

# RESEARCH RESOURCES FOR LAW, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

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## SECONDARY SOURCES

Westlaw / Lexis : TP-ALL; Law Reviews; Treatises

Law Library Subscription Databases: <http://www1.law.umkc.edu/Library/databases.htm>

Note in particular:    BNA Bio Tech Watch  
                          HeinOnline  
                          JSTOR  
                          LegalTrac  
                          Social Science Research Network (SSRN)

Note: secondary sources should not be cited for primary law but rather for the opinions and conclusions of other authors. For primary law...go to the source.

Plagiarism Policy and Guidelines: <http://www1.law.umkc.edu/academic/plagiarism.htm>

## FEDERAL AGENCIES

Official US Executive Branch Web Sites:

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/news/fedgov.html>

Food and Drug Administration: <http://www.fda.gov/>

Note: A-Z Subject index for browsing and Internal Search Box for specific search

Example:        “C” > Compliance Manuals and Policy Guidance

                  “E”> Enforcement Actions

Or Search       Swine Flu : results can be ordered by date or by relevance

Major Subject Areas: Food, Drugs, Medical Devices, Vaccines, Cosmetics, Radiation,  
                          Tobacco

All include internally generated Guidance Documents specific to that subject

Overall FDA Guidance Documents are under Industry at bottom of the page

<http://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm>

Under About FDA see Reports, Manuals and Forms

<http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/default.htm>

Under Regulatory Information > More

<http://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/default.htm>

Rules and Regulations (Federal Register and Code of Federal Regulation)  
Guidances  
Docket Management  
Freedom of Information > Electronic Reading Room by category plus warning letters

<http://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/FOI/ElectronicReadingRoom/default.htm>

Federal Trade Commission: <http://www.ftc.gov/>

Note subject matter tabs:

Competition > Guidance > Production Guide / Advisory Opinions

General Counsel > Statutes / Legal Authority / Amicus Briefs / Policy Studies : Hearings and Reports

Policy > Advocacy / Reports (esp. Commission & Staff)

Actions > All by date/ Cases by name / Documents / Rules

Quick Finder:

Adjudicative Proceedings: <http://www.ftc.gov/os/adjpro/index.shtml>

Subject matter e.g. Debt Collection includes Opinion Letters and Advisory Opinions

## **LEGISLATIVE PROCESS**

THOMAS: Legislative Information from the Library of Congress

<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

Default is current Congress > Search Multiple Congresses 111<sup>th</sup> – 101<sup>st</sup>

Example: 110<sup>th</sup> Congress > Parental Control Technology include variants, all bills, both House & Senate

See #1,3,4 & 8 : Child Safe Viewing Act Senate 602 as passed both House and Senate

Bill Summary and Status: P.L. 110-452, and Senate Report 110-452

Report > Beginning > Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation

Background and Need for the Legislation > Congressional findings and intent  
i.e. What did Congress know when they passed this bill and why did they do it ?

Legislative History > June 26, 2007 Hearing

Section-by-Section analysis

Main page of THOMAS > Government Resources <http://thomas.loc.gov/links/>

Senate Committee Home Pages > Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation  
<http://commerce.senate.gov/public/>

Link to Hearings > Full List > 110<sup>th</sup> Congress > Scroll to June 26, 2007 > webcast plus actual text of witness statements

Note link to subcommittees for more specific focus.

Back to Government Resources <http://thomas.loc.gov/links/>

House Committee on Science and Technology: <http://science.house.gov/>

Note: Hearings and Publications links has Staff Reports from multiple Congresses  
[http://science.house.gov/publications/caucus\\_staff\\_reports.aspx](http://science.house.gov/publications/caucus_staff_reports.aspx)

Also: Subcommittee Quick Links by topic

### **FREE DATABASES**

Law Library Research Bookmarks in general:

<http://www1.law.umkc.edu/Library/bookmarks.htm>

Science.gov : <http://www.science.gov/>

Almost 2,000 government websites organized by topic

Search <v-chip> Note: wait for results and clusters to be displayed

Congressional Research Service Reports (CRS): non-partisan research arm of the Library of Congress, exhaustive reports often updated, maintained on the State

Department website at: <http://fpc.state.gov/c18183.htm>

Note Topics list on left side panel includes Science, Technology and Health; organized alphabetically includes updates

Georgetown Law Library: Health Law Research Guide

<http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/health.cfm>

Note in particular the links to Other Web Sites