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GPO AND LIBRARY OF CONGRESS RELEASE TEN YEARS OF LEGISLATIVE DATA ON GOVINFO

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) in partnership with the Library of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives, and U.S. Senate has released ten additional years of Bill Status XML Bulk Data on **govinfo**. Bill status information, created by the Library of Congress and Congress, describes the activities and status steps for each legislative measure. The original project started at the direction of the House Committee on Appropriations and supports the Legislative Branch Bulk Data Task Force.

The new data, which includes bill status information from 2003–2012 (108th Congress to the 112th Congress), has been populated on GPO’s **govinfo** Bulk Data Repository and adds to previously available data from 2013–2020 (113th Congress to 116th Congress).

View GPO’s Bulk Data Repository at <https://www.govinfo.gov/bulkdata/BILLSTATUS>. The [Bill Status Bulk Data](#) page on Congress.gov provides additional background information regarding Congressional bulk data from the House and Senate.

“The addition of this data to **govinfo** is another step toward GPO fulfilling its mission of *Keeping America Informed*,” said GPO Director Hugh Nathaniel Halpern. “GPO is proud to work with the Library of Congress to continue to provide open and transparent Government information for the American people.”

“One of the Library’s most important jobs is to provide the legislative branch and members of the public with an easy-to-use, authoritative source for up-to-date legislative information, which we know today as Congress.gov,” said Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden. “To meet that responsibility, the Library, GPO, the House, and the Senate share more than data – we share a deep dedication to making official Government information as accessible to all Americans as possible. We’re so grateful to GPO for this additional decade of historic legislative information Americans can now explore for themselves.”

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