

Federal Legislative History

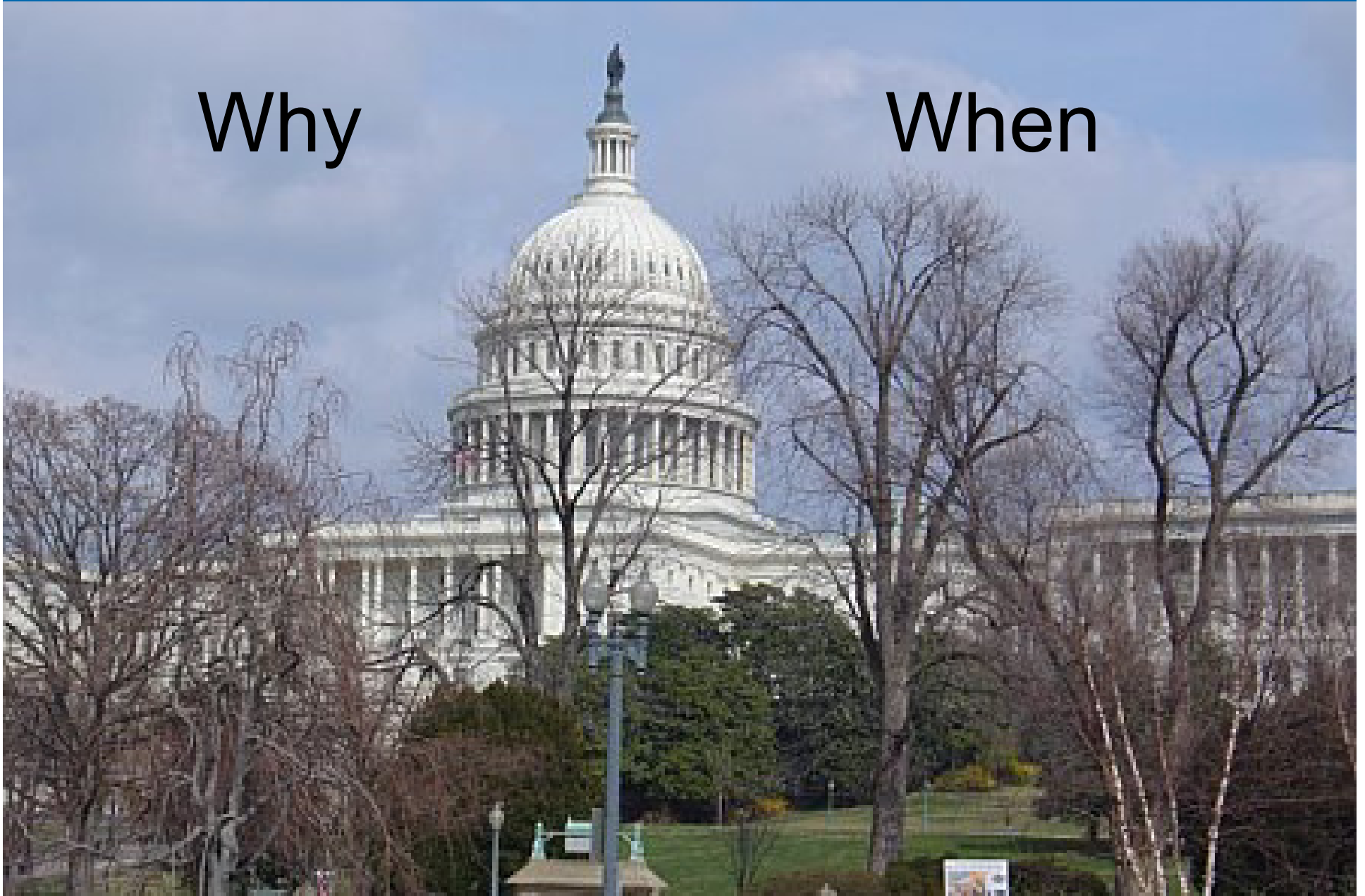


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Legislative History

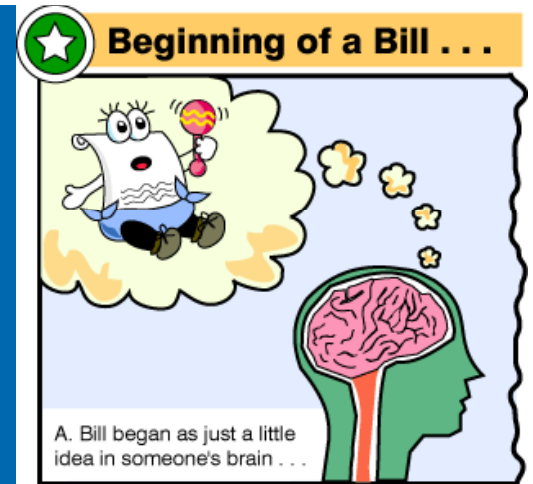
Why

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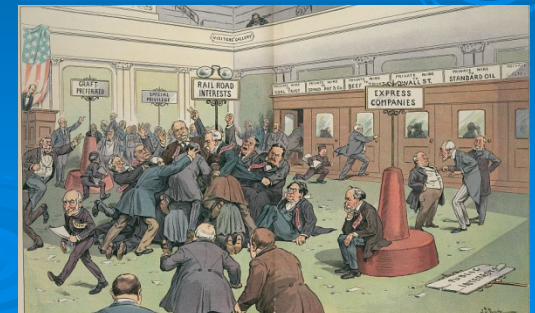
Documents

1. Bills
2. Committee Mark-ups
3. Hearing
4. Committee Prints
5. Committee Reports
6. House or Senate Documents
7. Debates/Proceedings



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1. Committee Reports (esp. Conference Report)
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6. Bills
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Finding Legislative History

Step One

➤ Find:

- Public Law Number (P.L.), or
- Bill number for unenacted legislation



History

P.L. or Pub. L. =
number assigned as
bill becomes law,
starts with number of
congress

Stat. (Statutes at
Large) = official
publication of the laws
of the United States

18 § 3

CRIMES Part I

§ 3. Accessory after the fact

Whoever, knowing that an offense against the United States has been committed, receives, relieves, comforts or assists the offender in order to hinder or prevent his apprehension, trial or punishment, is an accessory after the fact.

Except as otherwise expressly provided by any Act of Congress, an accessory after the fact shall be imprisoned not more than one-half the maximum term of imprisonment or (notwithstanding section 3571) fined not more than one-half the maximum fine prescribed for the punishment of the principal, or both; or if the principal is punishable by life imprisonment or death, the accessory shall be imprisoned not more than 15 years.

(June 25, 1948, c. 645, 62 Stat. 684; Nov. 10, 1986, Pub.L. 99-646, § 43, 100 Stat. 3601; Nov. 29, 1990, Pub.L. 101-647, Title XXXV, § 3502, 104 Stat. 4921; Sept. 13, 1994, Pub.L. 103-322, Title XXXIII, §§ 330011(h), 330016(2)(A), 108 Stat. 2145, 2148.)



Popular Name Table

1299

POPULAR NAME TABLE

Fishery Conservation Zone Transition Act

Pub.L. 95-6, Feb. 21, 1977, 91 Stat. 14

Short title, see 16 USCA § 1801 note

Current USCA classifications:

Section of Pub.L. 95-6

USCA Classification

3(1)

16 USCA § 1826

This list contains only sections enacted by this Public Law. For all sections affected by this law, see Pub.L. 95-6 in the USCA-TABLES database and the enacting credit set out below.

Table of Contents for current USCA classifications:

16 USCA § 1826

Enacting law:

Pub.L. 95-6, Feb. 21, 1977, 91 Stat. 14 (16 §§ 1801 note, 1823 notes, 1826)

Amending laws:

Pub.L. 95-8, §§ 1, 2, Mar. 3, 1977, 91 Stat. 18 (16 § 1823 note)

Pub.L. 95-73, July 26, 1977, 91 Stat. 283 (16 § 1823 note)

Pub.L. 95-219, §§ 1, 2, Dec. 28, 1977, 91 Stat. 1613 (16 § 1823 note)

Pub.L. 95-314, July 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 376 (16 § 1823 note)

Pub.L. 98-44, Title I, § 105, July 12, 1983, 97 Stat. 217 (16 § 1823 note)

Pub.L. 98-364, Title I, § 105, July 17, 1984, 98 Stat. 442 (16 § 1823 note)

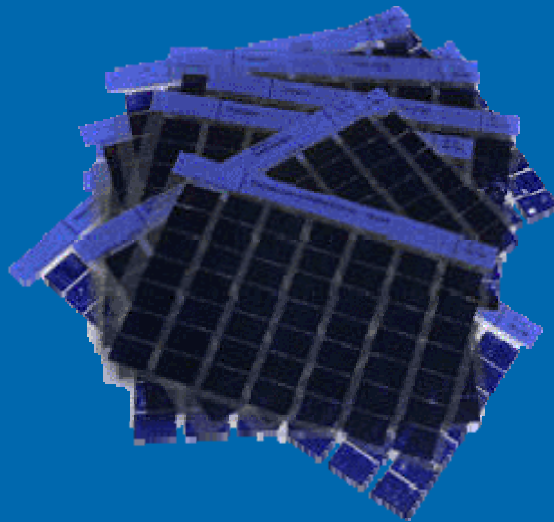
Step Two

- **Compiled Legislative Histories**
- **No way out – do it yourself**



Congressional (Lexis)

- Legislative Histories 1970 – date
 - Microfiche set
- Full text mid-1990's forward
- Old stuff (before 1970) the Serial Set



Congressional

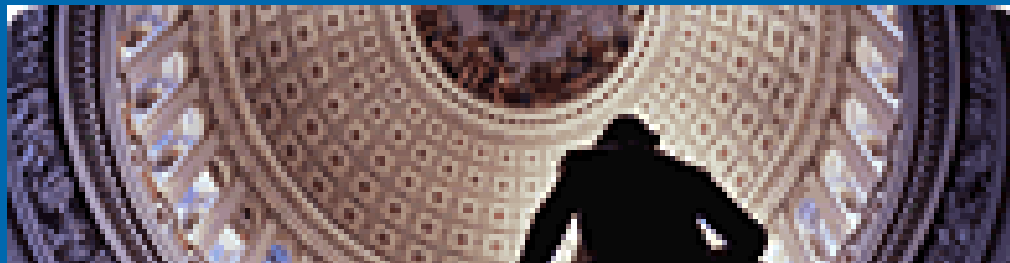
- Also: Congressional Research Service Reports
- Full text of laws



***Congressional
Research
Service***

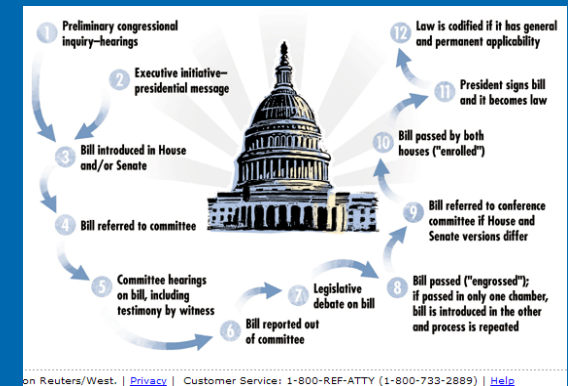
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- Coverage – 1973 to date
- Recent - includes reports, links to Congressional Record
- Other web sites – GPO Access, House or Senate and some Committees

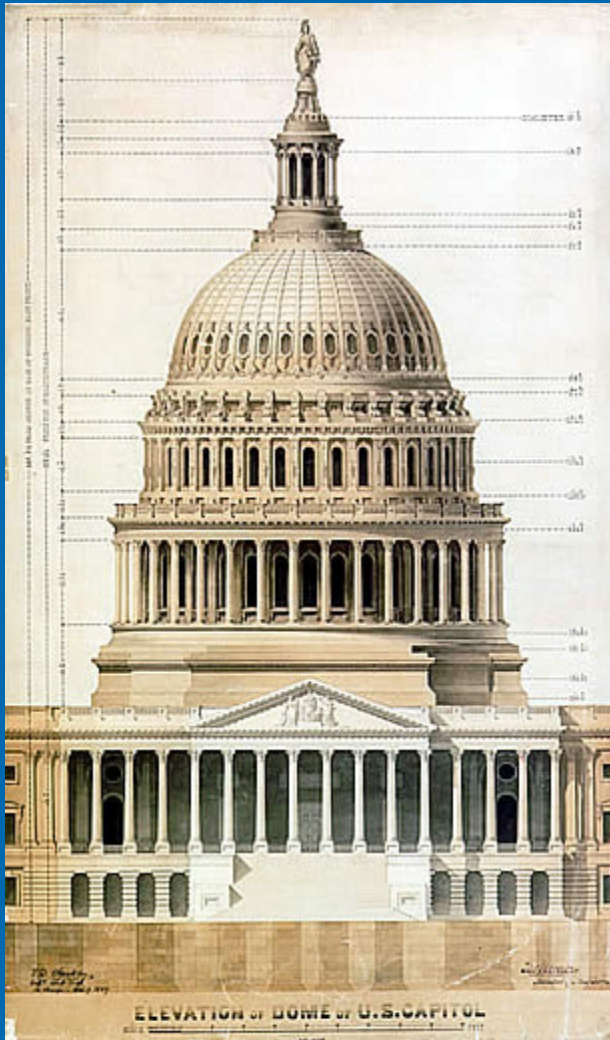


Westlaw

- USCCAN/GAO
- Federal Legislative History Tab
- Federal Material - Legislative History & Bill Tracking (mostly current)
- Check coverage dates



Lexis



- All Sources: Federal Legal - U.S. : Legislative Histories & Materials
- CIS index material also from 1970, others from 1990's