

Policy Agendas Project
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List of Topic and Subtopic Codes
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Note: This list of codes and descriptions is derived from our coding of Congressional Hearings, *Congressional Quarterly* (CQ) stories and Public Laws (Statutes) data sets. Media coverage is coded in the *New York Times Index* data set only into the major topics, not the more detailed subtopics as listed below. Topics 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 99 are the subject of no congressional action; these codes are used only in the *New York Times Index* coding. (There are no subtopics in these major topic areas.)

Each entry is coded into one of 19 major topics and 225 subtopics. For each major topic we list all the subtopics and give examples of issues coded in each subtopic. The “general” (00) subtopic includes cases where more than one distinct subtopic was discussed. For example, if a case discussed both water pollution (code 701) and air pollution (code 705), it would be coded as a general environmental issue (code 700). Thus, the general category within each major topic area includes some cases that are truly general as well as some cases that are the combination of as few as two subtopics. Each major topic includes an “other” (99) code subtopics that do not fit into any of the categories and for which there were too few cases to justify the creation of a new category. Finally, we provide a list of “see also” suggestions for categories that have close links with other subtopics. Analysts concerned with identifying each case dealing with a particular issue may want to use care in also examining the textual summaries for cases in related subtopics and in the general subtopic, since these can include cases that discuss multiple subtopics. Users should note that not all the topic and subtopic numbers are consecutive.

1. Macroeconomics

100: General Domestic Macroeconomic Issues (includes combinations of multiple subtopics)
Examples: the administration’s economic plans, economic conditions and issues, economic growth and outlook, state of the economy, long-term economic needs, recessions, general economic policy, promote economic recovery and full employment, demographic changes, population trends, recession effects on state and local economies, distribution of income

101: Inflation, Prices, and Interest Rates

Examples: inflation control and reduction, anti-inflation programs, calculation of inflation statistics and price index statistics, consumer price index, food prices, cost of living, interest rates, bureau of labor reports on inflation, effects of inflation on business, general economic statistics

103: Unemployment Rate

Examples: unemployment and employment statistics, economic and social impact of unemployment, national employment priorities, employment and labor market development, bureau of labor reports on unemployment

See also: 502, 503 solutions to unemployment problems

104: Monetary Supply, Federal Reserve Board, and the Treasury

Examples: monetary policy issues, Federal Reserve's yearly monetary policy reports, Department of Treasury and Federal Reserve Board budget requests and appropriations, credit availability, national savings rate, relationship between fiscal and monetary policies

See also: 1808 exchange rates; 1501 Federal Reserve banking issues

105: National Budget and Debt

Examples: administration's yearly budget proposals, balanced budget act and enforcement, budget process, federal debt and deficit, deficit reduction and management proposals, budget projections, increases in the public debt limit, concurrent budget resolutions, impact of budget reductions on industries, states and communities

107: Taxation, Tax policy, and Tax Reform

Examples: state taxation of income, state and local income taxes, clarification of tax code, tax code reform, luxury and excise taxes, estate and gift taxes, corporate income taxes, collection procedures for federal taxes, administration tax proposals, income tax reform, tax treatment of charities, federal tax code reform and simplification, revenue acts, impact of taxes on business

See also: 2009 IRS administration

108: Industrial Policy

Examples: manufacturing strategy, technological capacity of industry, assistance to specific industries, national industrial policy, industry revitalization and growth, decline in U.S. industrial productivity, plant closings and relocation, industrial reorganization, commission on productivity

See also: 1806 international business competition; 1403 economic development programs

110: Price Control and Stabilization

Examples: economic stabilization programs, wage-price control and freezes, administered pricing programs, emergency price controls

199: Other

2. Civil Rights, Minority Issues, and Civil Liberties

200: General (includes combinations of multiple subtopics)

Examples: Civil Rights Commission appropriations, civil rights violations, Civil Rights Act, Equal Rights amendments, equal employment opportunity laws, discrimination against

women and minorities, appropriations for civil rights programs, civil rights enforcement, coverage of the civil rights act, employment discrimination involving several communities (age, gender, race, etc. in combination).

201: Ethnic Minority and Racial Group Discrimination

Examples: minority set aside programs, minority contracting and business development, appointment of minorities to federal judgeships, school desegregation, minority discrimination by rental car agencies, FBI hiring and promotion of minorities, race based crimes, investigation of the Ku Klux Klan

See also: 603 school desegregation

202: Gender and Sexual Orientation Discrimination

Examples: gender and sexual orientation discrimination in the military, social security inequities affecting women, employment barriers to women, female salary inequities, sex discrimination regulations, age discrimination in the selection of federal judges

204: Age Discrimination

Examples: age discrimination in employment, mandatory retirement ages, age discrimination in selection of federal judges, EEOC problems in enforcing age discrimination laws, retirement age policies

205: Handicap or Disease Discrimination

Examples: discrimination against the disabled, airline discrimination against blind people, employment of persons with disabilities, insurance discrimination of blind people, civil rights of institutionalized persons and the mentally retarded, travel problems of the handicapped

206: Voting Rights and Issues

Examples: state discriminatory barriers to voting registration, banning literacy tests, Voting Rights Act and enforcement, free mailing of voter registration forms, lowering the voting age to 18, abolition of poll taxes

207: Freedom of Speech

Examples: amendments to the civil liberties act, religious freedom, physical desecration of the flag, school prayer, protection of women's abortion rights, religious speech protection, anti-obscenity legislation

208: Right to Privacy

Examples: privacy of consumer and worker records, employee drug and polygraph testing, computer access and security, police wiretapping, privacy of medical records, access to government records and information, disclosure and confidentiality standards for government information, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), electronic funds transfer and financial privacy, security and privacy of criminal arrest records

209: Anti-Government Activities

Examples: theory and practice of Communism, subversive activities control act, investigate the activities of the Black Panther Party, internal security laws, investigation of the Students for a Democratic Society, investigation of anti-Vietnam War protesters, investigation of the activities of the New Left, communist involvement in urban race riots, investigation of the Communist Party of Puerto Rico, investigation of student unrest at various universities, investigation of communist youth activities, establishing agencies to educate the public on the tactics of communist subversives, investigate the scope of Soviet activity in the U.S., investigate communist infiltration of education institutions and the U.S. military

299: Other

Examples: right to livelihood, legal fees equity act, misuse of OEO funds, membership on the Commission on Civil Rights.

3. Health

300: General (includes combinations of multiple subtopics)

Examples: Appropriations for the National Institute of Health (NIH) and Health and Human Services (HHS) appropriations--for health care general health issues, regulations for health care services, U.S. health care crisis, women's health care, appropriations and budget requests for the NIH and HHS health care programs

See also: 1300 general HHS appropriations

301: Health Care Reform, Health Care Costs, Insurance Costs and Availability

Examples: cost control in health care, health care reform proposals, rural health care availability, catastrophic health care costs, availability of health care for low-income individuals, health financing review, federal agency progress in reducing health care costs, hospital cost containment, inflation of health care costs, self-insured health plans, small market health insurance reform, group hospitalization plans, lack of access to health care insurance, state health insurance organizations, insurance coverage for currently uninsured, regulation of health insurance companies, HMO regulatory issues, hospital reimbursement payments, consolidation of health insurance programs, national health insurance plans, long-term care insurance

303: Medicare and Medicaid

Examples: appropriations for Medicare and Medicaid, Medicare and Medicaid fraud, expansion of Medicare coverage, physician fee schedules under Medicare, Medicaid treatment for mental illness, rising costs of Medicare and Medicaid, Medicare and Medicaid coverage for specific treatments, Medicaid financing issues, Medicaid prescription drug pricing, Medicare prospective payment system, quality of care under Medicare, Medicare coverage of catastrophic health care costs

306: Regulation of Prescription Drugs, Medical Devices, and Medical Procedures

Examples: FDA drug approval process, prescription drug cost increases, FDA regulation of

medical devices, generic drugs, prescription drug counterfeiting, pacemaker regulation, prescription drug labeling, over-the-counter drug safety, FDA approval of contraceptive devices, allocation of human organs for transplant, safety of the blood supply, fatal allergic reactions to drugs, drug abuse in nursing homes, vitamin, mineral and diet supplements, regulation of drug marketing procedures, approval of drugs to combat specific diseases
See also: 1520 business competition in the drug industry

307: Health Facilities Construction and Regulation, Public Health Service

Examples: Public Health Service (PHS) appropriations, PHS activities and regulation, regulation of medical laboratories and clinical drug labs, medical lab reliability issues, hospital construction act

See also: 311 nursing home regulation

309: Mental Illness and Mental Retardation

Examples: misuse of federal funds for mental health care, mental health services, review of hospital psychiatric programs, federal role in providing services to the mentally ill, quality of care for mentally ill, mentally ill and handicapped children, specialized housing for mentally retarded

310: Medical Fraud, Malpractice, and Physician Licensing Requirements

Examples: dispute resolution for medical malpractice claims, unfair sales practices in the diet and medical industries, liability protection for federal physicians, medical malpractice insurance coverage, physician recertification, faulty cholesterol screening, sale of fraudulent medical degrees

311: Elderly Health Issues

Examples: regulation of the sale of long-term health care to the elderly, long-term care insurance improvement, court appointed guardianships for the elderly and infirm, health care problems of the elderly, preventative health care for the elderly, private sector elderly care assistance, drug price cost and the elderly, health care delivery problems affecting the elderly, research on aging, problems in financing long-term care, community alternative to institutional care, approaches to long-term care for the elderly, HHS certification of long-term health care facilities, conferences on aging, vision impairment among older Americans, comprehensive home health care, nursing home standards and regulation

See also: 303 elderly and Medicare; 1303 elderly assistance programs

312: Infants, Children, and Immunization

Examples: comprehensive child immunization act, reduction of infant mortality, promotion of breast feeding, prenatal care programs, child health care, sudden infant death syndrome, childhood malnutrition, fetal alcohol syndrome, child dental care

313: Health Manpower Needs and Training Programs

Examples: health manpower training, medical personnel shortages, nurse training, public health training grants, physician training, medical libraries

315: Military Health Care

Examples: veteran's health care programs, military mental health care programs, army nurses training, pay increases for military physicians, disabled veterans rehabilitation, VA hospitals and quality of care, post-traumatic stress disorders, nursing home care for veterans, military medical malpractice, military medical care accessibility, Agent Orange research

331: Drug and Alcohol Treatment

Examples: extension of drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs, health coverage of drug and alcohol abuse treatment programs, drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs in schools, drug and alcohol abuse in the armed services, juvenile alcohol and drug abuse, entertainment industry efforts to curb drug and alcohol abuse

See also: 332 alcohol abuse and treatment; 334 illegal drug abuse and treatment

332: Alcohol Abuse and Treatment

Examples: implementation of the national minimum drinking age act, alcoholic beverage advertising act, alcohol abuse among the elderly, prevention of adolescent alcohol abuse, health insurance coverage of alcohol abuse treatment, drunk driving victims protection, drunk driving enforcement aid for states, alcoholism prevention programs

See also: 331 drug and alcohol abuse

333: Tobacco Abuse, Treatment, and Education

Examples: cigarette advertising and regulatory issues, ban on smoking in federal buildings, increase public awareness of smoking health risks, smoking prevention education programs, health effects associated with smoking

334: Illegal Drug Abuse, Treatment, and Education

Examples: drug abuse education and prevention programs in schools, community based anti-drug programs, federal prison substance abuse treatment availability act, methadone treatment program, drug abuse treatment programs and insurance coverage, drug abuse by military personnel

See also: 1203 drug trafficking and control; 306 regulation of prescription drugs

349: Specific Diseases

Examples: federal response to AIDS, breast cancer treatment, skin cancer, Alzheimer's disease victims, treatment of osteoporosis, health effects of arthritis, renal disease, treatment of high blood pressure, Legionnaire's disease, communicable disease control, sickle cell anemia prevention, polio, venereal diseases, Center for Disease Control funding

398: Research and Development

Examples: medical research and regulatory issues, sleep disorders research, NASA-NIH biomedical research, fetal tissue transplant research, health policy research programs, medical applications of biotechnology research, research on increased life expectancy, human genetic engineering research, biomedical and behavioral research

399: Other

Examples: rehabilitation needs of persons with head injuries, life-sustaining treatments for the terminally ill, nurse midwifery, health consequences of a nuclear attack

4. Agriculture

400: General (includes combinations of multiple subtopics)

Examples: DOA, USDA and FDA appropriations, general farm bills, farm legislation issues, economic conditions in agriculture, impact of budget reductions on agriculture, importance of agriculture to the U.S. economy, national farmland protection policies, agriculture and rural development appropriations, family farmers, state of American agriculture, farm program administration, long range agricultural policies

401: Agricultural Trade

Examples: FDA inspection of imports, agriculture export promotion efforts, agricultural trade promotion programs, tobacco import trends, agricultural export credit guarantee programs, impact of imported meats on domestic industries, country of origin produce labeling, USDA agricultural export initiatives, value added agricultural products in U.S. trade, establish coffee export quotas, effects of Mexican produce importation, international wheat agreements, livestock and poultry exports

See also: 1800 general foreign trade; 1502 agricultural commodities trading

402: Government Subsidies to Farmers and Ranchers, Agricultural Disaster Insurance

Examples: agricultural price support programs, USDA crop loss assistance, farm credit system financial viability, federal agriculture credit programs, agricultural disaster relief programs, subsidies for dairy producers, farm loan and credit issues, reforming federal crop insurance programs, credit assistance for family operated farms, federal milk supply and pricing policies, renegotiation of farm debts, USDA direct subsidy payments to producers, establishing farm program payment yields, peanut programs, wheat programs, evaluation of the supply and demand for various agricultural commodities, beef prices, cotton acreage allotments, shortages of agricultural storage facilities, agricultural subterminal storage facilities, financial problems of farm banks

See also: 1404 farm real estate financing

403: Food Inspection and Safety (including seafood)

Examples: FDA monitoring of animal drug residues, consumer seafood safety, budget requests for food safety programs, food labeling requirements, grain inspection services,

regulation of health and nutrition claims in food advertising and labeling, sanitary requirements for food transportation, regulation of pesticide residues on fruit, food irradiation control act, regulation of artificial food coloring, federal control over the contamination of food supplies, meat grading standards, meat processing and handling requirements, improvement of railroad food storage facilities, shortage of grain storage facilities, food packaging standards, food buyer protection

See also: 401 inspection of food imports

404: Agricultural Marketing, Research, and Promotion

Examples: soybean promotion, research, and consumer information act, USDA commodity promotion programs, cotton research and promotion, wheat marketing problems, livestock marketing, new peanut marketing system, establishing a national commission on food marketing, fruit and vegetable marketing, industrial uses for agricultural products, meat promotion program, national turkey marketing act, federal marketing quotas for wheat

405: Animal and Crop Disease and Pest Control

Examples: USDA regulation of plant and animal mailing to prevent the spread of diseases, control of animal and plant pests, pork industry swine disease eradication program, virus protection for sheep, grasshopper and cricket control programs on farmland, USDA response to the outbreak of citrus disease in Florida, eradication of livestock diseases, brucellosis outbreak in cattle, USDA integrated pest management program, toxic contamination of livestock, fire ant eradication program, proposed citrus blackfly quarantine, predator control problems, biological controls for insects and diseases on agricultural crops, eradication of farm animal foot and mouth diseases

See also: for pollution effects of pesticides see 704; for pesticide residues on foods see 403

498: Agricultural Research and Development

Examples: condition of federally funded agricultural research facilities, USDA nutrition research activities, USDA agricultural research programs, regulation of research in agricultural biotechnology programs, organic farming research, potential uses of genetic engineering in agriculture, agricultural research services, research on aquaculture

499: Other

Examples: methodologies used in a nationwide food consumption survey, agricultural weather information services, federal agricultural census, designate a national grain board, home gardening, redefinition of the term "farm "

5. Labor, Employment, and Immigration

500: General (includes combinations of multiple subtopics)

Examples: Department of Labor budget requests and appropriations, assess change in labor markets to the year 2000, human resources development act, recent decline in the number of manufacturing jobs, national employment priorities, employment security administration

financing, current labor market developments

501: Worker Safety and Protection, Occupational and Safety Health Administration (OSHA)
Examples: mine safety regulations, lead exposure risks during construction activities, improving OSHA safety and health programs, petrochemical plant worker safety, repetitive motion illnesses in the workplace, OSHA penalties and procedures for violations resulting in employee death or disability, investigation of a fatal fire at a chicken processing plant in North Carolina, construction safety standards, improve procedures for occupational health hazards identification, identification of high-risk diseases in the work place, worker protection at Superfund clean-up sites, drug and alcohol abuse in the work place, compensation for occupational diseases, safety at DOE nuclear facilities

502: Employment Training and Workforce Development

Examples: job training partnership acts (JPTA), job opportunities and basic skills training programs, federal aid for job retraining, job displacement programs among timber workers, workforce 2000 employment readiness act, elderly workers and job re-training, DOL bonuses to states for training and employment of long-term welfare recipients, displaced homemakers vocational and education assistance, national employment priorities act, work incentive programs, manpower and employment problems in Cleveland, manpower development and training act, public service jobs for unemployed

503: Employee Benefits

Examples: underfunded pension plans and pension plan protection, emergency unemployment compensation, retiree health benefits, guarantees of retirement annuities, employee stock ownership plans, fraud and abuse in employee sponsored health insurance programs, minimum health benefits for employees, pension benefit guarantee corporation, voluntary employee leave sharing program, unemployment compensation system financing, worker compensation ratemaking reform, tax treatment of employee fringe benefits, disability insurance legislation, railroad employment benefits

See also: 2004 federal employee benefits

504: Employee Relations and Labor Unions

Examples: labor-management relations in the coal industry, striker replacement legislation, national rail strike, operations of the NLRB, federal agency guidelines for worker dispute resolution, unions and collective bargaining problems, FAA regulation of flight attendant work and rest periods, federal mediation of railway employee strike, fair labor standards, labor law reform and unfair labor practices, terms of office for local labor union officers, harbor workers compensation act, investigation into the causes of labor disputes, notification of plant closures or layoffs

See also: 1926 International Labor Organization; 1202 illegal activities of labor unions

505: Fair Labor Standards

Examples: minimum wage regulation for federal contracts, increase the minimum wage rate, enforcement of wage and hour standards, require contractors to pay wages at the rate in

locality where the construction occurred, fair labor standards act, application of the fair labor standards act in Puerto Rico, penalties on employers for overtime work requirements

506: Youth Employment and Youth Job Corps Programs

Examples: youth employment through conservation projects, increase youth participation in job training centers, youth employment regulation and protection, voucher system to promote youth service programs, youth involvement in community service programs, summer youth education and employment programs, job training for disadvantaged youths

See also: 501 child labor safety

508: Parental Leave and Child Care

Examples: family and medical leave act, child care assistance programs, child care for low and moderate income families, meeting the child care needs of working parents, affordability of insurance for day care centers, parental and medical leave, child care placement assistance for working parents

529: Migrant and Seasonal workers, Farm Labor Issues

Examples: migrant and seasonal worker housing, national office for migrant farm workers, migrant children's nutrition and education needs, improvement of migrant living and working conditions, social and economic problems of migrant workers, migrant workers and their effect on American labor, Mexican farm labor programs, migratory labor bills, health clinics for migratory farm workers, farm labor supply programs

530: Immigration and Refugee Issues

Examples: immigration of Cuban refugees to the U.S., refugee resettlement appropriations, HHS authority over immigration and public health, INS enforcement of immigration laws, legalization procedures for illegal immigrants, assessment of Haitian refugee detention by the U.S., immigration and education issues for aliens, adjusting visa allocations based on applicant job skills, DOL certification process for foreign engineers working in the U.S., denial of visas to political refugees, political refugees in the U.S., appropriations for the INS
See also: 1524 tourism; 1929 passport issues

599: Other

Examples: discontinuance of monthly press briefings by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, worker alienation research, materialism and the American family work ethic, DOL automatic data processing system

6. Education

600: General (includes combinations of multiple subtopics)

Examples: Department of Education appropriations, state of education in the U.S., education programs development, education quality, national education methods, impact of education budget cuts, white house conference on education

601: Higher Education

Examples: student loan reform, reauthorization of the higher education act, higher education student financial aid programs, violations of NCAA regulations by some colleges, direct loan programs for graduate students, student loan fraud and default, role and financial need of black colleges and universities, Montgomery GI bill, military education, veterans education assistance, foreign students at U.S. military academies, rising costs of operating higher education institutions, improving the quality of higher education, Pell Grant eligibility changes, status of university endowments in light of federal aid reduction to higher education, national defense education act

See also: 1611 military education

602: Elementary and Secondary Education

Examples: federal elementary and secondary education programs, school funding disparities, education choice programs, high school dropout intervention programs, certification standards for public school teachers, impact of federal budget cuts on school districts, elementary and secondary school student discipline problems, the safe schools act, school lunch programs, construction assistance for school facilities, high school scholarship programs

603: Education of Underprivileged Students

Examples: Head Start programs, teaching disadvantaged students, Even Start Education Act, education needs of Hispanics--bilingual education needs, DOE grants to improve skills of economically disadvantaged students, effects of Head Start on later performance, adult literacy programs, combating adult illiteracy in the U.S., Head Start grant allocation formula, education for children from low income homes, enrichment programs for disadvantaged secondary school students

See also: 201 school desegregation efforts

604: Vocational Education

Examples: appropriations for vocational education programs, federal aid for vocational training, technical and vocational education programs, vocational aid program requirements, impact of proposed budget cuts on vocational education, vocational and occupational education

606: Special Education

Examples: education programs for the deaf, DOE grants for early intervention services for disabled infants and toddlers, appropriations for Education of the Handicapped Act, progress in implementing program for learning disabled youth, handicapped education, free public

education for the handicapped, education assistance for the blind

607: Special Secondary Education Programs

Examples: promotion of excellence in education, promotion of science and math education, education standards and testing, improvement of science education facilities, increase foreign language competency in U.S. schools, programs to promote teacher excellence, grants for improving computer education in schools, establish centers for gifted and talented students, use of telecommunications to share teaching resources, grants for library construction, federal library program developments, public library facilities

609: Arts and Humanities

Examples: Appropriations for NEA, NEH, Department of Interior loans for performing arts at parks, national endowment for local arts development programs, federal role in funding arts programs, federal funding for the Kennedy Center, White House conferences on the arts and humanities

See also: 1707 public broadcasting; 1798 NSF funding

698: Research and Development

Examples: education research appropriations, Department of Education research and development programs, research on education technology

699: Other

Examples: propriety of a video tape made by the Department of Education (DOE), DOE internal problems, review National Center for Education Statistics activities, dismissal of Education Appeal Board cases, retirement and lifelong learning

7. Environment

700: General (includes combinations of multiple subtopics)

Examples: EPA, CEQ, ERDA budget requests and appropriations, implementation of the Clean Air Act, review of EPA regulations, Environmental Crimes Act, U.S. policies and international environmental issues, requirements for states to provide source pollution management programs, EPA pollution control programs, Comprehensive Environmental Response Act, environmental implications of the new energy act, environmental protection and energy conservation, adequacy of EPA budget and staff for implementing pollution control legislation

701: Drinking Water Safety

Examples: Clean Water Act, EPA water pollution abatement, pesticides in groundwater, lead contamination of drinking water, drinking water safety programs, comprehensive program to assess the quality of the nation's groundwater, drinking water availability, dioxin levels in drinking water

703: Waste Disposal

Examples: interstate waste disposal, solid waste management, federal management of municipal waste, municipal sewage problems, EPA municipal sewage treatment construction grants program, recovery of energy from municipal solid waste

704: Hazardous Waste and Toxic Chemical Regulation, Treatment, and Disposal

Examples: EPA administration of the Superfund program, hazardous waste sites cleanup, hazardous materials transportation, international movement of hazardous waste, insurance company liability for cleanup costs of hazardous waste sites, DOT routing of ultra hazardous cargoes, hazardous waste landfills, possible sites for nuclear waste repositories, toxic substances control and regulation, advance notice of hazardous of hazardous material storage for firefighters, pesticides regulation

705: Air pollution, Global Warming, and Noise Pollution

Examples: Clean Air Act, air quality issues affecting national parks, EPA regulation of chemical plant emissions, costs and effects of chronic exposure to low-level air pollutants, ambient air quality criteria, global warming, national action plan for reducing greenhouse emissions, ozone layer depletion, national program to control acid rain, effects of chlorofluorocarbons on the ozone layer, regulation of automobile emissions, EPA noise control programs

707: Recycling

Examples: recycling contaminated materials, beverage container recycling, state and local recycling efforts, promotion of recycling as a means of reducing solid waste, resource conservation and recycling

708: Indoor Environmental Hazards

Examples: radon awareness and disclosure act, indoor air quality and radon abatement legislation, lead exposure reduction, childhood lead poisoning prevention, public schools asbestos inspections, management and control of asbestos in government buildings, EPA programs relating to indoor air contamination, airliner cabin air quality, health effects of exposure to low level radiation from video display terminals, EPA regulation of indoor disinfectants

709: Species and Forest Protection

Examples: endangered species protection act, gray wolf restoration, protection of spotted owls, exotic bird conservation, protection of performance animals, regulation of trapping devices, bald eagle protection, regulation of laboratory animals, fish and wildlife protection and management programs, marine mammal protection, Bristol Bay fisheries protection, fishery conservation and management, salmon conservation issues, sport fish restoration programs, protection of certain tuna species, scientific findings on late-successional forest ecosystems, old growth forest protection, wilderness refuge protection, control of illegal trade in animals and plants

See also: ; 1902 international agreements on resource/wildlife conservation; 2101 national parks; 2103 public lands management; 2103 conveyance of fish hatcheries from federal to

state governments

710: Coastal Water Pollution and Conservation

Examples: preservation of wetlands, regulation of ocean dumping, pollution from cruise ships, marine plastic pollution control, marine sanctuaries appropriations, pollution in the Chesapeake Bay, protection of coral reef systems, Columbia river water pollution, coastal barrier improvement, coastal erosion and management, federal and state coastal zone protection policies, toxic pollution in the great lakes, regulation of the incineration of hazardous wastes at sea, oil spills

See also: 2104 water resources development

711: Land and Water Conservation

Examples: land and water conservation fund amendments, USDA soil conservation promotion, soil conservation for watershed projects, topsoil conservation standards, water supply problems, federal-state water resources rights, beach erosion, conservation reserve program

See also: 2104 water resources development

798: Research and Development

Examples: environmental research and development programs, EPA research and development appropriations, global climate change research, ocean research using satellite technology, marine biotechnology research

799: Other

Examples: abolishing the council on environmental quality, environmental consequences of nuclear war, EPA capability for forecasting future environmental problems, environmental impact statements, report of the Council on Environmental Quality

8. Energy

800: General (includes combinations of multiple subtopics)

Examples: Department of Energy (DOE) budget requests and appropriations, DOE and NRC budget requests and appropriations, national energy security policy, U.S. energy goals, U.S. energy supply and conservation, regulation of natural gas and electricity, impact of taxation on national energy policy, global energy needs, emergency plans for energy shortages, promotion of energy development projects, long-range energy needs of the U.S., energy capital requirements, establish the DOE, energy advisory committees

See also: 2104 for energy and water development projects

801: Nuclear Energy and Nuclear Regulatory Commission Issues

Examples: Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Atomic Energy Commission budget requests and appropriations, nuclear power licensing reform, nuclear power plant fire safety legislation, U.S. nuclear power policy, safety of nuclear facility storage tanks for high level radioactive waste, revise the claims system for nuclear accidents, standardized design for nuclear power plants, NRC regulation of the TVA nuclear power program, new technologies for safer nuclear reactors, need for international nuclear safety standards, Three Mile Island nuclear plant accident, state of the atomic energy industry, atomic energy patents, fusion energy act, ERDA

See also: 501 nuclear worker safety; 1614 defense related nuclear waste; 704 nuclear waste

802: Electricity and Hydroelectricity

Examples: Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) budget requests and appropriations, electric power plant construction, hydroelectric project licensing, hydroelectric power development, utility payment reform, FERC licensing of electric power plants, rural electrification programs, ability of rural electric cooperatives to provide adequate power, BPA electric power rates and ratemaking procedures, electric utility rate reform and regulation improvement, regional shortages of electric power, financial management of the TVA, electric utilities financial problems, regulation of electric power plants use of natural gas, vulnerability of U.S. electric power systems to accidents, increase in rural electric rates, emergency sales of electric power, impact of inflation and recession on the electric utility industry

803: Natural Gas and Oil (Including Offshore Oil and Gas)

Examples: natural gas regulation, natural gas pipeline safety issues, Trans-Alaska pipeline development, natural gas and oil exploration on federal lands, estimates of natural gas reserves in the U.S., state jurisdiction of the transportation of natural gas, offshore gas and oil leasing, outer continental shelf lease cancellation and compensation process, collection and dissemination of information on winter heating fuels, oil prices and demand, gasoline price increases, OPEC crude oil prices, oil shortages, increase in world oil prices, long-term outlook of the world oil supply, oil imports and foreign commission payments, administration's gasoline rationing program, oil imports and energy security, foreign oil production and consumption, oil shale mining claims and regulation, estimating domestic oil production, royalty and value calculation procedures for oil and gas produced on federal lands., petroleum storage facility fire prevention and safety, strategic petroleum reserve
See also: 2103 public lands management (including mineral resources of the outer continental shelf); 710 oil spills

805: Coal

Examples: DOE clean coal program, clean coal technologies, regulation of coal slurry pipelines, extent and recoverability of U.S. coal reserves, Great Plains coal gasification project, regulation of federal land leases for the extraction of coal, federal standards for surface coal mining, coal imports

806: Alternative and Renewable Energy

Examples: hydrogen and renewable energy programs, promotion of solar and geothermal power, promotion of alternative fuels for automobiles, issues of ethanol gasoline, biomass fuel and wind energy programs, ocean thermal energy research, solar energy development program, assistance for the Synthetic Fuel Development Corporation, loans for alcohol fuel research, geothermal leases on federal lands

807: Energy Conservation

Examples: energy efficiency in the U.S. government, home energy efficiency programs, community energy efficiency act, energy conservation in cities, energy conservation standards for household appliances, establish building energy performance standards, diesel fuel and gasoline conservation act, promotion of carpooling, daylight savings time extensions, motor vehicle fuel efficiency

898: Research and Development:

Examples: national energy research and development policy, DOE energy technology research and development, energy storage research and development programs, role of national laboratories in energy research and development

899: Other

Examples: DOE and EPA use of consultants, energy materials and equipment allocation, standby energy authority legislation, future requirements for energy data, establish the institute for long-range energy analysis

10. Transportation

1000: General (includes combinations of multiple subtopics)

Examples: Department of Transportation (DOT) and National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) requests and appropriations, budget requests and appropriations for multiple agencies (NTSB, FAA, CAB), surface transportation programs, national transportation policy, rural transportation needs, adequacy of transportation systems, Interstate Commerce Commission policies and procedures, impact of budget cuts on DOT programs, highway and mass transit programs, transportation assistance programs, high-speed ground transportation systems
See also: 1003 budget requests and appropriations for FAA and CAB

1001: Mass Transportation and Safety

Examples: mass transit grant programs, development of new urban public bus system, financial condition of the inter-city bus industry, emergency subsidies to urban mass transportation programs, metro-rail safety, public transportation

1002: Highway Construction, Maintenance, and Safety

Examples: National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) budget requests and appropriations, federal aid for highway construction, highway safety and design, highway trust fund surplus, national maximum speed limit laws, pavement deterioration of

highways in Florida, freeway problems in California, federal funding for bridge maintenance projects, highway user taxes, increase vehicle weight and width limitations on interstate highways, defense highway needs, control of advertising on interstate highways, infrastructure development, bridges

1003: Airports, Airlines, Air Traffic Control and Safety

Examples: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) budget requests and appropriations, aviation safety issues, financial condition of the airline industry, uses of satellite technology in aviation, FAA delay in procurement of air traffic control equipment, development of new commercial aircraft, commercial air service restrictions, airline compliance with FAA safety regulations, nationwide airport expansion needs, FAA regulation of aircraft noise, FAA air traffic controller standards, airlines fares and services, airplane crash liability standards, problems with airline computer reservation systems, air traffic control computer failures, oversight of CAB practices and procedures, CAB regulation of charter air carriers, rates and fares of foreign air transportation, federal airport construction aid

1005: Railroad Transportation and Safety

Examples: AMTRAK budget requests and appropriations, federal railroad safety inspection and enforcement programs, development of high speed passenger rail transportation, growth of regional railroads, sales of short line and regional railroads, ICC rail rate regulation, AMTRAK passenger safety issues, freight rail industry regulation, Northeast Rail Service Act, shortage of railroad cars for commodity transportation, revitalization of Northeast Corridor rail properties, railroad deregulation

1006: Truck and Automobile Transportation and Safety

Examples: trucking industry regulation, establish a national system of licensing for truck and bus drivers, truck safety audit and investigation procedures, prohibition of tandem trucks, size and weight limitations for trucks on interstate, impact of federal regulations on independent truckers, long and short haul trucking provisions, regulation of freight forwarders, ICC regulation of the trucking industry, motor vehicle safety issues, auto industry development of airbags, motor vehicle information programs, automobile safety belt usage, automobile crash testing and standards, economic status of automobile manufacturing, all-terrain vehicle safety, trucking industry deregulation, efforts to reduce drunk driving

See also: 705 automobile emissions regulation, automobile CAFE standards

1007: Maritime Issues

Examples: U.S. Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, and Federal Maritime Commission budget requests and appropriations, cargo liability limits and the carriage of goods by sea, cargo preference laws, revitalization of the maritime industry, commercial fishing vessel safety, navigation safety issues, cruise ship safety, commercial shipbuilding industry, navy policies on transportation of military cargo by Merchant Marine, financing construction of merchant ships, maritime freight industry regulation, intercoastal shipping act, regulation of ocean shipping rates, Great Lakes pilotage, small boat safety, Coast Guard operation of ocean

weather stations, navigation rules on inland waterways

See also: 1902 international fishing and wildlife agreements; 1915 Panama Canal; 2104 port development and construction

1010: Public Works (Infrastructure Development)

Examples: budget requests and appropriations for public works and civil works projects, transportation infrastructure improvements, civil works and energy projects, public works investment needs, local public works employment projects, local public works capital development and investment act

See also: 800 energy project; 2104 water resources development

1098: Research and Development

Examples: surface transportation research and development, DOE requests for transportation research and development funding, research and development in ground transportation

1099: Other

12. Law, Crime, and Family Issues

1200: General (includes combinations of multiple subtopics)

Examples: emerging criminal justice issues, administration of criminal justice, revision of the criminal justice system, role of the U.S. commissioner in the criminal justice system

1201: Executive Branch Agencies Dealing With Law and Crime

Examples: Judiciary, Department of Justice (DOJ), FBI, ATF, and Customs budget requests and appropriations, U.S. federal marshals witness protection program, review of FBI programs, improving criminal justice information systems at the state and local level, computerizing criminal records for nationwide law enforcement access, law enforcement assistance programs, ATF gang information network, debt collection by the DOJ, Secret Service protection of government officials

See also: 1800 U.S. Customs appropriations

1202: White Collar Crime and Organized Crime

Examples: Asian organized crime activities in the U.S., racketeering control, organized crime in Atlantic City, organized crime in labor unions, white collar crime in the oil industry, RICO penalties, gambling and organized crime, president's commission on organized crime, credit card counterfeiting and fraud legislation, corporate criminal liability, prosecution of organized crime labor racketeering cases, cigarette bootlegging

See also: 1203 drug related money laundering

1203: Illegal Drug Production, Trafficking, and Control

Examples: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) appropriations, national drug control strategy, federal interagency cooperation in drug control border drug interdiction,

international narcotics control strategy, heroin trafficking in China, status of DEA drug interdiction programs, U.S.--South American drug control strategy and cooperation, airborne drug trafficking deterrence, U.S. military involvement in drug interdiction, Coast Guard drug confiscation and search policies, drug trafficking and money laundering, money laundering detection and penalties, federal seizure of drug related property, drug trafficking in New York City, crack-cocaine trafficking in Delaware, legalization of drugs, the relationship between drug trafficking and crime, criminal penalties for drug trafficking

1204: Court Administration

Examples: Judiciary budget requests and appropriations, federal courts administration act, restructuring district courts, construction of new federal courthouse, administration of the federal courts, reorganization of federal courts, reducing the workload of the Supreme Court, reform grand jury procedures, time limits for federal criminal cases, capital punishment procedures, effectiveness of the pretrial services agency, oversight of the Legal Services Corporation, jurisdiction of lawsuits made by foreigners on US companies, criminal fine collection efforts, conditions for pre-trial release, bail guidelines and bail reform, establish and office of the public defender

See also: 1205 parole issues; 1210 criminal sentencing requirements and civil suit guidelines

1205: Prisons

Examples: Federal Bureau of Prisons appropriations and budget requests, Federal Bureau of Prisons programs, halfway house contracts, alternatives to traditional incarceration for criminal offenders, prisoner 'boot' camp proposals, prison overcrowding, prison construction plans and policy, prison violence, shortcomings of the correction system, reform of the present parole system, national correction standards

1206: Juvenile Crime and the Juvenile Justice System

Examples: violent crime involving youth, juvenile justice and delinquency prevention act, juvenile court system, youth criminal activity, homeless and runaway youth assistance programs, crime and violence in schools, adolescent drug use and related criminal activity, juvenile delinquency prevention programs, correlation of unemployment and the crime rate for youth, alternatives to juvenile incarceration, detention and jailing of juveniles

1207: Child Abuse and Child Pornography

Examples: child abuse prevention, national child search system, regulation of child pornography, violence against children, sexual exploitation of children, problems and incidence of missing children, federal efforts to relocate missing children, sexual abuse of children in day care homes, parental kidnapping of their children

1208: Family Issues

Examples: court-ordered child support, battered women and child custody legislation, state of child welfare services, adoption and foster care programs, domestic violence, federal family planning programs, impact of drugs on children and families, aid for abandoned infants and children, teenage pregnancy issues, teenage suicide prevention, family services support for

adoption, family economic problems, consequences of divorce, elderly abuse, domestic violence

1209: Police, Fire, and Weapons Control

Examples: Federal financial assistance to state and local law enforcement, rights of police officers during internal investigations, police misconduct, neighborhood crime reduction programs, arson prevention, handgun control, revise federal gun control laws, seven-day waiting periods for handgun sales, control of explosives

1210: Criminal and Civil Code

Examples: revisions of the federal criminal code, federal crime sentencing disparities, hate crimes sentencing enhancement act, federal rape law reform, judicial sentencing in narcotics cases, sentencing in capital cases, criminal penalties for assaults on firemen and policemen, proposals to abolish the death penalty, apply federal law to crimes committed on aircraft, civil penalty guidelines and limitations

1211: Riots and Crime Prevention

Examples: programs to prevent crimes against women, crimes against the elderly, deterring auto theft, violent crime control, national crime survey, federal criminal diversion programs, compensation programs for victims of violent crime, causes of urban riots and civil disturbances

See also: 1208 domestic violence

1299: Other

13. Social Welfare

1300: General

Examples: Health and Human Services (HHS) and Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) appropriations and budget requests, administration's welfare reform proposals, effectiveness of federal and state public welfare programs, social services proposals, public assistance programs, effects of economic and social deprivation on the psychology of underprivileged persons, social security and welfare benefits reforms

See also: 300 HHS appropriations specific to health; 300 HEW appropriations specific to health; 600 HEW appropriations specific to education

1301: Food Stamps, Food Assistance, and Nutrition Monitoring Programs

Examples: USDA grants to states for women, infant and children (WIC) supplemental food program, childhood hunger relief, child nutrition programs, consumer nutrition awareness, food stamp abuse and fraud, approach to the U.S. hunger problem, USDA school breakfast/lunch program, malnutrition problems among the elderly, food assistance for low income families, coordinate USDA and HHS programs for nutrition monitoring, USDA food programs for the homeless, administration task force on food assistance, food stamp reductions, special milk program eligibility for public schools, national nutrition policy study, food assistance for the elderly, national school lunch act
See also: 349 the role of diets in disease prevention

1302: Poverty and Assistance for Low-Income Families

Examples: Economic Opportunity Act antipoverty programs, programs to alleviate long-term welfare dependency, examine proposals to reform AFDC program, needs of disadvantaged children from low-income families, efforts of Southern states to reduce poverty, mandatory work and training programs for welfare recipients, promotion of economic self-sufficiency for single mothers receiving AFDC benefits, HHS low-income energy assistance programs, budget cut impact on AFDC programs, child care for welfare recipients, earned income credit program
See also: 508 child care; 1204 legal assistance for the poor

1303: Elderly Issues and Elderly Assistance Programs (Including Social Security Administration)

Examples: contributions into the social security fund, Older Americans Act, revise social security retirement earnings test, social security system filing problems, SSA procedures for handling claims for denied benefits, improve social security benefits for older women, social services for the elderly, management of the social security trust funds surplus, reduction of social security benefits, elderly assistance programs under the older Americans act, problems and needs of elderly women, cost of living adjustments for social security benefits, impact of budget cuts on the elderly, social security financing issues, energy cost assistance for the elderly, needs of rural elderly
See also: 311 elderly health issues; 1301 elderly nutrition assistance programs; 1408 elderly housing

1304: Assistance to the Disabled and Handicapped

Examples: residential living programs for the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled, revision of aid to handicapped, Americans with Disabilities Act, technologies for assisting disabled persons, HHS grants for persons with chronic disabilities, needs of the elderly blind, rehabilitation assistance for disabled, programs for the deaf and hearing impaired, independent living programs for the handicapped, federal aid for the mentally ill and retarded, aid to physically handicapped
See also: 205 handicapped access to federal buildings

1305: Social Services and Volunteer Associations

Examples: domestic volunteer service programs, youth volunteer programs, community volunteer programs, providing volunteer services for the elderly, ACTION agency older Americans volunteer programs, federal management of volunteer services, national meals-on-wheels programs, state social services programs, boy scouts of America

See also: 1929 Peace Corps

1399: Other

14. Community Development and Housing Issues

1400: General

Examples: Housing and Urban Development (HUD) budget requests and appropriations, housing and the housing market, HUD policy goals, building construction standards, future of the housing industry, national housing assistance legislation, administration and operation of national housing programs, housing safety standards

1401: Housing and Community Development

Examples: HUD housing and community development programs, HUD loans for neighborhood revitalization efforts, HUD block grants, neighborhood development and preservation, housing and urban development, National Housing Act

See also: 1403 urban economic development; 1405 rural economic development

1403: Urban Economic Development and General Urban Issues

Examples: urban enterprise zones, local partnership act, economic development needs of urban areas, community reinvestment act, urban revitalization, economic problems in various cities, national urban policy, effects of budget cuts on cities, federal role in dealing with urban decline, reducing urban sprawl, New York City financial bailout, model cities programs

See also: 2001 intergovernmental relations

1404: Rural Housing and FmHA Housing Assistance Programs

Examples: management of FmHA rural housing assistance program, FmHA home loan appeals procedure, shortages of low-income rural housing, housing credit needs in rural areas, FmHA management problems, agriculture real estate loans, FmHA farm loans

See also: 1405 rural economic development

1405: Rural Economic Development

Examples: credit assistance and availability for rural economic development, investment in rural areas, rural conditions, Appalachian Regional Development Commission, Economic Development Administration assistance, rural development oversight, economic and social problems of rural America, rural community development, rural telephone assistance

See also: 802 rural electric development

1406: Low and Middle Income Housing Programs and Needs

Examples: housing affordability problems of low and moderate income families, federal housing assistance programs, low-income housing shortages, condominium conversion trends and housing affordability, rent control, deficiencies in public housing projects, budget renewal for HUD's Section 8 program, alleged mismanagement of HUD programs, tenant-management initiatives in public housing projects, HUD management of multi-family housing programs, security in public housing, neighborhood preservation, slum clearance and related problems, multifamily housing projects, housing affordability and availability
See also: 200 fair housing initiatives and discrimination in housing; 1408 elderly housing

1407: Veterans Housing Assistance and Military Housing Programs

Examples: VA home loan guaranty program, use of national service life insurance funds to underwrite mortgage loans to veterans, VA mortgage foreclosures, veterans emergency housing act, low cost rental housing for veterans, sale of permanent war housing to veterans, substandard housing of military personnel, housing in military areas, defense housing act

1408: Elderly and Handicapped Housing

Examples: Elderly housing needs, housing shortages and the elderly, alternative approaches to housing for the elderly, condominiums and the elderly, housing facilities for the elderly and handicapped, adequacy of federal response to housing needs of older Americans

1409: Housing Assistance for Homeless and Homeless Issues

Examples: permanent housing for the homeless, federal aid for the homeless, Homeless Outreach Act, assistance for homeless veterans, lack of housing for homeless and low-income groups, use of emergency assistance funds for housing for homeless families, extent and causes of homelessness in the U.S.

See also: 603 education of homeless children

1410: Secondary Mortgage Market

Examples: FHA mortgage insurance fund, soundness of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and FANNIE MAE, abuses of FHA mortgage programs, mortgage marketing and mortgage credit, FHA to insure loans for residential mobile home purchases, examine the secondary mortgage market for industrial mortgages, FHA mortgage foreclosure procedures
See also: 1504 consumer mortgages

1499: Other

Examples: architectural competition, cellulose home insulation

15. Banking, Finance, and Domestic Commerce

1500: General

Examples: Department of Commerce (DOC) and National Bureau of Standards (NBS) budget requests and appropriations, financial system structure and regulation, DOC reorganization plan, national materials policy, regulatory sunshine act, federal regulation of the economy, Interstate Commerce Act

See also: 1800 Federal Trade Commission

1501: U.S. Banking System and Financial Institution Regulation

Examples: Regulatory burden on financial institutions, FDIC and Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) policies, interstate banking efficiency, RTC procedures for disposal of assets of failed savings and loan banks, FDIC bank insurance fund, banking regulation reform, failed federally insured savings and loan associations, need for financial service industry restructuring, financial institution fraud investigations, savings and loan crisis, FSLIC acquisition of insolvent savings and loan associations, uniform standards for saving institution advertising, standards for U.S. commercial bank foreign loan transactions, Federal Reserve regulation on check clearing systems--limit length of time that banks can hold checks, financial institution deregulation, electronic fund transfer act, interest rate regulation on savings accounts, national credit union administration, operation of federal intermediate credit banks, Reconstruction Finance Corporation

See also: 104 federal reserve board issues; 1202 prosecution of financial institution crimes; 1525 Truth-in-Lending Act

1502: Securities and Commodities Regulation

Examples: Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) budget requests and appropriations, regulation of commodity markets, federal securities regulations, securities laws violations, regulation of commercial bank involvement in the securities market, SEC regulation of corporate bonds, examine stock market volatility problems, municipal bond market regulation, commodity futures trading commission, growth of money market mutual funds, pension fund investment policies, protection for securities investors, amend the Securities Exchange Act, regulation of mutual fund investment companies, financial services industry reform

1504: Consumer Finance, Mortgages, and Credit Cards

Examples: mortgage financing reform, consumer credit protection, real estate settlement procedures, consumer access to credit records, consumer information on credit card interest rates, consumer information on mortgage settlement costs, fraud and abuse among credit repair agencies, adjustable rate mortgages, regulation of credit card solicitations, inaccurate credit bureau information reporting procedures

See also: 1410 government mortgage programs

1505: Insurance Regulation

Examples: fraud and abuse in the insurance industry, insurance industry financial status, effectiveness of state regulation of insurance companies, insurance company failures, automobile insurance affordability and availability, no-fault motor vehicle insurance, life insurance industry regulation, sales of commercial life insurance on military bases, product liability insurance rates

See also: 1523 flood and earthquake insurance

1507: Bankruptcy

Examples: reform of consumer bankruptcy laws, professional fees in bankruptcy cases, bankruptcy code reform, depositor treatment in bankruptcy proceedings of uninsured financial institutions, bankruptcy regulation for farm families, municipal bankruptcy act

See also: 1204 bankruptcy courts

1520: Corporate Mergers, Antitrust Regulation, and Corporate Management Issues

Examples: unfair competition in the tourism industry, meatpacking industry concentration, intellectual property antitrust protection, Sherman Antitrust Act, vertical price-fixing restrictions, price fixing agreements, monopoly problems in regulated industries, limited partnership regulations, foreign acquisition of U.S. firms, corporate management structure, hostile corporate takeovers

See also: 1501 banking deregulation; 1003 airline deregulation; 1005 railroad deregulation; 1006 trucking deregulation; 1706 telephone deregulation; 1526 sports regulation; 803 oil industry deregulation; 1505 insurance industry regulation

1521: Small Business Issues and the Small Business Administration

Examples: Small Business Administration (SBA) budget requests and appropriations promoting small business exports, small business credit availability problems, health insurance cost burden on small businesses, government assistance to small business, federal set aside contracts for small business, small business competitiveness under current liability laws, problems of small businesses complying with EPA regulations, SBA loans to small businesses, impact of deregulation on small trucking businesses, SBA implementation of small business programs for veterans, promotion of women in small business, impact of product liability costs on small business, increases in small business failures, impact of federal regulations on small business, access to capital for small business, government competition with small business

See also: 201 SBA minority business programs; 1523 small business disaster loan programs; 1609 VA small business loans

1522: Copyrights and Patents

Examples: Patent and Trademark Office appropriations, copyrights and telecommunication, biotechnology patent protection, intellectual property rights, copyright infringement remedies, industrial design protection, patents for inventions made in space, copyright protection for computer software, music copyrights, piracy of intellectual property, patent application procedures, trademark use and clarification, home recording of copyrighted material,

performance royalties, patent office fees

1523: Domestic Disaster Relief

Examples: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) budget requests and appropriations, aid for flood disasters, national flood insurance reform, earthquake preparedness, FEMA disaster planning and relief operations, FEMA civil defense programs, FEMA--national fire academy training programs, SBA disaster loans, interest rates on disaster loans, emergency credit extension to farmers in disaster areas, hurricane protection projects

1524: Tourism

Examples: White House conference on tourism, promotion of tourism in the U.S., using tourism to promote development of rural economies, problems for foreign visitors, status of U.S. tourism industry, national tourism programs, regulation of travel agents

See also: 530 immigration and refugee issues; 1929 passport issues

1525: Consumer Safety and Consumer Fraud

Examples: Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) budget requests and appropriations, deceptive mailings and solicitations, consumer reporting reform, auto repair fraud, state consumer protection standards, federal standards for product liability, child car seat safety, infomercials and consumer protection, deceptive ads in the diet industry, telemarketing fraud, debt collection and consumer abuse, penalties for consumer product tampering, the consumer protection advocacy movement, Truth-in-Lending Act, labeling of alcoholic beverages, regulation of deceptive practices in the funeral industry, cosmetic safety, false and misleading advertising

See also: 708 protection from indoor radiation hazards; 1504 fraudulent land sales

1526: Sports and Gambling Regulation

Examples: regulation of greyhound racing, health and safety standards for boxing, promotion of professional standards for boxing, regulation of gambling on vessels, regulation of televised college football, prohibit TV hometown blackouts when games are sold out, regulation of interstate horse racing, status of amateur sports in the U.S., antitrust immunity for professional sports teams

1599: Other

Examples: conversion to the metric system, emergency chlorine allocation, daylight savings time, uniform time standards

16. Defense

1600: General

Examples: Department of Defense budget requests and appropriations (DOD), Department of the Air Force, Army, or Navy appropriations, armed services bills covering multiple subtopics, DOD operations and maintenance, defense production act, reorganization of the

DOD, status of the national military establishment, establishment of the DOD
See also: 1701 NASA\DOD issues

1602: U.S. and Other Defense Alliances, U.S Security Assistance

Examples: NATO strategy and U.S. military presence in Europe, Japan-U.S. joint military operations, mutual security acts, changes in the Soviet Union and the future of NATO, NATO defense capabilities in Europe, Warsaw Pact status, Soviet Union and China defense and economic development needs, Soviet strategic force developments, U.S. military commitments to NATO, NATO military equipment, Southeast Asia collective defense treaty, inter-American military cooperation act, security assistance

1603: Military Intelligence, CIA, Espionage

Examples: foreign economic espionage, U.S. intelligence reorganization, congressional oversight of U.S. covert intelligence activities, DOD security review commission, intelligence activities of Soviet-bloc diplomats, CIA funds for the support of Nicaraguan rebels, leaks of classified defense information, national intelligence act, CIA estimates of Soviet defense spending, role of the national security advisor, foreign intelligence electronic surveillance, organized subversion in the U.S. armed forces, communist bloc intelligence activities in the U.S., CIA illegal involvement in Chile, testimony of a KGB defector, intelligence reports on the necessity of ABM missile deployment, workings of the Cuban intelligence network, recent Soviet navy and military activities in Europe, CIA employee retirement and disability system, U.S defense strategies, national security acts, national security council briefings, threats to U.S. interests, Soviet Union and China military capabilities

1604: Military Readiness, Coordination of Armed Services Air Support and Sealift Capabilities, and National Stockpiles of Strategic Materials

Examples: DOD plans for modernization of nuclear forces, military sealift performance in the Persian Gulf War, defense mobilization requirements of domestic industries, DOD efforts to improve defense communication systems, national defense stockpiles, strategic force modernization requirements, integration of military traffic management and military sealift command, U.S. military readiness, DOD combat readiness programs, DOD mobility fuel requirements, fleet readiness, test and evaluation of the armed forces, shortages of essential materials, stockpiling of critical materials, disposal of various stockpiled materials, military air transportation readiness, defense production act

See also: 803 strategic petroleum reserves; 1616 defense industry

1605: Arms Control and Nuclear Nonproliferation

Examples: Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) budget requests and appropriations, nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction, destruction of nuclear weapons in the Soviet Union, North Korean nuclear program, U.S. arms control policies, nonproliferation of chemical weapons, nuclear testing moratorium, DOE export controls of nuclear production material, arms export controls, arms reduction agreements between NATO and the Warsaw Pact, international ban on chemical weapons, global spread of chemical and biological weapons, prevention of sale of weapons system to Japan, START arms control

treaty, conventional forces reduction, violation of arms control agreements, nuclear proliferation in developing countries, implication of INF treaty for NATO, Soviet Salt II treaty violations, UN report on nuclear proliferation, arms trade in the western hemisphere, nuclear exports to India, U.S.-Soviet arms race control, EURATOM agreements, atomic weapons research and development

See also: 1803 chemical and advanced technologies export control

1606: Military Aid and Weapons Sales to other Countries

Examples: military assistance to other countries, conventional arms sales policies, sale of f-15 aircraft, commercial military sales, donation of an obsolete aircraft carrier, proposed sale of weapons, DOD costs related to sales of military equipment to foreign countries, sale of decommissioned ships

See also: 1901 for economic and military aid

1608: Manpower, Military Personnel and Dependents (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines), Military Court

Examples: DOD authorization requests for armed forces personnel strength levels, military personnel issues, child care programs at military installations, armed forces staffing requirements, imminent danger pay for those serving in the Persian gulf, DOD morale, welfare, and recreation programs, DOD officer promotion procedures, shortage of affordable housing for military families, benefits for military retiree spouses, special pay to encourage personnel retention, survivor benefit plans, defense officer personnel management act, status of army manpower, selective service system funding, unionization of military personnel, military courts, enlistment bonuses for service in a critical skill, increase flight pay for military aviators, recruiting and retention of military personnel, life insurance for military personnel, various personnel issues during W.W.II, Americans missing or prisoner in Asia, POW's in Vietnam, live sightings of U.S. prisoners of war, retired military personnel issues

See also: 315 military health care; 601 GI Bill and military academies

1609: VA Issues

veterans programs budget requests, veteran's benefit claims, VA national cemetery system, veteran's job training, illness of Persian Gulf veterans, disabled veterans compensation, VA board of appeals adjudication procedures, VA benefits eligibility, compensation for veterans, cost of living adjustments for veterans, delays in processing veterans claims, problems faced by Vietnam era veterans, federal services for women veterans, VA life insurance programs, reorganization of veteran's food service operations, military retiree benefit plans, small business loans to veterans, consolidation of the veterans administration, veterans readjustment assistance act

See also: 315 veterans health care; 601 VA education benefits; 1407 VA housing; 1409 homeless veterans; 2008 designating/naming VA medical centers

1610: Military Procurement and Weapons System Acquisitions and Evaluation

Examples: DOD budget requests and appropriations for procurement of weapons, DOD procurement process, DOD aircraft procurement, funding for the B-2, shipbuilding and

conversion programs, weapons system testing and evaluation, DOD contracting for support services, procurement of the Navy SSN-21 attack submarine, DOD purchasing and control of military supplies, contracting out of core logistic activities, M-16 rifle procurement program, health of strategic U.S. Industries

See also: 1604 adequacy of supplies; 1617 oversight of defense contractors and contractor fraud

1611: Military Installations, Construction, and Land Transfers

Examples: military construction budget requests and appropriations, military construction programs, DOD commissary system, military lands withdraw, national war college restoration act, Fort Hood land acquisition, expansion of U.S. military bases in Spain, construction of bridges by the military, management of military clubs, military land conveyances, military real estate projects, national defense facilities act, military housing supplies, disposal of military property, construction of ordinance facilities, construction of military academies, DOD real estate acquisitions, disposal of synthetic rubber facilities, sale of military stores to civilian employees, war plants disposal

1612: National Guard and Reserve Affairs

Examples: reserve officer personnel management, army reserve force structure, deactivation problems of reserve units participating in Desert Storm, management of military reserve vessels, management of reserve air fleet, national guard tort claims, survivor benefits for reservists, reserve members payments for life insurance, national guard retirement credit, reserve pay, flight training for ROTC, status of reserve facilities, promotion system for reserve officers, composition of the naval reserve

See also: 601 ROTC college education

1614: Military Nuclear and Hazardous Waste Disposal, Military Environmental Compliance

Examples: environmental crimes at rocky flats nuclear weapons facility, radioactive and chemical contamination at nuclear weapons facility, disposal of defense related wastes, hazardous waste identification at military bases, navy shipboard waste disposal policy, nuclear site decontamination, DOD compliance with the clean air act, DOE nuclear weapons hazardous waste management, army disposal of chemical weapons stockpile, DOD shipment of toxic chemicals by rail, radioactive spills at an air force base, uranium mill tailings radiation control act, environmental impacts of MX missile siting

See also: 704 nonmilitary hazardous waste disposal

1615: Civil Defense (war related)

Examples: radiological emergency planning, civil reserve air fleet, federal civil defense act, effects of limited nuclear warfare, federal fallout shelter construction, civil defense air raid shelter program, civil defense for national survival, civil air patrol, dept. of the army appropriations for civil functions

See also: 1523 FEMA domestic (weather related) disaster relief

1616: DOD Civilian Personnel, Civilian Employment by the Defense Industry, Military Base

Closings

Examples: assist workers affected by defense spending cuts, assist communities affected by DOD facilities closures, peacetime conversion of defense industry, base closure recommendations, maintenance of the U.S. defense industrial base, defense industry employment, protection of DOD civilian employees

1617: Oversight of Defense Contracts and Contractors

Examples: defense contract audit agency, management and pricing of DOD defense contracts, overpricing by DOD contractors, defense procurement fraud, DOD inventory control system problems, defense contractor financial data reporting requirements, inventory control and accounting procedures used by Bell Helicopter, DOD employees ethics program, DOD contractors health insurance reimbursement policy, prosecution of fraudulent defense contractors, problem of product substitution by defense contractors, establish system for documenting defense contractor performance, fraud/cost overruns at General Dynamics, quality assurance problems at Hughes missile production facility, Navy spare parts procurement overpricing, DOD contract profit policy, DOD contract award procedures, review of military catalogue supply system, employment of DOD personnel by defense contractors

1619: Direct War Related Issues

Examples: appropriations for military operations in Vietnam, U.S. relations with Laos, cost of the Vietnam War, impact of the Vietnam War, war-related civilian problems in Laos and Cambodia, air war against North Vietnam, Gulf of Tonkin incidents, U.S.-Laotian security relations, military strategy in the Korean War, military supplies and equipment in Korean War, ammunition shortage in Korean War, Korean War mobilization programs, prisoners of war, Geneva convention for protection of POW's, elimination of German resources for war, shipment of war relief supplies, Pearl Harbor attack, war assets administration, investigation of the Katyn Forest massacre, closing of overseas bases

See also: 1620 settlement of war related claims against the U.S. Government

1620: Relief of Claims against U.S. Military:

Examples: refunds or settlements for military dependents, relief of citizen injuries caused by the military, refunds for veterans, return of confiscated property, settlement of damage claims caused by war, foreign claims settlement

1698: Research and Development (R&D)

Examples: DOD budget requests and appropriations for research and development, advanced materials research, laser technology, R&D on aerospace plane, office of Naval research, tilt rotor technology, DOD testing of airborne radar jammer, nuclear weapons R&D

1699: Other

Examples: issues arising from the explosion aboard the U.S.S. Iowa, resolution honoring a DOD staff director, army helicopter safety, government liability for atomic weapons testing, environmental consequences of nuclear war, army food irradiation program, national defense

education act, military commemorative legislation, including the award of military medals and commemoratives

See also: 2101 military parks and memorials

17. Space, Science, Technology and Communications

1700: General

Examples: Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Office of Science and Technology Policy budget requests and appropriations, science and engineering personnel requirements for the 1990s, U.S. technology policy, FCC oversight review, reorganization of the FCC, national engineering and science policy, automation and technological change, FCC regulation of multiple subtopics (TV, telephone, cable, etc.)

See also: 1798 NSF research funding

1701: NASA, U.S. Government Use of Space, Space Exploration Agreements

Examples: NASA budget requests and appropriations, NASA administrative issues, president's proposal for the space station Freedom, costs of the space station, national aerospace plane technology, policy goals for NASA space programs, problems with the Hubble Space Telescope, nuclear power and space exploration, review the space shuttle Challenger accident, international space policy, shuttle deployment of satellites, U.S. space cooperation with the Soviets, NASA satellite communications, Skylab 1 mechanical difficulties, Apollo 16 mission report, status of the Apollo program, NASA-DOD space programs budget requests and appropriations, DOD-NASA national aerospace plane program, NASA and DOD space launch vehicle requirements, missile development and space science

1704: Commercial Use of Space, Satellites

Examples: international competition in space launch services, U.S. commercial space launch industry, Landsat satellite sale to private sector, encourage private sector development of satellite launch vehicles, status of private investment in space activities, solar power satellite research, earth resources technology satellite program, communication satellites

See also: 1707 satellite TV broadcasting; 1708 weather satellites

1705: Science Technology Transfer, International Scientific Cooperation

Examples: technology transfer improvements act, technology transfer barriers and limitations, science cooperation between U.S. and Latin America, U.S.-East European cooperation in science research, U.S. policy of cooperation with foreign countries on science and technology, international science cooperation, technology transfer from the U.S. government to private industry, U.S.-Japan agreement to conduct more joint science and technology research, Department of Commerce technology transfer activities, international support for supercollider program, university and industry cooperation for technological advancements, create a national scientific information data processing center

See also: 1803 restrictions on exports of high technology

1706: Telephone and Telecommunication Regulation

Examples: national communications infrastructure, mobile communications, telephone network reliability, unauthorized switching of consumers to long distance carriers, international communications regulation, FCC regulation of 1-900 numbers, telecommunication development in rural areas, AT&T regulation, FCC regulation of telephone rates, review FCC awarding of cellular licenses, regulation of interstate telecommunications, telecommunications research and policy development, FCC regulatory practice in telecommunications

See also: 208 telephone privacy; 1525 telephone marketing fraud

1707: Broadcast Industry Regulation (TV, Cable, Radio, and Publishing)

Examples: Public Broadcasting Corporation budget requests and appropriations, FCC regulation of cable, reallocation of radio frequencies from federal to private sector use, FCC regulation of radio, use of TV in the classroom for educational purposes, regulation of violence on TV, closed caption regulation of TV, competitive problems in the cable industry, requirements for transferring radio/TV broadcast licenses, oversight of Board for International Broadcasting, FCC network acquisition approval, national public radio financial problems, establish the committee on film classification, regulation of films and broadcasts demeaning ethnic, racial or religious groups, FCC authority to regulation subscription TV, TV and movie rating system, newspaper industry regulation

See also: 1929 Radio Free Europe program

1708: Weather Forecasting and Related Issues, NOAA, Oceanography

Examples: NOAA budget requests and appropriations, modernization of the national weather service, weather forecasting and warning technologies, NOAA and NASA global change research program, NOAA ocean research vessels, geological surveys of the U.S., agriculture weather information service, tornado forecasting and detection, status of the federal oceanographic fleet, adequacy of the national weather service severe storm forecasting, earthquake prediction and research, ocean and marine resources programs, U.S. marine and atmospheric science programs, arctic weather reporting stations

See also: 710 protection of marine environments.

1709: Computer Industry and Computer Security

Examples: high-performance computer development, computer viruses, superconductivity research, security standards for government computers, lease of computer software

1798: Research and Development

Examples: National Science Foundation (NSF) budget requests and appropriations, mission of NSF, alleged abuses of federal research grants to universities, federal cooperation with universities for science research, electric and magnetic field research, telecommunications equipment research, metals research and development, DOE superconducting supercollider program, improving research facilities for science in U.S. universities, HDTV research, robotics research

1799: Other

Examples: establish a systematic approach to value engineering, consider various proposals for defining U.S. time zones, sightings of UFOs, establish a national science academy

18. Foreign Trade

1800: General

Examples: Federal Trade Commission (FTC), U.S. Customs, U.S. International Trade Commission, and International Trade Administration budget requests and appropriations, world steel trade trends and structures, various tariff and trade bills, oversight hearings on U.S. foreign trade policy, U.S. trade relations with socialist economies, trade reform act, trade expansion act, tax and trade regulations, customs court issues

See also: 401 foreign agricultural trade

1802: Trade Negotiations, Disputes, and Agreements

Examples: north American free trade agreement (NAFTA), Caribbean basin free trade agreements, U.S. job market implication of NAFTA, GATT final agreement, U.S.-EC meat trade disputes, foreign claims settlement award system, multinational trade negotiations, U.S. and China trade relations, normalize economic relations between U.S. and the former Soviet Union, U.S. and Japanese commercial trade, MFN trading status of China, energy trade between U.S. and Canada, U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement, MFN status for Romania, taxation convention with Pakistan, trading with the enemy acts

1803: Export Promotion and Regulation, Export-Import Bank

Examples: export development administration, compliance with U.S. trade laws related to the Arab boycott, export promotion programs, EX-IM bank export financing programs, restrictions on high technology exports, oil export controls, EPA regulation of waste exports, trade factors affecting U.S. timber exports, tax incentives to encourage exports, encourage formation of export companies, national security export licensing, export control to the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact countries

1804: International Private Business Investments, Overseas Private Investment Corporation

Examples: foreign acquisition of U.S. owned companies, foreign direct investment in the U.S., improve federal coordination of information on foreign investments in the U.S., reciprocal foreign investment protections, promotion of U.S. business investment in developing countries, U.S. private investments in South Africa, review foreign bank takeovers, evaluation of the overseas private investment corporation, investors involvement in illegal payments to foreign officials, activities of American multinational corporations abroad, foreign investment and American jobs, removal of tax barriers as an incentive for increased foreign investments, trade fairs

1806: Productivity and Competitiveness of U.S. Business, U.S. Balance of Payments

Examples: international competitiveness of the U.S. automobile industry, national

competitiveness act fostering technological development, report of the competitiveness council policy, U.S. industrial trade competitiveness, federal role in supporting hi-tech competitiveness, U.S. international economic competitiveness, foreign competition in the banking industry, international competitive status of the U.S. electronics industry
See also: 108 domestic industry productivity

1807: Tariff and Import Restrictions, Import Regulation

Examples: violation of country of origin documentation to avoid import quotas, steel import restrictions, increase of duties on materials to make pipes, expedite Commerce Dept. responses for import restriction requests, restrict import activity that adversely affects industries vital to national security, country of origin labeling requirements, U.S. textiles import quota program, countervailing duty waivers, aviation tariff charges, prohibit importation of Rhodesian chrome, duty-free entry, various tariff proposals, meat import restrictions, antidumping act and import restrictions, import restrictions for the domestic shoe manufacturing industry, import relief for leather industry

1808: Exchange Rates and Related Issues

Examples: Dept. of Treasury exchange rate policy, DOT international financial policy, currency manipulation and foreign exchange rates, exchange value of the dollar, U.S. policy regarding dollar decline in foreign exchange value, impact of exchange rates in U.S. trade, international monetary reform, eurocurrency monetary control, Vietnamese currency transfer legislation, fluctuation of the yen-dollar exchange rate

1899: Other

19. International Affairs and Foreign Aid

1900: General (Department of State and U.S. Information Agency appropriations)

Examples: Department of State and U.S. Information Agency Budget Requests and Appropriations, U.S. foreign policy in view of recent world political developments, U.S. post cold war foreign policy, U.S. foreign policy and national defense issues, international tax treaties, international development and security, the U.S. ideological offensive--changing foreign opinion about the U.S., role of the diplomatic corps in foreign policy development and administration, foreign operations appropriations, information and educational exchange act, require Senate approval of treaty termination, establish the U.S. academy of peace, role of multinational corporations in U.S. foreign policy

1901: U.S. Foreign Aid

Examples: Foreign Assistance budget requests and appropriations, emergency food assistance program, U.S. economic aid to eastern Europe, U.S. foreign aid to the Soviet Union, foreign assistance and Peace Corps programs, U.S. assistance programs in Africa, proposals for financial assistance to Northern Ireland, donation of surplus agriculture products to countries with famine, U.S. international health assistance activities, migration and refugee assistance,

food for peace program, European recovery program , international disaster assistance

1902: International Resources Exploitation and Resources Agreement

Examples: Antarctic environmental protection, prevention of high-seas drift net fishing, U.S. territorial sea boundaries, international agreements on fishing, Antarctic minerals policy, U.S. policy regarding the International Whaling Commission, foreign fishing in U.S. Territorial waters, regulation of exploration and recovery of international seabed hard minerals, north pacific seal fur treaty between the U.S, Canada, Japan, and the Soviets, UN conference on the law of the sea, attempts to outlaw whaling

See also: 700 domestic environmental protection

1905: Developing Countries Issues (for financial issues see 1906)

Examples: developing countries population problems, global hunger and food availability, impact of AIDS on children in developing countries, homeless children in developing countries, international family planning, role of environmental degradation in causing famine, assess elementary and secondary education programs in developing countries, effect of economic development projects on public health in developing countries, infant nutrition education practices, world population growth and its impact on natural resources,

See also: 1911 famine in Africa

1906: International Finance and Economic Development

Examples: International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank, multilateral development bank loans, Inter-American development bank, third world debt problems, Council on International Economic Policy, Agency for International Development (AID), private sector development in Africa, U.S. financial contribution to the IMF, European development and the U.S. economy, promotion of economic development in Latin America, Paris economic summit issues, international financial management systems improvement, economic development in the Caribbean Basin, strategies to alleviate third world debt, world economic situation and U.S. economic policies, international debt and implications for international financial institutions, east-west economic relations, international energy development assistance programs, Bretton Woods agreement increasing U.S. contributions to the IMF

See also: 1901 U.S. foreign aid

1907: China

Examples: U.S. policy towards China, 1989 Chinese student demonstrations, the return of Hong Kong to China, recent political repression in China, China interference with U.S. mail, nuclear energy cooperation with China, U.S. policy regarding China and Taiwan

1908: Soviet Union, Former Republics, Communist Expansion

Examples: current agricultural situation in Russia, financial implications of Soviet economic reform, U.S policy on Ukrainian security, economic conditions in Russia, safety of Soviet Union nuclear plants, Soviet trade and economic policies, use of Soviet propaganda to influence world opinion, Soviet Union treatment of certain religious groups, assessment of Soviet activities in Asia, treaties between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, Soviet activities in

Cuba, military and political rivalry between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, Soviet political leadership and implications for U.S. foreign policy, scope of Soviet activity in the U.S., containing Soviet aggression

See also: 1605 U.S.-Soviet arms agreements; 1901 U.S. foreign aid to republics of the former Soviet Union

1909: Eastern Europe

Examples: U.S. policy toward Afghanistan, conflict between Bosnia and Serbia, environment and energy issues in Eastern Europe, U.S. relations with East Germany, political changes in East Europe, U.S. Hungarian claims settlement agreement, Yugoslavia earthquake and foreign relief assistance, status of nations under communist control, investigation of communist takeover of Hungary, Poland, Lithuania, and Slovakia

1910: Western Europe, Common Market Issues

Examples: U.S. relations with Europe, 1990 German reunification, extradition treaty between U.S., UK and Northern Ireland, political and economic conditions in Europe, tax convention with the UK, Western European union, treaty of friendship and cooperation with Spain, U.S. policy toward Portugal, labor market policy in Sweden, British entry into the Common Market and its implications for the U.S., civil conflict in Northern Ireland, peace treaties with Italy and Romania, treaties with Turkey, Cyprus, and Greece

1911: Africa

Examples: Southern African drought and implications for U.S. policy, AIDS epidemic in Africa, crisis in Somalia, civil war in Liberia, political developments in Mozambique, U.S. policy toward Zaire, famine and civil unrest in Sudan, Somalia, and Ethiopia, prospects for improving food development in Africa, objectives of U.S. involvement in civil war in Angola, State Dept. trip through south and central Africa, health and refugee problems in Africa, U.S. role in opening the Suez Canal

1912: South Africa

Examples: economic sanctions against South Africa, South African war with Namibia, administration policies on apartheid, restrictions for U.S. business in South Africa, world court decision on South Africa's racist policies

1914: Latin America (South America, Central America, Mexico, Caribbean Basin, Cuba)

Examples: political developments in El Salvador, democracy and reconciliation in Nicaragua, Guatemala peace negotiations, democratic reform in Peru and U.S. policy, promotion of democracy in Cuba, U.S. policies and interest in Latin America, U.S. policy toward Central America, violence along the U.S.-Mexican border, political situation in Haiti, U.S. relations with Honduras, prospects for democratic government in Chile, ban on travel to Cuba

1915: Panama Canal Issues and Other International Canal Issues

Examples: Panama Canal Commission appropriations, strategic importance of the Panama Canal, claims for ship damages in the Panama Canal, Panama Canal treaty issues, Panama

Canal traffic and capacity, maintenance and operation of the Canal, development of new transoceanic canal

1919: Asia, Pacific Rim, Australia, and Japan

Examples: U.S. policies in the South Pacific region, U.S. Asia economic relations, U.S. policy toward Hong Kong, U.S. economic embargo on North Vietnam, U.S. policy toward Burma, political developments in the Philippines, U.S. relations with Cambodia, U.S. relations with newly industrialized Asian countries, U.S. relations with New Zealand and Australia, implications of the Union Carbide accident in India, Japanese income tax system, declining political status of Taiwan, U.S.-Japanese relations, Indochina refugee assistance program, humanitarian problems in Korea, political situation in Thailand

1920: Middle East

Examples: political developments in the Middle East, restoration of the Kuwaiti government after the Persian Gulf War, U.S. and international policy toward humanitarian aid to Iraq, Asian responses to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, peace process in the Middle East, U.S. relations with Iran, dispute over the West Bank, hostages in Lebanon, U.S. opposition to PLO application to the World Health Organization, Islamic fundamentalism and implications for U.S. interests in the Middle East, Arab-Israeli conflict

1925: Human Rights

Examples: Human rights abuses in Latin America, human rights abuses in Middle East, war crimes tribunal hearings for Serbs, U.S. international human rights policy, Helsinki Accords human rights agreements, UN report on human rights in Cuba, Soviet human rights issues, government use of torture, human rights violations in Indonesia, worldwide religious persecution

1926: International Organizations other than Finance: United Nations (UN), UNESCO, International Red Cross

Examples: U.N. conference on environment and development, management of the U.N., international labor organization, U.N. peacekeeping forces, termination of U.S. membership in UNESCO, international games for the disabled, international criminal court, UN food and agricultural organization, UN activities in response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, review of U.S. role in the U.N., planning preparation for 1984 summer Olympics, U.N. position on major policy issues, International Health Agency, U.N. report on international housing

1927: Terrorism, Hijacking

Examples: FAA antiterrorist measures, U.S. protection of witnesses of terrorist acts, security of nuclear plants from terrorist attacks, impact of international terrorism on travel, legal mechanisms to combat terrorism, political killings in foreign countries and the international response, West Germany's political response to terrorism, international aircraft piracy

1929: U.S. Diplomats, U.S. Embassies, U.S. Citizens Abroad, Foreign Diplomats in the U.S., Passports

Examples: State Department's management of U.S. embassies, U.S. citizens living abroad, regulation of travel for U.S. citizens, restrictions on foreign diplomatic immunity, Overseas Teacher Act, enhancement of security at U.S. diplomatic missions, reform the foreign service personnel system, U.S. citizens imprisoned in Mexico, passport fraud problems, training of foreign affairs personnel, Voice of America program, Radio Free Europe program, United States Information Agency (USIA), Peace Corps

See also: 1603 espionage

1999: Other

20. Government Operations

2000: General (includes budget requests and appropriations for multiple departments and agencies)

Examples: budget requests for various agencies and independent commissions, budget requests for DOL, HHS, and DOE, appropriations for VA, HUD, and independent agencies, budget requests for DOC, DOS, and DOJ, appropriations for the GSA, budget requests for legislative branch programs, supplemental appropriation bills, appropriations for the Treasury, Postal Service, and general government appropriations, government information plans and policies

2001: Intergovernmental Relations

Examples: federal, state, and local sector role in economic development, exchange of funds from federal to state governments, performance of the advisory committee on intergovernmental relations, general revenue sharing authorization, state implementation of federal bloc grants, general revenue sharing, federal grant management reform, problems with state and local government finances, federal v. state claims to offshore resources

2002: Government Efficiency and Bureaucratic Oversight

Examples: quality improvement strategies, reinventing government--restructuring the public sector, performance standards for federal agency programs, role of the council on competitiveness in regulatory review, agency jurisdiction overlap and reform, financial soundness of government corporations, need to improve government printing practices, government management problems, rule making committees in the development of federal regulations, federal agency use of advisory committees, oversight of the OMB, federal agency internal accounting standards, effort to reduce federal paperwork, allowing industry to comment on proposed federal regulations, decreasing agency reports to Congress, legislative oversight of federal agency programs, proposal to terminate DOE and transfer its functions, government waste and abuse, investigation into mismanagement of the GSA, government reorganization plans, conflicts of interest in regulatory agencies, applying economic analysis to public programs, Inspectors General

See also: appropriations for departments and agencies see topical field

2003: Postal Service Issues (Including Mail Fraud)

Examples: United States Postal Service (USPS) budget requests and appropriations, USPS rental of property, need for additional postal facilities, oversight of USPS operations, USPS budgetary and cost issues, performance of USPS first class delivery, USPS implementation of a nine digit zip code, increase in overseas postal rates, operation and organization of the postal rate service, postal worker injuries, postal worker stress disorders, violence in the USPS, postal reorganization act, USPS efforts to automate mail processing, regulation of mail solicitations, deceptive mailing prevention act, commemorative stamps, annual report of the postmaster general, early retirement of postal employees, day care centers for postal employees, training for postmasters, regulation of obscene mail

See also: 201 racial discrimination in the USPS; 2008 construction of post office buildings

2004: Government Employee Benefits, Civil Service Issues

Examples: federal employee collective bargaining rights, civil service retirement benefits, federal agencies use of temporary employees, White House personnel authorization act, federal employees leave policy, federal and military wage policies, whistle blower protection for federal employees, federal personnel awards, executive personnel exchange, reform of federal employee health benefits, personnel management policies of the Senior Executive Service, tort protection for federal employees, reform pay system for federal workers, early retirement program for federal workers, government personnel training programs, federal employee contribution requirement, personnel performance appraisal system, payroll deductions for federal employees, oversight of the civil service retirement system, cost of living allowances for federal employees, authorize additional GS-16, GS-17, and GS-18 positions, civil service pension fund and interest earnings, pension plans, per diem travel allowance, manpower utilization in the federal government

See also: 200 discrimination in the federal government employment; 2003 postal employees; 2012 political activities of federal employees

2005: Nominations and Appointments

Examples: nominations and appointments for all departments and agencies

2006: Currency, Commemorative Coins, Medals, U.S. Mint

Examples: appropriations for the U.S. Mint, minting of commemorative coins, replacement of one dollar bills with coins, statehood commemorative coins, design of new U.S. currency, George Washington commemorative coin act, Susan B. Anthony dollar, additional mint facilities in Denver, increasing coin production, coin to commemorate the Louisiana purchase, congressional gold medals.

See also: 104 monetary policy, 1699 military medals

2007: Government Procurement, Procurement Fraud and Contractor Management

Examples: appropriations for the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, government procurement system, federal acquisition improvement, arbitration of service contract disputes, DOE contractor management, penalties for federal procurement fraud, GSA auditing of contractor bills, timeliness of federal payments to private vendors, efforts by federal agencies to circumvent the competition in contracting act, federal contract auditing policies, fraud in federal procurement programs, federal consulting service contracts, commission on government procurement, federal contract renegotiation act

See also: 1610 military procurement; 1617 military contractor oversight

2008: Government Property Management

Examples: federal facilities construction, GSA management of public building leases, GSA's capital improvement program, construction projects for federal courthouses, restrict smoking in federal buildings, operating costs of presidential libraries, government office space contract management, DOE property sale authorization, sale of a federal building to San Francisco, donation of surplus federal property to state and local governments, construction of a social security office, relocation assistance and property acquisitions, foreign service buildings act, post office buildings, naming federal buildings, including postal service buildings, federal courthouses, and VA medical centers

2009: IRS Administration

Examples: IRS tax system modernization, IRS employee misconduct, taxpayer assistance and treatment, settlement of disputes between tax payers and IRS, IRS collection of delinquent income taxes, IRS benefit plans regulations, IRS internal management and quality of service, IRS processing of income tax returns, reorganization of the IRS

See also: 107 taxation

2010: Presidential Impeachment & Scandal

Examples: access to materials of the Nixon Administration, CIA involvement in Watergate, pardon of Nixon, transcripts of recorded presidential conversations, statement of information provided by Nixon, legal issues associated with the impeachment of Nixon, Kissinger's role in wiretapping, 1972 presidential campaign activities, special prosecutor and Watergate grand jury legislation, Whitewater, Clinton impeachment, Lewinsky scandal, Travelgate (White House Travel Office)

2011: Federal Government Branch Relations and Administrative Issues, Congressional Operations

Examples: line-item veto proposals, pocket veto issues, constitutional roles of the president and Congress in declaring and waging war, limits on presidential war powers, amendment to permit legislative vetoes, Supreme Court ruling on the legislative veto, presidential claim of executive privilege for withholding information from Congress, continuity of federal government during an emergency, joint committee on the organization of Congress, operation of Congress, reorganization of Congressional committees, honoring retiring House members, presidential transition funding, TV broadcasts of Senate hearings, operation of the Senate Office of Sergeant at Arms, Congressional page system, investigation of a Senator, electronic voting equipment in the Senate, transmittal of executive agreements to Congress, require the president to submit annual social reports to Congress, House rules for debate, creation of a joint committee on the budget, president's emergency powers, impeachment of federal officers other than the President

2012: Regulation of Political Campaigns, Political Advertising, PAC regulation, Voter Registration, Government Ethics

Examples: appropriations for the Federal Election Commission and the Office of Government Ethics, federal election campaign reform, lobbying regulations for former federal employees, regulation of political campaign ads, televising debates on political issues, revising the presidential election campaign fund system, regulation on foreign corporation lobbying, campaign finance reform, political activities of federal employees, financial or business interests of Senate employees, lobbying regulation and general lobbying issues, polling, regulation of the political activities of federal employees

2013: Census

Examples: census bureau budget requests and appropriations, census bureau's population estimates and impact on state funding, census undercounting, census data collection techniques, management of the census, federal statistics collection, counting welfare payments as income on the census, reductions in force at the census bureau

2014: District of Columbia Affairs

Examples: DC budget requests and appropriations, creation of the DC supreme court, DC public school system, health care reform in DC, water quality problems in DC, statehood for DC, transfer ownership of RFK to DC, revise the DC judicial system, overcrowding in DC correctional facilities, DC commuter tax, DC borrowing authority extension, Washington metropolitan area transit authority metrorail construction, DC fiscal problems, drug and crime crisis in DC

2015: Relief of Claims Against the U.S. Government

Examples: Refunds and settlements for individuals and corporations

2030: Federal Holidays

Examples: activities of federal holiday and commemorative commissions, enactment of MLK, Jr. birthday as a national holiday, provide for uniform annual observances of legal public holidays on Mondays, establish Veteran's Day as a holiday

2099: Other

Examples: government check cashing problems, state lottery operations, former members of Congress organization, review winning papers in a high school essay contest, federal audio-visual materials, commemorative legislation

21. Public Lands and Water Management

2100: General

Examples: Budget Requests and Appropriations for the Department of Interior (DOI) and the Bureau of Land Management, proposed plan for the Department of Natural Resources, earth resources and drilling technology, resources planning, resource recovery act, activities and programs of the DOI

2101: National Parks, Memorials, Historic Sites, and Recreation

Examples: Budget requests for the National Park Service and Smithsonian Museums, concessions management at National Parks, Wounded Knee Park and Memorial, park protection legislation, management of Yellowstone Park, National Park Service feasibility study, threats to national parks, establishment of Barrier Island National Park, inclusion of Alaska Lands in the national park system, national forest recreation facilities, national park management issues, river systems recreation assessment, aviation heritage national historic preservation act, community recreation enhancement, recreational boating safety, national African American museum, historical park designation, designation of scenic trails, maintenance on monuments and memorials, granting of federal charters to organizations, proposals for a national visitors center, military parks and memorials, land conveyance for national parks or national memorials

See also: 2103 public lands management

2102: Native American Affairs

Examples: Budget proposals and appropriations for Indian programs, Indian health programs, Indian water claims, federal recognition of Indian tribes, assistance to Indian tribal courts, management of Indian irrigation projects, economic aid for Indian reservations, law enforcement on Indian reservations, Indian participation in government contracting, Indian health care programs, Native Hawaiian children educational problems, Alaskan natives claims settlement, land conveyance involving Native American lands or Native American groups

2103: Natural Resources, Public Lands, and Forest Management,
Examples: Budget requests and appropriations for the Forest Service and the Bureau of Mines, national forest timber sales programs, timber supply stability, forest health and clear-cutting, Colorado wilderness act, wilderness area designation, management of Pacific-Northwest old forest growths, mine reclamation, various public lands bills, forest fire prevention and control, modification of public land boundaries, management of livestock grazing on public lands, public land conveyance bills, enforcement of federal mining standards, wild horse control on public lands, deep seabed mineral resources, development of mineral resources on public lands, mineral exploration and development, conveyance of lands to school districts, conveyance of sewage systems on public lands, protection of archeological resources on public lands, conveyance of fish hatcheries
See also: 709 animal and forest protection; 803 oil and gas leasing; 805 coal leasing; 1611 military land conveyances; 2101 land conveyance for national parks/monuments

2104: Water Resources Development and Research
Examples: Budget requests and Appropriations for civil works programs and the Army Corps of Engineers, budget requests and appropriations for energy and water development projects, Army Corps of Engineers water resources development programs, Mississippi water development, water resources development, appropriations for dam construction, Missouri River Basin irrigation project, Colorado River Basin salinity control program, federal flood control programs, River and Harbor Flood Control Act, energy and water development projects, watershed projects, dredging in the Missouri River, deep water port construction, safety of dams and other water storage and control structures, Upper Snake River irrigation projects, various reclamation projects, reservoir construction, navigation and flood control projects, interstate water compacts,
See also: 711 water and soil conservation; 802 hydroelectricity; 1007 navigation and maritime issues

2105: U.S. Dependencies and Territorial Issues
Examples: future political status of Palau, Puerto Rico statehood issues, federal-territorial relationship between the U.S. and Guam, compact of free association between the U.S. and Pacific island nations, federal policies for economic development of Guam, termination of trusteeship of the Marshall Islands, proposed changes in the constitution of American Samoa, Alaska and Hawaii territorial issues, statehood for Hawaii and Alaska (1959)

2199: Other

24. State and Local Government Administration

26. Weather and Natural Disasters

27. Fires

28. Arts and Entertainment

29. Sports and Recreation

30. Death Notices

31. Churches and Religion

99. Other, Miscellaneous, and Human Interest