

LexisNexis Congressional

Description: *Full-Text* of congressional materials.

Access: Go to the Library's "Databases" web page, and select *LexisNexis Congressional*.

Special Terms & Functions: Provides access to CIS indexing and abstracting, to congressional reports, documents, prints, bills and the Congressional Record. In additional information may be located on bills, laws, Senators and Congressmen.

Steps to Research: Searching may be done by selecting a topic from a bulleted list in *LexisNexis Congressional*. The list includes CIS Index, testimony, bills, laws, members and list of links. Click on a topic and choose from another bulleted list.

An example search of **publications**: click on publications, Congressional Record, and fill in the search term and the name of the speaker. If unsure of the congressman's name user may click on "list of members". Any congress may be chosen or any specific congress from the 99th to 108th congress and then click search. Results vary of subject, speakers name and congress.

Bills may be searched by tracking, bill number or by subject. Inside Washington provides access to *The Hill*, *Roll Call*, and section A of the *Washington Post*, in full text or by headline or author.

Hot topics provide the user to bill tracking, full text of bills, and Congressional Record articles on important topics. Hot topics are divided into bills enacted during the current congress, bills under consideration, and topics that in the news like homeland security and terrorism.

Testimony is searchable by keyword, by the name of witness, by committee and may be searchable for the past ten years. Key words may be used with changing the date range if unsure of who the witness might have been.

Searching **members** provides information on member profiles, voting records, bills sponsored, campaign contributions, biographical and committee assignments. **Floor votes** allow the user to search by bill number or by keyword. A sample search of abortion in floor votes retrieved 179 vote reports [as of October 2003]. Click on hyper link title to find an alphabetic list, by state, of the yes and no votes on the act. Links are provided to access the bill tracking report and full text of the bill.

Results may be focused by entering a search term next to focus, then click on "search within results." Full text may be viewed by clicking on the hyper linked title. Search results may be emailed or printed as the entire list or as an individual document.

Mark Records – All citation or just marked records may be emailed or printed.

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