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Congressional Hearings, Documents, & Reports

One of the major sources of information is the United States Congress.

The U.S. Congress is the branch of government that creates the laws. The Congress is made up of two houses, the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

The House of Representatives (<http://www.house.gov/>) is granted the power of originating all bills for the raising of revenue. The Senate (<http://www.senate.gov/>) approves or disapproves certain Presidential appointments by majority vote, and treaties must be concurred in by a two-thirds vote. Both Houses of Congress act in impeachment proceedings, which, according to the Constitution, may be instituted against the President, Vice President, and all civil officers of the United States. The House of Representatives has the sole power of impeachment, and the Senate has the sole power to try impeachments.¹

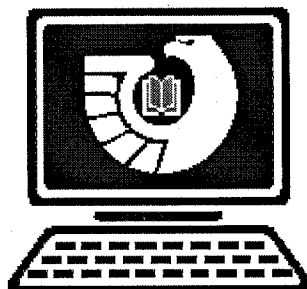
Members of the House of Representatives are elected every two years while Senators are elected every six years. That means that a new Congress is elected every two years. We are presently on the second year of the 106th Congress. January 2001 will see the beginning of the 107th Congress. The first year of the Congress is referred to as the 1st session and the second year as the 2nd session.

Each house of Congress also has its own officers elected by that particular body and also has numerous committees to oversee the functions of the Federal agencies. Most of the Congressmen's time is spent on presiding over hearings where they get to hear from the public on numerous issues throughout the day. The hearings also create a great deal of documents and reports. These hearings, documents, and reports are then published by the Government Printing Office and distributed to the over 1,300 Federal depositories around the country of which The Evergreen State College is one.

Hearing topics include the John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr. Assassination hearings, Iran-Contra, environmental issues, oversight and appropriations, etc.

TESC's Government Documents/Maps (GovDocs/Maps) collection includes Congressional hearings, documents, and reports in paper, microfiche, and Internet formats.

For a list of the current committee hearings that we receive, go to the last two pages of this handout.



¹ About the U.S. Congress. *U. S. Government Manual*, U.S. Government Printing Office.
<http://lcweb.loc.gov/global/legislative/abtcong.html>

GovDocs/Maps receives most of its House and Senate documents and reports on microfiche and Internet formats. The collection does have some House and Senate documents and reports as part of the Serial Set collection.

The Serial Set collection is the bound paper edition of the documents and reports. GovDocs/Maps has scattered issues of this collection in the GovDocs Stacks. The collection can be found right after the Y 4 hearings. If you cannot find the document you want in the Serial Set collection, you can try to find it in the GovDocs Fiche Cabinets.

U.S. House and Senate Reports & Documents

Title:	Call no.:	Format & Location:
Serial Set	Y 1.1/2: serial no.	Paper, GovDocs Stacks (scattered issues) Microfiche, GovDocs Fiche Cabinets
Senate Documents	Y 1.1/3: cong. no. - doc. no.	Microfiche, GovDocs Fiche Cabinets
Senate Treaty Documents	Y 1.1/4: cong. no. - doc. no.	Microfiche, GovDocs Fiche Cabinets
Senate Reports	Y 1.1/5: cong. no. - report no.	Microfiche, GovDocs Fiche Cabinets
Senate Executive Reports	Y 1.1/6: cong. no. - report no.	Microfiche, GovDocs Fiche Cabinets
House Documents	Y 1.1/7: cong. no. - doc. no.	Microfiche, GovDocs Fiche Cabinets
House Reports	Y 1.1/8: cong. no. - report no.	Microfiche, GovDocs Fiche Cabinets

U.S. Senate Committees

Committee:	Call no.:	Format & Location:
Special Committee on Aging	Y 4.Ag 4:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs	Y 4.B 22/3:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation	Y 4.C 73/7:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Joint Economic Committee	Y 4.Ec 7:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	Y 4.En 2:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Select Committee on Ethics	Y 4.Et 3/4:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Committee on Foreign Relations	Y 4.F 76/2:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Committee on Government Affairs	Y 4.G 74/9:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Committee on Indian Affairs	Y 4.In 2/11:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Select Committee on Intelligence	Y 4.In 8/19:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Committee on the Judiciary	Y 4.J 89/2:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP)	Y 4.L 11/4:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Committee on Environment and Public Works	Y 4.P 96/10:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Committee on Small Business	Y 4.Sm 1: and Y 4.Sm 1/2:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks

U.S. House of Representatives Committees

Committee:	Call no.:	Format & Location:
Committee on Agriculture	Y 4.Ag 8/1: and Y 4.Ag 8/3:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Committee on Armed Services	Y 4.Ar 5/2:	Microfiche, GovDocs Fiche Cabinets
Committee on Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	Y 4.B 22/1:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Committee on Commerce	Y 4.C 73/8:	Microfiche, GovDocs Fiche Cabinets
Joint Economic Committee	Y 4.Ec 7:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Committee on Education and the Workforce	Y 4.Ed 8/1:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Committee on Government Reform	Y 4.G 74/7:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Committee on House Oversight	Y 4.H 81/3:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Committee on International Relations	Y 4.In 8/16:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks and Microfiche, GovDocs Fiche Cabinets
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence	Y 4.In 8/18:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Committee on the Judiciary	Y 4.J 89/1:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Committee on Resources	Y 4.R 31/3:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Committee on Science	Y 4.Sci 2:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	Y 4.T 68/2:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks
Committee on Ways and Means	Y 4.W 36:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks

Independent Commissions

Commission:	Call no.:	Format & Location:
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE)	Y 4.Se 2: and Y 4.Se 2/1:	Paper, GovDocs Stacks Microfiche, GovDocs Fiche Cabinets

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