

CONGRESSIONAL MATERIALS IN THE FSU LIBRARIES DOCUMENTS DEPARTMENT RELEVANT TO RESEARCHERS USING THE CLAUDE PEPPER COLLECTION

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Researchers using the Claude Pepper Collection frequently find references to a variety of U.S. Congressional publications, such as bills, hearings, resolutions, and reports documenting Senator Pepper's major areas of activity in his more than 40 years in the Florida House, U.S. Senate, and U.S. House of Representatives. They may also find mention of unpublished government documents that can be useful, but which are difficult to locate. This guide is intended to help you locate these items by suggesting specific indexes and reference materials to consult in the Documents Department of the Florida State University Libraries. Faculty librarians at the Information Desk in this department are ready to assist you in locating and using U.S. Congressional materials.

BACKGROUND SOURCES

If you are not familiar with this type of research, the following is a list of recommended sources to consult as you begin:

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, 1774-1989. Contains brief biographies of all members of Congress and Cabinet officers. (Doc Y1.1/3: 100-34)

Congress and the Nation: A Review of Government and Politics. A good overview and information on legislative action in major subject areas. 1945- (Doc non-circulating KF 49 .C65)

Congressional Directory. Issued for each Congress; includes brief biographies of members of the Congress, photos, lists of committee assignments, committee memberships, and lists of upper-level executive department personnel. (Doc Y4.P93/1:1/cong.)

Congressional Quarterly Almanac. An annual summary review, with good indexing. A good source for understanding the context of bills that have passed. 1945- (Doc

JK1 .C663)

Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report. In-depth weekly coverage of Congressional activities. (Doc periodicals non-circulating 320.5 CI 11)

Congressional Publications and Proceedings: Research on Legislation, Budgets, and Treaties, by

Jerrold Zwirn. 2d ed. 1988. An introduction to the relation of the legislative process and its attendant publications. (Doc JK 1067 .Z85 1988)

INDEXES AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Congressional Information Service (CIS) Congressional Masterfile 1. Strozier

Documents Reserve. CD-ROM CIS MF1 [1789-1969] Includes the following paper indexes: **CIS U.S. Serial Set Index**, 1789-1969. Provides subject and keyword indexing as well as a

numerical listing. (Doc non-circulating Z 1223 .Z7 C26 1975) **CIS US**

Congressional Committee Hearings Index, 1833-1969 (23rd-91st Congresses)

Provides

subject and organization, title, personal name, and bill number indexing. (Doc non-circulating

Z1223.Z7C27) **CIS US Congressional Committee Prints Index from the**

Earliest Publications through 1969.

Provides subject and organization, title, personal name, and bill number indexing. Includes some

references 1970-76. (Doc non-circulating Z 1223 .Z7 C66) **CIS Index to**

Unpublished U.S. Senate Committee Hearings. 1823-1964, 1969-1976. Included through 1964 in Congressional Masterfile 1. Provides subject and organization, title, personal

name, and bill number indexing. (Doc non-circulating Z 1223 .Z7 C48) **CIS**

Index to Unpublished US House of Representatives Committee Hearings.

1833-1964.

Included through 1936 in Congressional Masterfile 1. Provides subject and organization, title,

personal name, and bill number indexing. (Doc non-circulating Z 1223 .Z7 C47)

You may also wish to consult the *Congressional Indexes, 1789-1969 and the Indexes to Unpublished*

Hearings. They are available on the Congressional Universe website, accessible from the FSU

Libraries Databases webpage, at <http://www.fsu.edu/library/search/databases/index.shtml>

CIS Annual. 1970-1995. Continues the indexing of Congressional Masterfile 1 for published committee hearings, prints, and Serial Set publications. Each year includes index and abstract volumes and legislative histories of U.S. Public Laws. Cumulative indexes cover five years each. (Doc non-circulating Z 1223 .Z7 C6)

CIS Index to U.S. Senate Executive Documents and Reports. 1817-1969. Provides subject and personal name index. (Doc non-circulating Y 1.1/6: Index/ 15th-91st/ 1817-1969)

Congressional Index. Indexes bills and contains history and status of major bills. 87th (1961-62)-103rd (1993-94). (Doc 328.73 C734c)

Calendars of the United States House of Representatives and History of Legislation. 1933-List of bills in both the House and Senate with history; status of major legislation, indexed by subject. (Doc non-circulating Y1 .2/2:)

Congressional Record: Proceedings and Debates of the ... Congress. 1874- Verbatim reports of the proceedings in each house. Each year's bound volumes include appendix volumes of materials submitted for the record, Daily Digest, and Index and History of Legislation. (Doc X , Doc Mif X)

United States Statutes at Large. Vol. 1 (1789/1845)- Text of acts passed by Congress. Published for annually since 1937; indexed by subject and title of law. (Doc non-circulating AE2. III:)

The Documents Department has most of the materials (hearings, reports, bills, etc.) either in paper or microform that these tools index. Please check with Documents Department staff for call numbers and format.

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