

Evolving the Research Experience: ProQuest Congressional

We're very excited about our recent enhancements to ProQuest Congressional and want to let you know that we will be launching a redesigned interface with a new look and feel. These recent and forthcoming enhancements are part of our ongoing effort to transform the research experience for both novice and advanced researchers using ProQuest Congressional.

We've been listening to your input, and we've recently added new social media content, along with updated search experiences for researchers interested in Members, Votes, and Bills.

ProQuest Congressional Basic Subscription— Now Includes:

- **New Social Media New Content:**

- Retrieve posts from Senators, Representatives and Federal agencies from Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, press releases, and blogs
- Cross-search social media with political news—or search alone
- Find member names with type-ahead and look-up features

The screenshot shows a search filter interface. At the top, there is a checkbox for "Government Social Media and Website Posts" which is checked. Below it are several sub-checkboxes: "Twitter", "Press Release", "Facebook", "Weblogs", and "Video", all of which are also checked. Below these is a section titled "Restrict By Originating Source:". Under this section, there is a checked checkbox for "Member:". To the right of this checkbox is a search input field containing the text "Pelosi, Nancy (D-CA) [100-114]". Below the input field, there is a green checkmark and the text "member matched". To the right of the input field is a "Lookup" button with a magnifying glass icon and the word "Member" in blue. Below the "Member:" section, there is an "Or:" label. At the bottom of the filter section, there is an unchecked checkbox for "Federal agencies and other non-Member sources".

- **Updated Member Profiles:**

- Pinpoint Senator and Representative member information through updated Member Profile with tabbed design
- Access information covering Member's entire legislative career with drop-down menus
- View infographics of sponsored bills and voting summaries
- Link out instantly to social media networks

- **Updated Bill Profiles:**

- View infographic of bill tracking in results set and document view
- Easily sort, filter, and download bill actions to spreadsheet
- Access bill texts and related publications via streamlined links
- See bill status and summaries, all versions of bill text, committees and sponsors

The screenshot shows a bill profile page for "113 Bill Profile H.R. 4007 (2013-2014)". The title of the bill is "Protecting and Securing Chemical Facilities from Terrorist Attacks Act of 2014". Below the title, there are several key pieces of information: "Sponsor: Patrick Meehan (R - PA)", "Cosponsors: 9 Total Cosponsors: 2 Democrats / 7 Republicans", "Introduced: February 06, 2014", and "Became Public Law: December 18, 2014 (P.L. 113-254)". Below this information is a horizontal timeline with five stages: "Introduced", "House", "Senate", "President", and "Law". Each stage has a circular icon with a checkmark, indicating that the bill successfully passed through each stage. Below the timeline is a navigation bar with tabs for "Overview", "Actions", "Committees", "Sponsors", "Related publications", and "Bill text". The "Overview" tab is currently selected. Below the navigation bar is a "Summary" section with the text: "A bill to recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program".

- **Easy Access to Vote Information:**

- See new vote infographics in results and document views
- View vote summaries as graphs or tables
- Sort vote detail by State and download to spreadsheet

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New

Launch: July 27, 2015
with a new look and feel

Better

- **Home page:** quick starting points to help new users connect with popular content types to which your institution is entitled. Basic subscription customers—note the link to recently released social media search
- **Advanced search:** updated layout lets you hone in on targeted search features specific to content types
- **Search by Number:** Organized to help users quickly locate the type of citation they are looking for
- **Search results page:** Facets moved to the left—where students are more likely to look for them
- **Date option improvements:** the date limiter options now make it easier for users to limit their search to a range of years

Different

- Federal Register and Code of Federal Regulations number search:
 - Moved from Search by Number form to the Regulations search form

