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Or, as we like to call it, “Where the #%^%$ is that thing???”
Agenda

• Review some important publications
• Review a few tough questions
• Tips for researchers
• Your questions and suggestions
Review Major Publications

- House and Senate Journals
- Calendars
- CRI DD
- Historical Indexes (Tables of the Annotated ...)
- Boyd & Rips Chapter 3
- Other textbooks: Schmeckebier; Morehead; Hartnett et al; Caro; Simmons
Reference Questions

• Was there a hearing?
• Has this hearing been published?
• What happened in this committee on “x” day? Was there a report?
• Where did this bill text come from?
• When you need a full text search what language do you use?
• Early reports of people of color in the military
• Presidential Nominee Biography Sheets
A patron wants to see the transcript of the Hearing held on

H.R.3885 - Grand Ronde Restoration Act, in 1983. Neither CGP nor ProQuest Congressional have a record of such a hearing. Congress.gov reports the following in the legislative history of the bill, which became law:

- 10/18/1983 House Committee Hearings Held.
- Action By: Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs
- But ProQuest Congressional mentions no hearings held on that day by that committee.
- By the way, there is a photo online that is supposedly taken at the hearing: https://oregonhistoryproject.org/articles/historical-records/grand-ronde-restoration-hearing/#.Wt-QWljwa70
Truman Capote

... looking for Truman Capote's testimony before the Senate Committee on Judiciary on July 21, 1966 as part of a series of hearings on the Constitutional implications of Miranda v. Arizona. According to the Congressional Record the hearings went on for multiple days but I have not been able to locate a call number for the printed hearings in the MoCat. Suggestions?
Truman Capote (cont)

July 21, 1966

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD — DAILY DIGEST

Texas. Testimony was received from Senator Yar- 

Poland Anniversary: The House Senate 

LAW ENFORCEMENT
Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution Amendments continued its hearings on the matter of constitutional implications affecting law enforcement raised by the recent Supreme Court decision on Miranda v. Arizona, having as its witnesses Truman Capote, author of the book “In Cold Blood,” and Alvin Dewey, of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

Tualatin Federal Reclamation. The House
insisted on its amendments to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct and maintain the Tualatin Federal reclamation, Oregon; agreed to a conference with the appointed

Capote Assails Crime Decision

By JOHN P. MacKENZIE
Washington Post-Examiner

WASHINGTON — Truman Capote, novelist and student of the criminal mentality, gave the Senate his opinion Thursday on the state of the criminal law.

The author of “In Cold Blood” did not seem to persuade chairman Birch Bayh (D-Ind.) of the Constitutional Amendment subcommittee that there was something wrong with the Fifth Amendment, but he drew raves from autograph-seeking spectators.

Capote said the law had reached a deplorable state as the result of Supreme Court restrictions on the use of confessions.

He said if Miranda v. Arizona, the decision handed down June 13, had been the law in 1938, the two murders featured
Was there a report? (GOVDOC-L August, 2005)

... legislative history of S. 784 (40-3, 12/7/1868-3/3/1869). According to the Congressional Globe, the bill (to amend the judicial system of the U.S.) was referred to the Comm. on the Judiciary, and then was reported back with an amendment.

I am unable to find a senate report from this time that refers to this bill (I used the Serial Set Index, LexNex Cong Historical section, and the full-text serial set). Am I misinterpreting something here? Can anyone shed light on this?
Q: ... Am I correct in thinking that markups only appear in PQ Congressional from 2000 to current? I’m looking for any related to P.L. 93-86 that would have occurred on May 1-9, 1973. Do you know if older markups will ever be added?

Andrea: On the markup - I can’t figure out that anything happened on those dates for PL 93-86.

What I did -
- I took a look at both Leg Insight and Congressional and there was nothing there for those dates.
- Then I downloaded the Journals (both House and Senate) for the 93rd Congress and I’m including the screenshots for the relevant sections here. I went to the first mention in each of these and didn’t have to look any further. The first mention for both S.1888 and H.R. 8860 is later in May or June.

The first mention in the House Journal (date is 6/27) is about the filing of the report from the same date (H. Rpt 83-337). The report metadata would indicate there are a lot of substitutions etc., in there.

The first mention in the Senate Journal (p.445) dates to May 23, so is after the dates in question.

From what I have seen in markups, they occur either in report language for a bill and sometimes in hearings. It may be that committees published more of it after a certain time, but certainly reports on legislation go waaaay back in the Serial Set, so it isn’t like we would only include them after a certain date.
What happened in this committee on “x” day? (2/3)

Questioner: bill started life as S. 517… unsure where the faculty member obtained the May dates. He had used govtrack.us, but I don’t see the May 1 through 9 (he is unsure which days of the range), 1973, dates therein or in PQ Congressional…. He called markups “business meeting” reports which seems standard. This phrase was new to me actually. The Library here has a few markups. That is, I remember seeing the word Markup in bold on a hearings over the years. I told him I’d check with NAL and NARA. I had offered to email the Clerk, but he plans to do as he’ll be in DC in 2 weeks he said.

If I find out anything more, I’ll let you know, just to close the loop, or if he has success in DC, I’ll let you know that, too. ...

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Andrea: I’ll go back and look at S. 517 and see what is there ....

What you’re looking at is the Schedule info that includes info on markups scheduled back to 2000. That doesn’t mean that that info wasn’t included in the database, just that the schedule info (which included those scheduled sessions) started in 2000.

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Questioner: By the way, the date of May 9, 1973, is given as the day the committee completed its work in one of the committee prints. I did followup with an email to the faculty member as to his source for the dates, too.
Andrea: Okay... so I ... finally went to the Daily Digest in the Congressional Record to find out what the …committee was up to. May 1-8 the entry reads approximately as follows ...  

Because they met in executive session, I’m not sure where to look... will ponder that for a bit. I will say that I didn’t find any publications from that committee between April 30 and May 17 (and 5/17 was not on point)  

On May 9 we have the following item (right)  

After this May 9 Daily Digest entry, you have the original bill (aka the new bill from the committee) S.1888 introduced on May 23.  

The S. Journal notes the bill is accompanied by S. Rpt 93-173. This report looks like a lot of markup material I have seen – page 98 starts the section “changes in existing law” and really goes line by line about changes and insertions. Page 47 also starts an interesting section.  

I did look for a report for the 93rd congress from this committee (some committees do these at the end of each congress) but I didn’t see one for this committee.  

If what you’re looking for isn’t in S. Rpt 93-173, then a call to the Center for Legislative Archives http://www.archives.gov/legislative/ at NARA is probably your best bet to see if there is anything they can tell you about the meetings in executive session.
... she’s trying to track down the history of a particular piece of text in PL 109-351 “Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2006”. The chunk of text she’s interested in is from an amendment the house put into the Senate bill (in section 305):

“The foregoing standards and limitations apply to investments under this paragraph made by a national bank directly and by its subsidiaries.”

→ What text would you search on? Why?
Tips for **Best Full Text Searching**

**DO this**
- Less is more
- Search using the language that wouldn’t be changed
- Numbers or #s?
- Know your Adobe Advanced Search Options
  ([https://proquest.libguides.com/PDFs](https://proquest.libguides.com/PDFs))

**What can go wrong?**
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Text in the Law:

“The foregoing standards and limitations apply to investments under this paragraph made by a national bank directly and by its subsidiaries.”

Text in the Bill:

13 (2) by adding at the end the following new sentence: “The preceding standards and limitations apply to each investment under this paragraph made by a national bank directly and by its subsidiaries.”
Early Reports of People of Color in the Military

- Patron wanted a 1840’s report on people of color in the military.
- Tables of and Annotated Index to the Congressional Series of United States Public Documents (1902)
  - Helpful if you don’t have access to electronic Serial Set or a historical collection of documents
Presidential Nomination Biography Sheet

- Faculty member doing a research project on presidential nominees -- wanted bio sheet for each nominee

- Sometimes called Nominee Biography Sheet, sometimes called Questionnaire for Presidential Nominees.

- Problem: not all nominees’ sheets are published.

- Refer to the Center for Legislative Archives (NARA)
Pro Tips

• Always download the #$%@# files (if you delete them, you are guaranteed to need them again)

• Go to a quiet place to think about what you may have missed.

• Try newspapers → Sometimes newspapers will give additional information that can be helpful (hearings especially).

• One of the hardest things to learn is when to give up!
Questions & Suggestions