

# The Congressional Data Task Force

Public Meeting  
Tuesday June 10, 2025

# Welcome

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# The Congressional Data Task Force

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- House of Representatives,
- Senate,
- Library of Congress,
- Government Publishing Office,
- Government Accounting Office

that work in a cooperative manner to coordinate and accomplish openness and transparency goals.

# The Congressional Data Task Force

- The Bulk Data Task Force\* was created in 2012 to focus on increased dissemination of congressional information via bulk data
- *current work goes beyond bulk data*
  - meets internally with Legislative Branch organizations to coordinate projects and other transparency and modernization initiatives
  - meets with civil society organizations

\*The name changed to the Congressional Data Task Force on June 21, 2022

# The Congressional Data Task Force

## Cross-organizational efforts and working groups *(ad-hoc, formal, and informal)*

- Legislative Branch XML Technical Working Group
- Congressional Video Preservation and Access Technical Working Group
- Legislative Branch Data Interchange Working Group
- Working Group on a Legislative Branch-wide Online Staff Directory
- Working Group on Digitization Of Congressional Documents

# Legislative Branch Innovation Hub

<https://usgpo.github.io/innovation/>

# AGENDA

1. Welcome and Background
2. Reports from CDTF Working Groups and Legislative Branch organizations
3. Report(s) from academics, advocacy groups and/or civil society organizations
4. Announcements/Closing

*Meeting ends at 4:00 pm EST*

*Q&A will be held throughout the meeting*

# Housekeeping Items

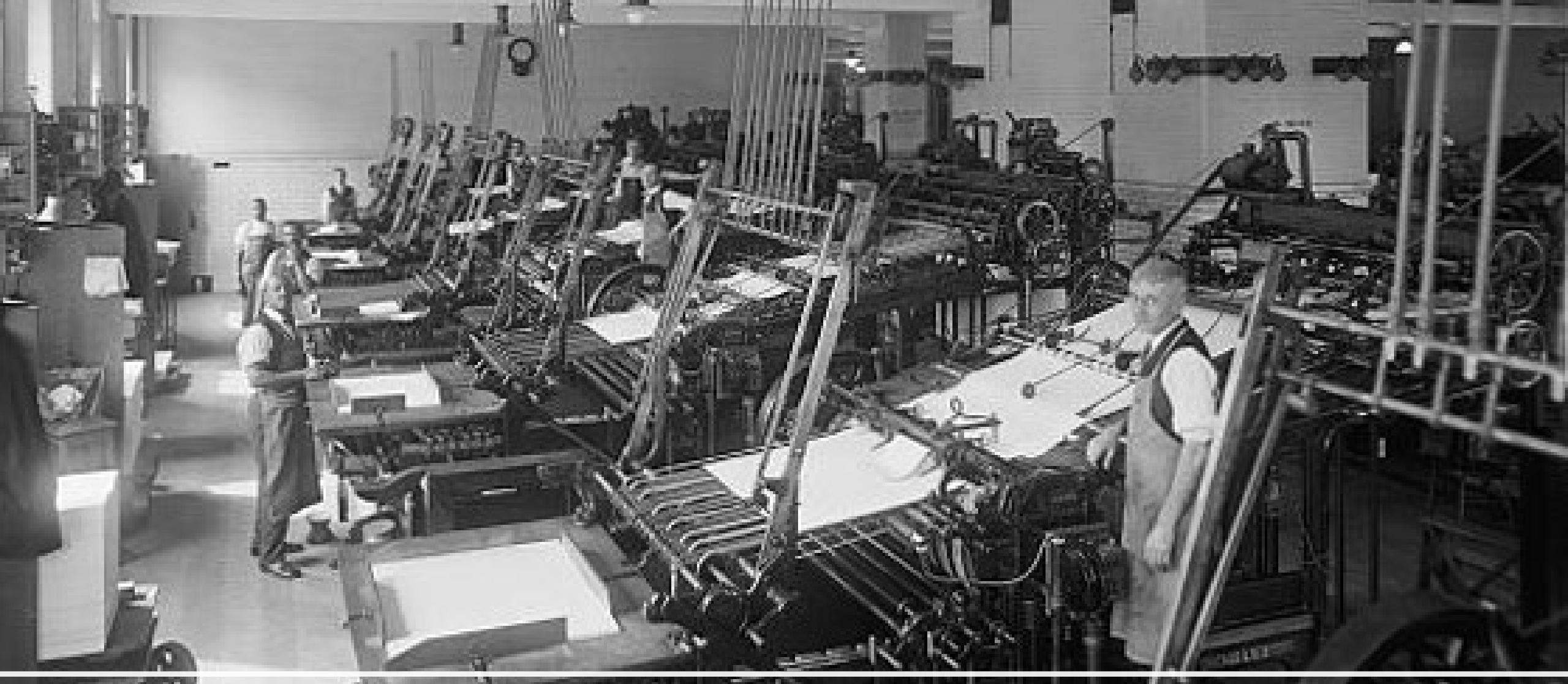
-  *The meeting will be recorded and posted online at <https://usgpo.github.io/innovation/>*
-  *Use the Q&A feature to ask questions. The panelists will respond during the meeting.*
-  *Use the “raise hand” feature during the Q&A portion so we can unmute your mic.*
-  *Make sure the name displayed is you. Using the chat, please share a little about yourself. Suggestions: your name, where you work, and expectations for this meeting.*
-  *Meeting will start at ~2:02 pm and end at 4:00 pm EST*

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JEFFERSON'S MANUAL  
AND  
RULES OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
SEVENTY-SECOND CONGRESS

By  
LEWIS DESCHLER  
PARLIAMENTARIAN



**Bound by Rules, Traditions, and Practices**

UNITED STATES  
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE  
WASHINGTON : 1931

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H.R. 3712

To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, as the "James M. & Thomas W.L. Ashley Customs Building and United States Courthouse".

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 1, 2007

Ms. KAPTUR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, as the "James M. & Thomas W.L. Ashley Customs Building and United States Courthouse".

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. JAMES M. & THOMAS W.L. ASHLEY CUSTOMS**  
4           **BUILDING AND UNITED STATES COURT-**  
5           **HOUSE.**

6       (a) DESIGNATION.—The Federal building and United  
7       States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in  
8       Toledo, Ohio, shall be known as the "James M. & Thomas

1       W.L. Ashley Customs Building and United States Court-  
2       house".

3       (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-  
4       ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United  
5       States to the Federal building and United States court-  
6       house referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be  
7       a reference to the "James M. & Thomas W.L. Ashley Cus-  
8       toms Building and United States Courthouse".



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88TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 7152

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 1964

Ordered printed as passed the House

## AN ACT

To enforce the constitutional right to vote, to confer jurisdiction upon the district courts of the United States to provide injunctive relief against discrimination in public accommodations, to authorize the Attorney General to institute suits to protect constitutional rights in public facilities and public education, to extend the Commission on Civil Rights, to prevent discrimination in federally assisted programs, to establish a Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity, and for other purposes.

- 1      *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2      *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3      *That this Act may be cited as "The Civil Rights Act of*



Online means more than just the electronic representation of the paper document

## The Solution

### Structured Data

Formats: XML, JSON, HTML...

*GPO Developer Hub at GovInfo.gov/developers*

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The three characteristics that documents share:

- **Presentation:** how the content looks
- **Structure:** how the content is organized
- **Semantics:** what does it mean



## *Roadmap for Publishing Legislative Documents in USLM XML Format<sup>2</sup>*

Completed	<a href="#">U.S. Code</a>
Completed	<a href="#">Enrolled bills, public laws, and the Statutes at Large</a>
Completed	<a href="#">HOLC/SOLC statute compilations</a>
Completed	Remaining bill/resolution versions (introduced, reported, engrossed, all amendments, et. al.)
IN PROGRESS	<a href="#">Committee Reports (legislative and conference)</a>
D	House portions of the <i>Congressional Record</i> , including the <i>Daily Digest</i>
E	<a href="#">Hearing Records</a>
F	<a href="#">House Calendar</a>
G	<i>Precedents of the U.S. House of Representatives</i>
H	<i>House Journal</i>

# The Solution: XML USLM schema

## Legislative Branch Innovation Hub

About the Hub

Leadership Support

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Resources

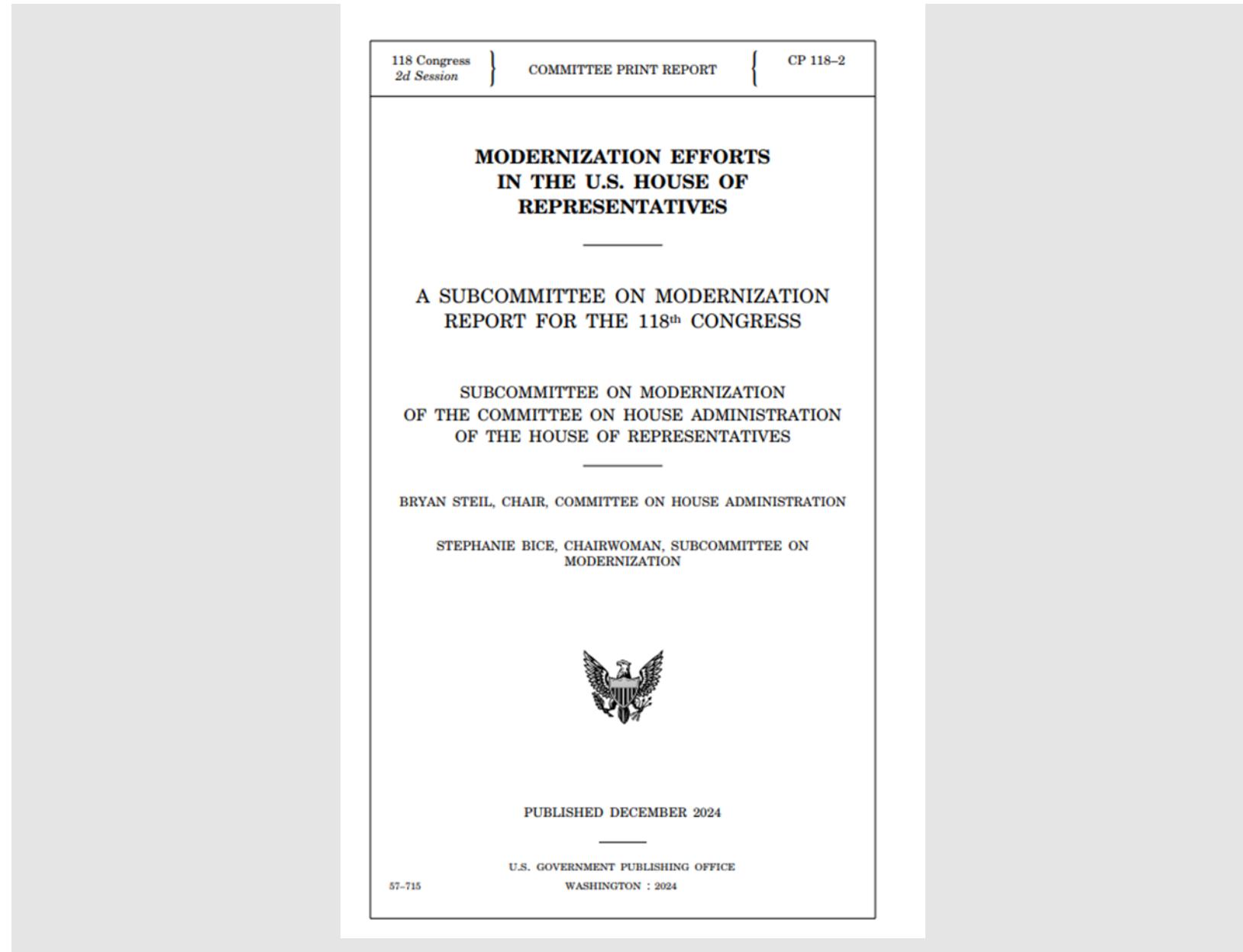
## Reports

### Standardized Formats for Legislative Documents, USLM

- Initial Report - Required by Section 501 of House Resolution 756 of the 116th Congress - [PDF](#)
- Quarterly Report 1 - October 15, 2020 - [PDF](#)
- Quarterly Report 2 - January 15, 2021 - [PDF](#)
- Quarterly Report 3 - April 15, 2021 - [PDF](#)
- Quarterly Report 4 - July 15, 2021 - [PDF](#)
- Quarterly Report 5 - October 15, 2021 - [PDF](#)
- Quarterly Report 6 - January 15, 2022 - [PDF](#)
- Quarterly Report 7 - April 15, 2022 - [PDF](#)

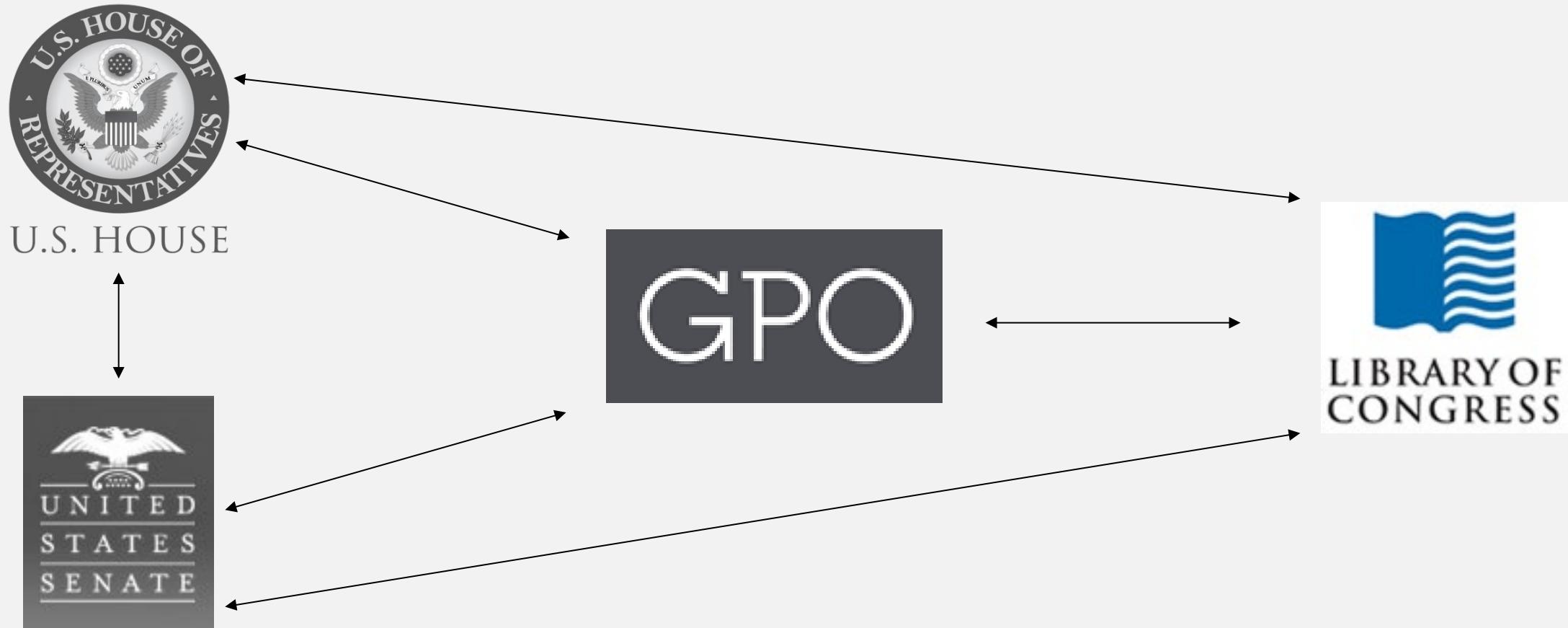
//usgpo.github.io/innovation/reports/

CHA Report  
published  
December  
2024



<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CPRT-118HPRT57715/pdf/CPRT-118HPRT57715.pdf>

# Basic Data Exchange



More comprehensive workflows can be found on the Innovation Hub:  
<https://usgpo.github.io/innovation/resources/>

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APIs for LoC.gov

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JSON/YAML for LoC.gov

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Sitemaps

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Microservices

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Additional APIs and Data Services

**Congress.gov API**

NLS BARD API

Chronicling America API

PPOC - JSON HTTP API

Linked Data Service

Search/Retrieval via URL

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## Congress.gov API

The Congress.gov Application Programming Interface (API) provides a method for Congress and the public to view, retrieve, and re-use machine-readable data from collections available on Congress.gov.

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An API key is required for access. Sign up for a key on the [Data.gov signup page](#).

The current version of the API is version 3 (v3). Maintained by Congress.gov staff, issues should be reported in the [api.congress.gov GitHub repository](https://api.congress.gov).

## Looking back to look forward

On June 8, 1993, President Bill Clinton signed the *GPO Electronic Information Access Enhancement Act* into law, enabling GPO to put Government information online for the first time.

A year later, GPO made the *Congressional Record* and *Federal Register* digitally available for the public. Today, [GovInfo](#) serves as the one-stop site for authentic, published information for all three branches of the Federal Government that dates to the 19th century.



# Next on the Agenda

Report from  
– The Government Publishing Office

# GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE UPDATE

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CONGRESSIONAL DATA TASK FORCE

JUNE 10, 2025

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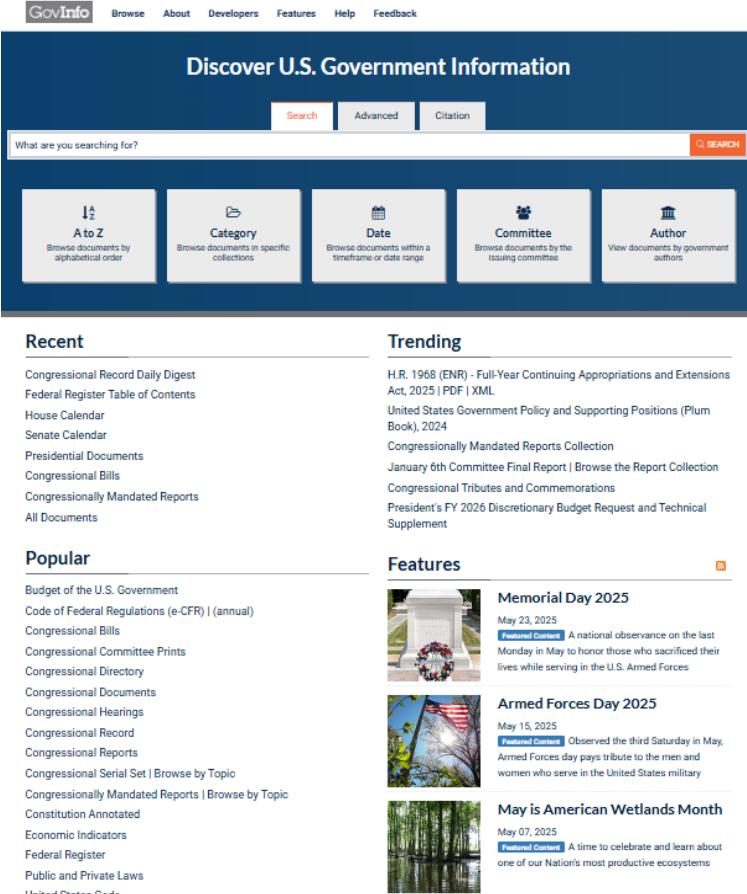
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## GPO'S GOVINFO SYSTEM



ISO 16363 and CoreTrust Seal certified  
Trustworthy Digital Repository that  
ensures free online access to current and  
historical Government information from  
all three branches today and into the future

# NOTABLE GOVINFO CONTENT



- Congressional Record (1873 to present)
- Bills, Slip Laws, United States Code (1994 to present)
- United States Statutes at Large (1789 to present)
- Federal Register (1936 to present)
- Code of Federal Regulations (1997 to present)
- Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States (back to 1929)
- Budget of the United States Government (1996 to present)
- Federal District, Bankruptcy, and Appellate Opinions (millions of opinions from 165 courts)
- Congressional Serial Set (volumes from various Congresses – ongoing partnership with the Law Library of Congress)
- Committee Hearings, Prints, Reports and Documents
- House and Senate Calendars, Rules, Procedures, Precedents, and Journals
- Statute Compilations
- Directories of Federal Organizations and Officials
- Current and Historical Publications from Federal Agencies and Commissions
- U.S. Reports (1790 to 1991) – Arriving Summer 2025 

## JUNE 2025 GOVINFO RELEASE – CONGRESSIONAL DATA

329,50,405,148,25,888,889,1889-03-02,HR,11970,  
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330,50,419,162,25,1012,,1889-03-02,HR,5716,  
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- Expand access to individual House and Senate Amendments in the Congressional Record prior to 2021 by Congress working backwards
- Incorporate bill numbers from 1789 to 1903 into the MODS XML metadata for the Statutes at Large collection ([TY Josh Tauberer](#))
- Update the U.S. Code citation parser to detect "Internal Revenue Code" references in Bills and add the Title 26 citation to MODS XML metadata

# JUNE 2025 GOVINFO RELEASE – CONGRESSIONAL DATA

Content Details

Public Law 111 - 323 - Hoh Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act

Summary Related Documents ⓘ

Public Law 111 - 323 - Hoh Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act

Bill Versions

Bill History

Congressional Reports

Date	Number	Name
10/21/2009	H.Rept. 111-306	HOH INDIAN TRIBE SAFE HOMELANDS ACT
03/10/2010	S.Rept. 111-161	TO TRANSFER CERTAIN LAND TO THE UNITED STATES TO BE HELD IN TRUST FOR THE HOH INDIAN TRIBE, TO PLACE LAND INTO TRUST FOR THE HOH INDIAN TRIBE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Statutes at Large

Volume	Year	Citation
2010		124 Stat. 3532

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- Add PDF file size to search results so users know when they are about to access a very large file
- Add additional House and Senate Reports to the Related Documents tab on the Public and Private Laws Content Detail page and in the API
- Update parsing rules for chamber and document class for multi-committee hearings & prints and add this information to MODS XML metadata

# JUNE 2025 GOVINFO RELEASE – COMPS COLLECTION UPDATE

The screenshot shows a user interface for the Statute Compilations collection. On the left, there is a search bar labeled "Search COMPS by Title" with a magnifying glass icon. Below it is a link "Browse the Statute Compilations". To the right, there are two large, partially visible cards. The top card has a "+ 2" button. The bottom card has a "+ 9" button. At the bottom of the interface, there is a sidebar with a search bar containing "ex. Truth in Lending", a red "SEARCH" button, and a close button (X).

- Custom search box on the Statute Compilations collection browse page that searches short and official titles in the GovInfo collection metadata
- Pagination and sorting in the browse nodes within the Statute Compilations collection
- Access the entire Social Security Act and the entire Public Health Service Act in USLM XML and PDF formats in addition to the individual titles within each act

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## Release Notes

Search About, Features, and Help pages

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### March 2025 Release Notes

April 08, 2025

**Release Notes** United States Reports Collection Development, Web Framework Migration, and Collection Browse Improvements



### December 2024 Release Notes

January 14, 2025

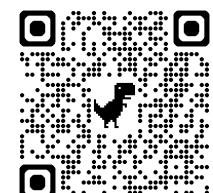
**Release Notes** Initial USLM XML for Digitized Statutes at Large, Integrated Hearings Browse, Framework Migration Progress



### September 2024 Release Notes

October 01, 2024

**Release Notes** RSS Feeds for Searches, Browse Pages Updates, and New Mobile Buttons



# USLM XML FOR DIGITIZED STATUTES AT LARGE

## GovInfo API

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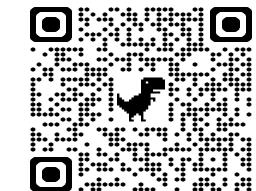
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<https://www.govinfo.gov/bulkdata/STATUTE>

<https://www.govinfo.gov/bulkdata/xml/STATUTE>

<https://www.govinfo.gov/bulkdata/json/STATUTE>



## Bulk Data

Bulk Data → Statutes at Large (xml uslm...) → 111th Congress (2009-2010)

Name	Last Modified (GMT)	Size
STATUTE-111.xml	19-Dec-2024 21:39	14.7 MB
STATUTE-111-graphics.zip	19-Dec-2024 21:40	5.4 kB

## Search, Browse, Content Details

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### Content Details

United States Statutes at Large, Volume 61, 80th Congress, 1st Session

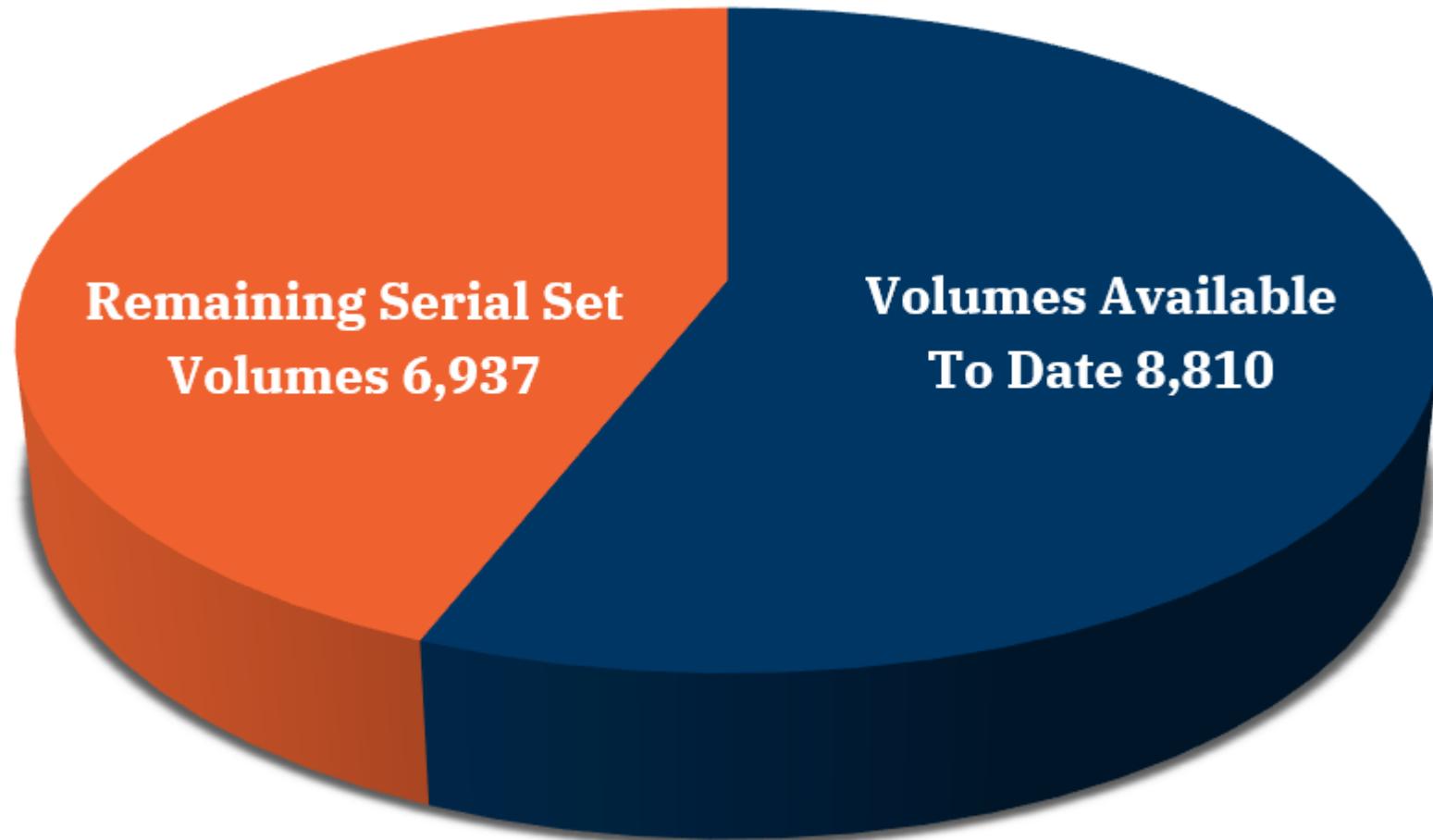
Summary Document in Context

View Entire Statutes at Large Volume

PDF USLM DETAILS SHARE



# DIGITIZED SERIAL SET VOLUMES AS OF MAY 2025



<https://www.fdlp.gov/project-list/digitizing-the-united-states-congressional-serial-set>

Reports – 85,158  
Documents – 44,533  
Journals – 284  
Rules and Manuals – 14  
Budgets – 30  
Economic Reports – 10



# LEGISLATIVE AND CONFERENCE REPORTS IN USLM XML



- Cross-organizational project is underway to model House and Senate committee legislative reports and conference reports in USLM XML
- Updated schema and sample files will be added to GPO's USLM GitHub repository

<https://github.com/usgpo/uslm>



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# Q&A/Discussion



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# Next on the Agenda

Emory University

- congressional record transcripts going back to the 19th century

# Emory University's Democracy Lab

- Democracy Lab is a research lab that runs out of Emory University, run by Dr. Steph Buongiorno and attended by several undergraduate students who are passionate about open government data.
- For the past years we have been building a free to use, public-facing web application, **Democracy Viewer**, for giving citizens and researchers easy access to analytic tools for engaging the **United States Congressional Records**. Our hope is to bring these records to life and make them more accessible through an interface that can show users how concepts and ideas have changed over time, or how the past is influencing the present moment. For example, users can analyze the language patterns of speakers or see which topics were most popular decade-by-decade. By hosting the data and tools in a singular app, **we hope to create a broader culture of participation around open government data**.
- *Steph sends her regrets for not being here today like she planned to be.*
- pre-release, so we expect it will change quite a bit over the coming months:  
**[www.democracyviewer.com](http://www.democracyviewer.com)**

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Reports from civil society organizations and others

**– Congressional Data Coalition**

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## Reports from

- The House
  - The CAO's Office, House Digital Services
  - The Clerk's office, Legislative Computer Systems
- The Senate
  - The Secretary's Office

# House floor video and live streaming

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- Live.house.gov
- YouTube channel
  - year to date:
  - 517,000 views
  - 82,000 hours watched

The screenshot shows a web browser window with three tabs at the top: 'Congres' (with an X), 'GovInfo | U.S. Government Publis' (with an X), and 'live.house.gov, U.S. House of Rep' (with an X). The main content area has a dark blue header with the text 'U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' and 'MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025'. Below this, a large image of the U.S. Capitol dome is displayed, featuring the American flag. A white play button icon is overlaid on the image. At the bottom of the page, there is a message: 'The Speaker announced that the House do now recess. The next meeting is scheduled for 2:00 P.M. today.' The footer contains links for 'Floor', 'Text', 'Schedules', and 'Legislative'.

# Updates on current project and products

- Comparative Print Suite
- eHopper
  - In-app generation of constitution authority statement (q1, 2025)
- LIMS MIS (member and committee data) and other LIMS modules
  - Goal “real time” data release
- Bioguide.congress.gov
- Lobbying Disclosure
- Committee Portal
  - infrastructure
  - referrals
  - votes
  - roster
- Legislative Drafting Study

# Reports Due Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations

*Congressionally Mandated Reports.*—The Committee recognizes the value of making statute-required reports more readily available and discoverable. The Committee requests that the Office of the Clerk, in consultation with the Library of Congress, the Government Publishing Office, and the Congressional Data Task Force, author a report describing the challenges and opportunities associated with making these reports more readily available and discoverable. The scope of the report shall include, but not be limited to (1) reports covered by Public Law 117–263 and listed in H. Doc. 118–4; (2) potential impacts, if enacted, of S. 2073, the Eliminate Useless Reports Act of 2023; and (3) if it is feasible that submitted reports to Congress be delivered to House committees electronically via the Clerk’s Committee portal in concert with the Government Publishing Office’s Congressionally Mandated Reports submission portal or GovInfo. The report shall be submitted to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on House Administration within 180 days of enactment of this Act.

*Legislative Branch Data Map and Management Plan:* The Legislative branch is the creator and steward of invaluable information in the form of data that is utilized by Congress, federal agencies, and the public to ensure access to a historical record of legislative action. Each House Officer and the myriad of business units within them play an essential role in the life cycle of legislative and operational data. However, one comprehensive data map encompassing legislative documents, records of proceedings, administrative records, official communications, metadata, and operational information related to human resources, disbursements, employment, and other administrative functions, wholistically examining the lifecycle of this data across the House, does not exist. As such, the Congressional Data Task Force is to take inventory of all current data maps that exist across the House Clerk, Chief Administrative Office, and Sergeant at Arms, and produce a report that (1) details the current status of data maps across the House, (2) identifies where data maps need to be developed and standardized, and (3) make recommendations for the House on how the data maps can be completed and compiled into a single, unified House data map that is maintained into the future. For purposes of this report, only data owned and managed by the House Officers is expected to be included in the data inventory and considered for the recommendations. Any and all data that remains in the ownership of individual Members and committees is considered beyond the scope of this report. Additionally, any data that is owned by the House and then transferred to the Senate or a Legislative Branch agency should be included in the data map but illustrate where those ownership transfers occur. The final report is to be submitted to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on House Administration no later than 120 days after enactment of this Act.

<https://docs.house.gov/Committee/Calendar/ByEvent.aspx?EventID=117435>

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CRPT-118hrpt555/pdf/CRPT-118hrpt555.pdf#page=7>

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## Report from

- Clerk's Office and the Library of Congress – exchange of letters
- The Library of Congress

Congress.gov

# **EXCHANGE OF LETTERS**

## Congressional Record excerpt

June 12, 2024

### CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE

H3769

will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

MIKE ROGERS,  
*Chairman.*

—  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,  
Washington, DC, May 28, 2024.

Hon. MIKE ROGERS,  
*Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN ROGERS: I write to you concerning H.R. 8070, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025." While there are provisions in the legislation that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, I wanted to notify you that the Committee will forgo action on the bill so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House floor for consideration.

This is done with the understanding that the Committee's jurisdictional interests over this and similar legislation are in no way diminished or altered. In addition, the Committee reserves the right to seek conferees on H.R. 8070 and requests your support when such a request is made.

I would appreciate your response confirming this understanding with respect to H.R. 8070 and ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the committee report on the bill or in the Congressional Record during consideration of the bill on the House floor.

Sincerely,

CATHY MCMORRIS RODGERS,  
*Chair.*

—  
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, May 30, 2024.

Hon. CATHY MCMORRIS RODGERS,  
*Chair, Committee on Energy and Commerce,*  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIR MCMORRIS RODGERS: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 8070, the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025. I agree that the Committee on Energy and Commerce has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consider-

Foreign Affairs conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this bill.

Please place our exchange of letters into your committee report on H.R. 8070, and into the Congressional Record during floor consideration. I appreciate your cooperation on this bill, and look forward to continuing to work with you as H.R. 8070 moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL T. MCCAUL,  
*Chairman.*

—  
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, May 30, 2024.

Hon. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL,  
*Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs,*  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN McCAUL: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 8070, the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025. I agree that the Committee on Foreign Affairs has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Foreign Affairs is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

MIKE ROGERS,  
*Chairman.*

—  
COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, May 29, 2023.

Hon. MIKE ROGERS,  
*Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,*  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN ROGERS: I am writing to you concerning H.R. 8070, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025. There are certain provisions in the legislation that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on Homeland Security.

In the interest of permitting your committee to proceed expeditiously to floor consideration of this important bill, I am willing to waive this committee's right to sequential referral. I do so with the understanding that by waiving consideration of

tant legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Homeland Security is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

MIKE ROGERS,  
*Chairman.*

—  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,  
Washington, DC, May 30, 2024.

Hon. MIKE ROGERS,  
*Chairman, Committee on House Armed Services,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN ROGERS: I am writing to you concerning H.R. 8070, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025. There are certain provisions in the legislation that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on House Administration.

In the interest of permitting your committee to proceed expeditiously to floor consideration of this important bill, I am willing to waive this Committee's right to sequential referral. I do so with the understanding that by waiving consideration of the bill, the Committee on House Administration does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill that fall within its Rule X jurisdiction. I request that you urge the Speaker to name members of this Committee to any conference committee that is named to consider such provisions.

Please place this letter into the committee report on H.R. 8070 and into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor. Thank you for the cooperative spirit in which you have worked regarding this matter and others between our respective committees.

Sincerely,

BRYAN STEIL,  
*Chairman, Committee on House Administration.*

—  
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, May 30, 2024.

Hon. BRYAN STEIL,  
*Chairman, Committee on House Administration,*

**Committees: H.R.8070 — 118th Congress (2023-2024)**

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# Congressional Record excerpt

H1432

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE

April 7, 2025

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

## MONTGOMERY GI BILL SELECTED RESERVES TUITION FAIRNESS ACT OF 2025

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 983) to Amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disapprove courses of education offered by a public institution of higher learning that does not charge the in-State tuition rate to a veteran using certain educational assistance under title 10 of such Code, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 983

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserves Tuition Fairness Act of 2025".

### SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DISAPPROVAL OF COURSES OFFERED BY PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING THAT DO NOT CHARGE VETERANS IN-STATE TUITION RATE FOR PURPOSES OF SELECTED RESERVE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section 3679 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting ", or chapter 1606 of title 10," after "chapter 30, 31, 33, or 35 of this title";
- (2) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end

### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 983.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 983, offered by my friend and colleague, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. VAN ORDEN).

This bill would reduce tuition costs for Montgomery GI Bill Selected reservists by making them eligible for the same in-State tuition waivers.

When a veteran uses other education benefits offered by VA, they are able to receive an in-State tuition. It is time to include MGIB Selected Reserves as another benefit that uses in-State tuition.

Last Congress, under the Republican majority, the House passed legislation that would streamline benefits and protect taxpayers. This bill would continue that mission in the 119th Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support H.R. 983, and I reserve the balance of my time.

APRIL 1, 2025.

Hon. MIKE BOST,  
Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs,  
House of Representatives, Washington DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN BOST: H.R. 983, the "Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserves Tuition Fairness Act of 2025", was referred primarily to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an additional referral to the Committee on Armed Services.

H.R. 983 contains provisions within the Committee on Armed Services' Rule X jurisdiction. As a result of your having consulted with the Committee and to expedite this bill for floor consideration, the Committee on

contained in this bill or similar legislation in the future. In addition, I would support your request to have the Committee on Armed Services appropriately consulted on any issues in this bill or similar legislation that fall under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Armed Services.

I am grateful for your willingness to work with us in a collegial manner to move this legislation forward. I will place copies of this exchange in the *Congressional Record* during consideration of this legislation on the House floor.

Sincerely,

MIKE BOST,  
*Chairman.*

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support for H.R. 983, the Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserves Tuition Fairness Act of 2025.

This bill mandates the Department of Veterans Affairs to deny courses that do not charge in-State tuition rates to veterans using certain educational assistance under title 10. The VA already has the authority to disapprove courses at higher education institutions that do not offer in-State tuition rates for other GI Bill beneficiaries.

Mandating in-State tuition rates is good policy. It ensures that only schools who prioritize quality education at a fair price participate in the programs. It preserves the GI Bill benefits for student veterans, and it makes the entire GI Bill program more solvent and sustainable so that the GI Bill stays available for veterans for generations into the future.

Mr. Speaker, it is also crucial to ensure that selected reservists receive the same benefits as their Active-Duty counterparts by ensuring that in-State tuition is granted regardless of their residency.

This bill will expand educational opportunities by providing them with more affordable education options.

# Q&A/Discussion



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# Next on the Agenda

Discussion on data governance

# Excerpt from 2023 CDTF report on House websites submitted to the House Committee on Appropriations

- **Adopt a federated data governance framework.** Like the agreements used by the Legislative Branch XML Technical Working Group to manage and approve changes to the XML schemas, the House needs a more formal framework related to data governance. A federated data governance framework would continue to support key principles of the Task Force, such as accountability, transparency, data standards, and best practices. It would also assist all staff managing data across the House by encouraging best practices and providing tools and resources;

# Data Governance

June 2024: the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) developed a *Joint Frameworks Data Governance And Management Profile* concept paper.



The concept paper lists the objectives of data governance—

**Data Quality**

Data Ethics

Accountability

Data Value

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# Qualities of Government Data

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# Government Data Should Be:

- **ACCESSIBLE**
  - **ACCURATE** and **TRUSTED**
  - **COMPLETE**
  - **DESCRIBED**
  - **FREE**
  - **MACHINE-READABLE**
  - **PERMANENT**
  - **SEARCHABLE**
  - **TIMELY**
- **ACCESSIBLE** also includes **available, discoverable, online, and usable**
    - Where do members, staff, and the public access legislative information? Is it available? Easy to find? How and where? Is it usable? Has the legislative data been published in a manner that is usable by all parties using the information?
    - Accessible data also implies that the data is online and discoverable by humans and computers.

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- **ACCURATE** also includes **trusted**
  - Are the documents and data accurate? Do they tell the story of the legislative process in manner that is understandable to a broad audience? Can it be trusted? How is it authenticated?
- Parliaments should be the authoritative source for their records and ensure that information released to the public is accurate and trusted.

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- **COMPLETE** also includes **detailed**

It is complete? Detailed? Legislative processes are complex. Legislative information needs to be as complete as possible, reflecting the entirety of the legislative actions, subject only to narrowly defined exceptions.

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- **DESCRIBED**

Is the legislative information described for all parties using the information? When publishing structured formats, such as XML, a user guide and/or data dictionary defining the formats is a must.

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Data should be available free of charge and in a non-discriminatory manner.

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  - Can a computer read, process, and analyze the data using data models that are understood by the widest possible audience? Are best practices being used?

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  - Is the legislative information available permanently?
  - Are URLs and URIs durable? Predictable?
  - Permanent? Persistent?

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Can the data be searched? And to what degree?

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- Is it timely? Can it be provided in real time? Legislative information should be released publicly as quickly as it is available internally to members and staff.

# Where did the list of qualities originate from?

First compiled and refined ~ 2011 to 2014 by Kirsten Gullickson, this list is built on and influenced by

- past World e-Parliament conferences
- the 2007 opengovdata.org principles
- the White House's 2009 Open Government Directive and the 2013 memorandum "managing data as an asset"
- the W3C's 2009 draft paper on "Publishing Open Government Data"
- the U.K.'s 2012 Open Data White Paper
- The Declaration on Parliamentary Openness from [openingparliaments.org](http://openingparliaments.org)
- Tim Berners-Lee has a 5-star deployment scheme for Open Data works by academics including Tom Bruce, Jim Harper, and Harlan Yu

# 5-star deployment scheme

<https://5stardata.info/en/>

- ★ make your stuff available on the Web (whatever format) under an open license<sup>1</sup>
- ★★ make it available as structured data (e.g., Excel instead of image scan of a table)<sup>2</sup>
- ★★★ make it available in a non-proprietary open format (e.g., CSV instead of Excel)<sup>3</sup>
- ★★★★★ use URIs to denote things, so that people can point at your stuff<sup>4</sup>

# Qualities of software needed in Congress

- Cost-effective; easy to maintain; secure
- Flexible and adaptive for the changing requirements of the legislative process, as well as formal Rules of the House and Senate; respects the Institution's traditions and practices
- Built on human-centered design principles
- Users can gain efficiencies as well as education

# Q&A/Discussion



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# AGENDA

- **Announcements**
- **Closing**

*Meeting ends at 4:00 pm EST*

# Future Events

**Congressional Data Task Force meetings**

*Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 2 pm to 4 pm, same location*

# Legislative Branch Innovation Hub

<https://usgpo.github.io/innovation/>

# Employment Opportunities

usajobs.gov

- House: <https://www.house.gov/employment/positions-with-other-house-organizations>
- Senate: <https://www.senate.gov/visiting/employment.htm>
- GPO: <https://www.usajobs.gov/Search/?a=LP00>
- LOC: <https://loc.gov/careers/>

# Thank you

**Kirsten Gullickson**

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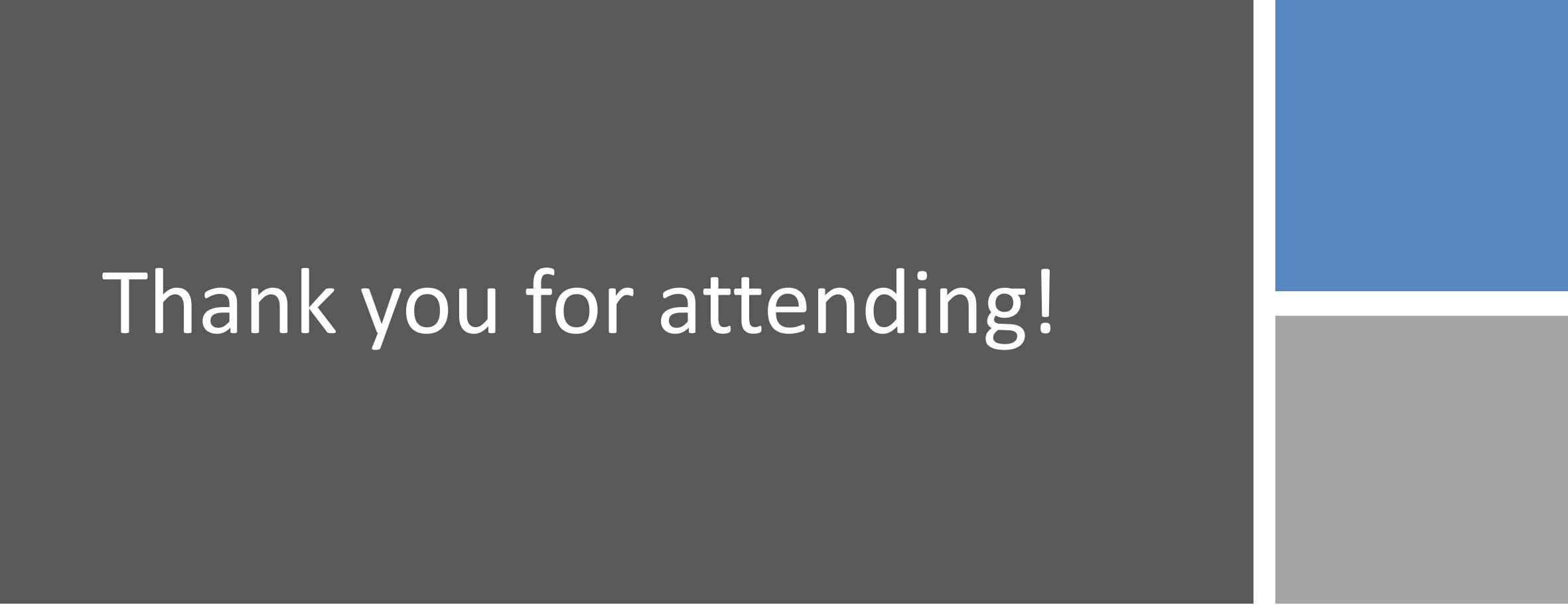
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Thank you for attending!

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