

GUIDE TO USING THE *UNITED STATES CODE CONGRESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS (U.S.C.C.A.N.)*

West's *United States Code Congressional and Administrative News (U.S.C.C.A.N.)* is an invaluable resource when searching for either the texts of federal public laws or committee reports. All public laws and selected committee reports are printed in *U.S.C.C.A.N.* from 1948 to the present.

U.S.C.C.A.N. is issued monthly in pamphlet form during each session of Congress. Pamphlets are reissued in bound volumes after each Congressional Session. Public laws and legislative history usually appear in each pamphlet in separate sections (each section is in order by public law number), whereas the bound set for one Legislative Session will devote the first 2-3 volumes to public laws and the last 3-4 volumes to legislative history.

Public Law Section

The Public Law section of *U.S.C.C.A.N.* is organized by public law number. Bill numbers, dates of passage and titles appear before the actual text of the public law. If a legislative history of the act is included in another section of *U.S.C.C.A.N.*, a reference to the page number will be provided under the title of the act. The public law itself is then printed just as it appears in the *Statutes At Large*. Cites to *United States Code* titles and section numbers are printed in the margins next to the relevant public law paragraphs. The *Statutes at Large* citation is printed across the bottom of the *U.S.C.C.A.N.* page. On the last page of the public law, a brief legislative history bibliography is provided if that public law is deemed significant. The brief legislative history bibliography provides cites to report numbers, *Congressional Record* volume numbers and years, and Senate and House passage dates.

Legislative History Section

The larger Legislative History section is also in order by public law number. The title, dates of consideration and passage, committee report numbers, committee names, bill numbers, *Congressional Record* volume bill number, public law number and *Statutes at Large* cite all appear on the first page. If the House or Senate Report is printed, the text usually begins on the first page as well. Additionally, a note will indicate if one of the Reports is not printed in *U.S.C.C.A.N.* Volume or pamphlet page numbers are printed on the bottom of the *U.S.C.C.A.N.* Actual page numbers from the Senate or House Report appear in brackets throughout the printing of the Report. Citations to Congressional Hearings are not provided.

Tables

U.S.C.C.A.N. includes the following tables in each of its pamphlets and in the last bound volumes of each Congressional Session. Table 6 (Federal Regulations...) is not included in the bound cumulations.

1. Public laws - lists public laws for that Congressional Session in numerical order (P.L.101-1, 101-2, etc.) and the page of *U.S.C.C.A.N.* where the law appears.

2. *U.S. Code* and *U.S. Code Annotated* Classifications - provides references from public law numbers (in numerical order) to title and section numbers of both sources.
3. *U.S. Code* and *U.S. Code Annotated* Sections Amended, Repealed, New, etc. - contains references from the *USC* and *USCA* title and section numbers to the public law numbers and *Statutes at Large* cites that affect that code section.
4. Legislative History - provides public law numbers, bill number, report numbers, dates approved and dates of consideration in table format.
5. Signing Statement.
6. Bills and Joint Resolutions Enacted - lists bill and joint resolution numbers with page numbers along with page numbers of the related public laws.
7. Federal Regulations, Sections Amended, Added, Etc. - lists *Federal Register* sections that are affected by public law numbers (found only in pamphlets).
8. Proclamations - provides a list of Proclamations issued by number.
9. Executive Orders - provides a list of Executive Orders issued by number.
10. Major Bills Pending - list major bills that are pending.
11. Popular Name Acts - is an alphabetical list of acts that have passed and references to their *U.S.C.C.A.N.* page numbers.

Finally, following the Tables section, *U.S.C.C.A.N.* provides a cumulative index by subject.

Other Information in U.S.C.C.A.N.

Besides printing public laws and selected committee reports, *U.S.C.C.A.N.* provides a variety of other useful information. At the beginning of the current *U.S.C.C.A.N.* pamphlet, a section called "Session Highlights" contains information about pending legislation and presidential messages. Both the pamphlets and bound volumes provide a list of Cabinet members in the preliminary pages. Senate and House majority leaders, chaplains, speakers, etc. are listed as well as all Senators and Representatives (and their committee memberships). Also in the preliminary pages are listings of each committee with chairpeople noted.

In addition, the *U.S.C.C.A.N.* pamphlets include Presidential Proclamations and Executive Orders as they are issued. All the Presidential Proclamations and Executive Orders for a particular Legislative Session are printed together in the bound volume (last volume of the session's set).

The pamphlets contain a few items not found in the bound volumes including *Federal Register* amendments and Federal Court rule changes.