

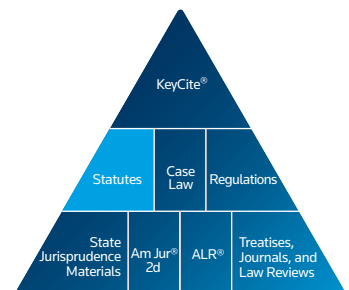
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The federal legislative process—what happens to a bill as it wends its way through Congress—is a complex process. Nevertheless, it is important to understand each step in the process in order to piece together the legislative history of a statute. The Legislative History—Federal tabbed page on Westlaw contains a graphical presentation of the congressional lawmaking process with links to useful databases. This quick reference guide shows you how to use this tabbed page to research the legislative history of a federal law.

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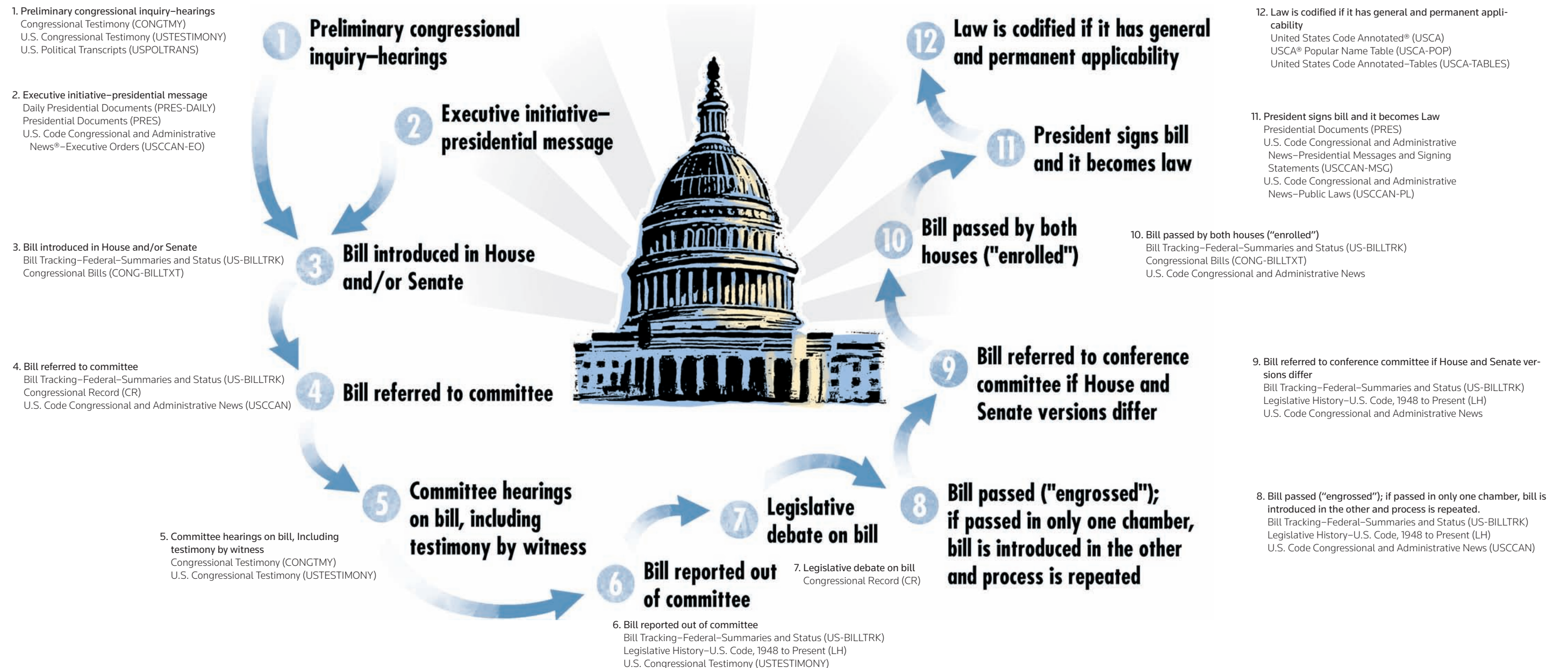
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Congressional Lawmaking Process Databases

The names and identifiers of selected databases pertinent to each step in the lawmaking process are listed below.

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