

# United States House of Representatives Library

### The Role of the House and Senate Libraries



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### Rules of the House of Representatives

- The House of Representatives Library is governed under Rule II of the Rules of the House of Representatives -http://clerk.house.gov/legislative/house-rules.pdf
- Rule II (other Officers and Officials) Clerk
  - 2. (f) The Clerk shall—
  - (1) retain in the library at the Office of the Clerk for the use of the Members, Delegates, Resident Commissioner, and officers of the House, and not to be withdrawn therefrom, two copies of all the books and printed documents deposited there.



### **Mission Statement**

The House Library supports current and future House Members and staff by acquiring and preserving the official records of the House, dating back to 1789, and making that information accessible through specialized research, comprehensive resources, engaging educational programs, innovative use of technology, and cultivation of a vibrant space for the House community.



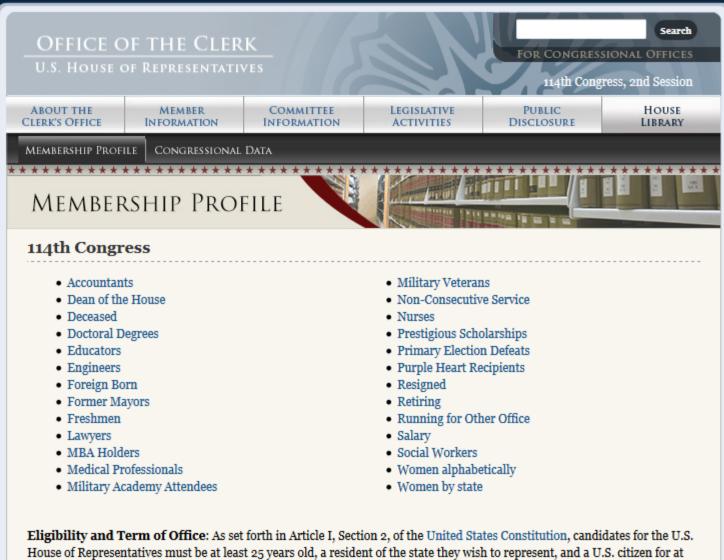
### Vision Statement

As the center of research, knowledge, and learning, the United States House of Representatives Library is an integral part of the House community.





- Research and Reference
  - Priority Research
  - Confidential and Non-Partisan
  - Timely
  - Membership Profile Demographics
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least seven years. Members of the U.S. House of Representatives are elected every two years for a two-year term.

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#### **Educators**

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#### UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH CONGRESS - August 1, 2016

The U.S. House of Representatives Library defines an educator as a Member who is a current or former professor, instructor, faculty member, or teacher in a civilian or a military career.

	REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	STATE	DISTRICT
1.	Adams, Alma S.	Democrat	North Carolina	12
2.	Barr, Andy	Republican	Kentucky	06
3.	Bass, Karen	Democrat	California	37
4.	Beatty, Joyce	Democrat	Ohio	03
5.	Bera, Ami	Democrat	California	07
6.	Bilirakis, Gus M.	Republican	Florida	12
7.	Bishop, Mike	Republican	Michigan	08
8.	Bishop, Rob	Republican	Utah	01
9.	Boyle, Brendan F.	Democrat	Pennsylvania	13
10.	Brat, Dave	Republican	Virginia	07
11.	Brown, Corrine	Democrat	Florida	05
12.	Capps, Lois	Democrat	California	24
13.	Castro, Joaquin	Democrat	Texas	20
14.	Chabot, Steve	Republican	Ohio	01
15.	Chu, Judy	Democrat	California	27
16.	Cole, Tom	Republican	Oklahoma	04
17.	Cook, Paul	Republican	California	08
18.	Cooper, Jim	Democrat	Tennessee	05
19.	Cramer, Kevin	Republican	North Dakota	At Large
20.	Cuellar, Henry	Democrat	Texas	28
21.	Davis, Danny K.	Democrat	Illinois	07
22.	Doggett, Lloyd	Democrat	Texas	35
23.	Engel, Eliot L.	Democrat	New York	16



### Outreach

- Internal Portal
- Website
- Special Events
- Posters



- Education and Training
  - Congress.gov
  - House Research Tools
  - Commercial Databases



# House Library Duties and Tasks

# Digital Initiatives

- Calendars of the U.S. Congress
- Internal House Publications



## Cataloging and Preservation

- Two copies of all House publications
- Collection size of over 200,000 books
- Receive approximately 10,000 publications per year
- Preservation-paperbound issues and older publications

#### OFFICE OF THE CLERK

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#### OFFICIAL HOUSE INFORMATION

Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimates [HTML]

Official Alphabetical List of Members [HTML]

Official List of Members by State [HTML] [PDF]

Official Member Telephone Directory [HTML] [PDF]

Official List of Members with Committee Assignments [HTML] [PDF]

Official List of Standing Committees [HTML] [PDF]

#### **HOUSE FLOOR**

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#### WHAT'S NEW

IN THE HOUSE

#### **New Online House Telephone Directory**



A mobile-friendly House Telephone Directory with up-to-date contact information for Members, Committees, Leadership, Officers, and staff is now available to the public at https://directory.house.gov.

The directory's data is searchable, sortable, exportable, and can easily be printed. The website also includes PDF downloads of the April 2016 printed version of the House Telephone Directory.

#### Search Legislation (Congress.gov)

Bill Number:

Word/Phrase:

#### Contact Information

Select a Representative

#### Quick Links

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#### History, Art & Archives

Discover the rich heritage of the House of Representatives and its central role in U.S. history since 1789. Read stories about the people who have shaped it. Browse its collections. Access historical data and other research resources.

#### CURRENT PARTY DIVISIONS OF THE HOUSE

247 Republicans \* 186 Democrats \* 0 Independents \* 2 Vacancies



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Enter your zip code





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Legislative Activity

Schedule Floor Proceedings Votes Bills & Reports

Upcoming Events

Match Most Recent House Floor Activity

Time (EST)	Session	
8/9	Hearing: "Technology and Treatment:	
9:00 am	Telemedicine in the VA Healthcare System"	
	Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health	
9/7	Hearing: From Tumult to Transformation:	
10:30 am	The Commission on Care and the Future	
	of the VA Healthcare System	
	Committee on Veterans' Affairs:	
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#### House Overview

Representatives

Leadership

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Elected to a two-year term, each representative serves the people of a specific congressional district by introducing bills and serving on committees, among other duties.

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Representatives by last name

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American Samoa District of Columbia Northern Mariana Islands

#### **Public Disclosure**



Financial Disclosure Reports Information about the source, type, amount, or value of the incomes of representatives, officers, and

candidates.



Foreign Travel Reports

Information about certain expenditures for all official foreign travel by representatives and staff.



Gifts and Travel Filings

Information about travel-related expenses incurred by representatives who are reimbursed by nongovernment sources.



Legal Expense Fund Disclosures

Information about any legal expenses incurred by a candidate or current representative.

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