

LexisNexis Congressional Hearings Digital Collection

Sample Searches

Complete Retrospective Collection

1. Topic of historical interest: Iran hostage crisis
 - Click Advanced Search tab
 - Enter search term: hostages
 - In: All Fields Except Full Text
 - Search within: All Collections
 - Restrict by Date: All Available Dates
 - Click Search
 - Select a document under "Hearings -- Digital Collection"
2. Topic of historical interest: Kennedy assassination
 - Click Advanced Search tab
 - Enter search term: Kennedy, John F
 - In: All Fields Except Full Text
 - Search within: All Collections
 - Restrict by Date: All Available Dates
 - Click Search
 - Select an "Investigation of the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy" document under "Hearings -- Digital Collection"
3. Topic of historical interest: Three Mile Island nuclear accident
 - Click Advanced Search form
 - Enter search term: Three Mile Island
 - In: All Fields Except Full Text
 - Search within: All Collections
 - Restrict by Date: All Available Dates
 - Click Search
 - Select document from "Hearings -- Digital Collection"
4. Topic of historical interest: Soviet invasion of Afghanistan
 - Click Advanced Search form
 - In first text box, enter search term: Soviet Union
 - In: All Fields Except Full Text
 - In second text box, enter search term: Afghanistan
 - In: All Fields Except Full Text
 - Search within: All Collections
 - Restrict by Date: All Available Dates
 - Click Search
 - Select document from "Hearings -- Digital Collection"
5. Using controlled vocabulary for targeted results
 - Click Advanced Search form
 - Click Index Terms link
 - Select type: Subject Terms
 - Find a term containing: cars
 - Click Find
 - Check "Automobiles and automobile industry" box
 - Click "OK – Paste to Search"
 - In: Subject
 - Search within: All Collections
 - Restrict by Date: All Available Dates
 - Click Search
 - Select document from "Hearings -- Digital Collection"
6. Using Congressional Committees Index term list for targeted results
 - Click Advanced Search form
 - Click Index Terms link
 - Select Issuing Sources tab
 - Select type: Congressional Committees
 - Find a term containing: transportation
 - Click Find
 - Check "Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Senate" box
 - Click "OK – Paste to Search"
 - In: Congressional source
 - Search within: Hearings
 - Restrict by Date: Date is Between Jan. 1, 1978 and Dec. 31, 1980
 - Click Search
 - Select document from "Hearings -- Digital Collection"

7. Searching for a specific title
 - Click Advanced Search form
 - RETRO A: Enter search term: "Asbestos-Related Occupational Diseases"
 - RETRO B: Enter search term: "Occupational Diseases and Their Compensation."
 - In: Title
 - Search within: All Collections
 - Restrict by Date: All Available dates
 - Click Search
 - Select document from "Hearings -- Digital Collection"
8. Full text search to find topics given only brief attention in hearing (and therefore not indexed)
 - Click Advanced Search form
 - In first text box, enter search term: Uganda
 - In: All Fields Except Full Text
 - In second text box, enter search term: Amin
 - In: All Fields Including Full Text
 - Search within: All Collections
 - Restrict by Date: All Available Dates
 - Click Search
 - In the Focus Search box type: Full Text
 - Click Go
 - Select "Foreign Assistance Legislation for FY81. Part 7: Economic and Security Assistance Programs in Africa" or Glance through metadata ... no mention of Idi Amin
 - Open PDF; use Find button to search for "Amin"
9. Using controlled vocabulary to focus a search when actual term form is unknown (example: student is assigned to find materials about a treaty referred to in class only as "SALT")
 - Click Advanced Search form
 - Enter search term: SALT
 - In: All Fields Except Full Text
 - In second text box, enter search term: treaty
 - In: All Fields Including Full Text
 - Search within: All Collections
 - Restrict by Date: Date is Between Jan. 1, 1978 and Dec. 31, 1980
 - Click Search
 - Scroll down "Hearings -- Digital Collection" results and select a "SALT II Treaty" document
 - Find full name of treaty in Subjects
 - Click Find More Like This at top of metadata record
 - Check "Strategic Arms Limitation Talks" box
 - Click Search
10. Bill number search (funding for Middle East peace package)
 - Click Search by Number form
 - Select task: Find Congressional publication related to a bill or law
 - Click Search on Bill Number radio button
 - Fill in bill number: 96 H.R. 6974
 - Click Search
 - Select "Middle East Peace Package" under "Hearings -- Digital Collection"
11. Public law number search (funding for Middle East peace package)
 - Click Search by Number form
 - Select task: Find Congressional publication related to a bill or law
 - Click Search on Public Law Number radio button
 - Fill in public law number: 96 PL 35
 - Click Search
 - Select "Middle East Peace Package" under "Hearings -- Digital Collection"
12. Statutes at Large citation search (funding for Middle East peace package)
 - Click Search by Number form
 - Select task: Find Congressional publication related to a bill or law
 - Click Search on Statute at Large radio button
 - Fill in statute number: 93 Stat. 89
 - Click Search
 - Select "Middle East Peace Package" under "Hearings -- Digital Collection"
13. SuDoc number search
 - Click Search by Number form
 - Select task: Find Congressional publication by number
 - Click Bibliographic Number radio button
 - Use SuDoc pull-down option
 - Fill in SuDoc number: Y4.C73/7:96-62/pt.1
 - Click Search
 - Select "Hearings -- Digital Collection" document
14. Accession number search
 - Click Search by Number form
 - Select task: Find Congressional publication by number
 - Click Bibliographic Number radio button
 - Use Accession Number pull-down option
 - Fill in accession number: HRG-1980-CST-0001
 - Click Search
 - Select "Hearings -- Digital Collection" document

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