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CONGRESSIONAL INFORMATION – POL101 - MR. VALENZUELA

Getting Started

The following resources on the United States legislature are available in the Cerritos College Library and on the web.

Reference Books

Congressional Staff Directory

REFDESK JK 1012 .C65 2008

CQ's Politics in America 2008 The 110th Congress

REFDESK JL 1012 .C63 2008

The Almanac of American Politics

REFDESK JL 1012 .A44 2008

Municipal Yellow Book

REFDESK JS 141 M86 2005

National Five-Digit ZIP Code & Post Office Directory

REFDESK HE 6361 .N37 2008

The Web

Question 1 – Part 1 – Structure of Congress

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

-Go to www.house.gov, from the menu on the left click on **House Directory**, then click on **Members FAQs**.

-Go to www.house.gov, once again from the menu on the left click on **House Directory**, then click on **Congressional Profile**.

-Go to www.house.gov, click on **House Directory**, click on **Congressional Profile**, listed in the middle under **Congressional Profile** click on **House Press Gallery**, and then you can choose either **Women, Men, or Minorities**.

-Go to www.house.gov, click on **House Directory**, click on **Congressional Profile**, then click on **House Press Gallery**, and then choose **Leadership**.

SENATE

-Go to www.senate.gov, from the menu on the left click on **Statistics & Lists**, then click on **Senators**. From here you can click on **Women, Minorities, Leadership, or Class Lists**. To see the senators in each class, choose from **class I, class II, or class III**.

Congressional Information

Question 1 – Part 2 – Congressional Committees

-Select one Chamber of Congress (House or Senate)

-Go to www.house.gov, click on **House Directory**, click on **Committee Information** and then you can choose a committee from the **Committee Information** list.

-Go to www.senate.gov, click on **Committees** from top menu and then choose a committee from the list.

Question 2 – Your Representative

-Go to www.house.gov, under **Find Your Representative** type your zip code. You might need your zip+4. If so go to <http://zip4.usps.com/zip4/welcome.jsp>

Library Databases

CQ Electronic Library

Created and hosted by CQ Press, the *CQ Electronic Library* (CQEL) is the definitive reference resource for research in American government, politics, history, public policy, and current affairs.

CQ Public Affairs Collection (CQ Press)

Features in-depth reporting on vital public policy issues, statistical and historical analyses, and full text primary source materials.

CQ Supreme Court Collection (CQ Press)

Combines historical analysis and summaries of the most important Supreme Court decisions. Includes Justice biographies, quantitative and statistical analyses of decisions.

CQ Weekly (CQ Press)

Congressional Quarterly's magazine on government, commerce and politics. Reports on acts of Congress, tracks legislation and floor action, major news events, committees and subcommittees, and backroom maneuvering. Archives date back to 1983.

Internet Sites

United State House of Representatives

<http://www.house.gov/>

United States Senate

<http://www.senate.gov/>

Thomas

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

GPO Access

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/bills/index.html>

CongressLink

<http://capwiz.com/cl/home/>

USPS Zip Code Look Up

<http://zip4.usps.com/zip4/welcome.jsp>