite short government papers or promulgations. The traditional route is to cite such documents as **book** references, but for one-page fact sheets or brief policy

statements this gives too much apparent authoritative weight. However, the agency or institution name is placed in the date parenthetical, consistent with other government or court documents, thereby emphasizing the governmental origin of the document.

#### Key Parameters:

**name:** The title of the document.

**author, instauth, agency, court:** The name of the agency or institution issuing the document. It should be abbreviated according to the **name** scheme. If **instauth** or **agency** are used, this will be done automatically.

**vol, rep, page, cite:** The citation locator information for the document, if the document was published in a reporter. The reporter should be abbreviated when entered.

**docket:** If citation locator information is not entered, a docket number may be given to aid in identifying the document.

**year:** The date of the reference.

#### Optional Parameters:

**prior, subsequent:** Procedural history associated with the document, as described in `caseref.dtx`.

**number:** A serial number for the document, placed before the document title.

#### Example:

```
\defgovdoc{des}{  
  name=Encryption Algorithm for Computer Data Protection,  
  cite=40 Fed. Reg. 12134,  
  date=mar 17 1975,  
}
```

#### Produces:

Encryption Algorithm for Computer Data Protection, 40 Fed. Reg. 12134 (Mar. 17, 1975).

#### ***fedreg***

Alias for **govdoc**.

#### **testimony:** Testimony in a congressional hearing

Many congressional hearings are not published today, given the availability of video recordings. As a result, to cite a witness's testimony at a hearing, it is often necessary to use the witness's own copy, usually made available online. There is no well-defined way to cite this testimony. One option, commonly used, is to cite the privately published testimony as a **hearing** reference. This is plainly wrong and confusing, especially if multiple witnesses' testimonies are to be cited. Another way would be as a **book** reference, but that obscures the testimony's

legislative involvement. It is also not clear what the title should be or where the congressional subcommittee should be identified when taking this approach.

This package defines a new reference type for these privately published testimony documents. It uses a **citecontainer**-like approach, with the hearing in which the testimony was delivered being defined separately as a reference to be used as part of the **testimony** definition. This has the benefit that, when two different witnesses' testimonies are cited, the hearing is cited with the short form for the second witness cited.

**Key Parameters:**

**citation, in:** The **hearing** reference name or anonymous reference definition.  
**author:** The witness testifying.

**Optional Parameters:**

**type:** The nature of the testimony, by default "Testimony."

**comments: Comments on an agency proceeding**

This is a mildly deprecated reference type for comments filed in an agency proceeding. (It remains here because it is used in the package author's CV.) The better option is actually to use **casedoc**, defining the agency proceeding in which the comments were filed as a separate reference (good choices would be **admincase** and **govdoc**). In that case, the title of the document would be given as "Comments of *<party>*."

**Key Parameters:**

**commenter:** Name of the entity filing the comments.  
**name:** The title of the proceeding in which the comments were filed.  
**vol, rep, page, cite:** Identifier information for the proceeding (typically a *Federal Register* citation if the comments were filed pursuant to such a notice).  
**year:** The date of the comments.

**Optional Parameters:**

**author:** The author of the comment, usually the signatory attorney. This probably should not be included in most cases, in the same way that the signing attorney is not identified for legal briefs in **casedoc**.

**secfiling: An SEC filing**

**Key Parameters:**

**instauth:** The company filing the report.  
**name:** The name of the report, typically along the lines of "Annual Report."  
**number:** The number of the form filed (e.g., "10-K").  
**year:** The date of filing.