



Locating CIS Congressional Microfiche: Reports and Hearings

The Government Documents Microfiche Collection contains Congressional Hearings and Reports beginning with the American State Papers, a precursor to the Serial Set, dating from the 1700's through the present. As a part of the Federal Depository Library Program, Congressional microfiche is available to the general public.

When do I use microfiche?

Not all House and Senate Reports and Hearings are available through ProQuest Congressional Digital Collection. The abstract for a document might be listed, but the full text or PDF image files may not be displayed. Microfiche holdings are images copied from the original documents and are useful in circumstances where an image of the actual document is required.

How do I find the microfiche I need?

To locate microfiche, begin with an online search in the research database, ProQuest Congressional. Use the **Research Guide to CONGRESSIONAL UNIVERSE** for detailed searching instructions. From the search results, select a document to view the abstract page. The abstract page for a document provides all the information you will need to locate the fiche. There are three different number sets to be aware of when locating Congressional fiche. In general, older documents are filed by **Serial Set ID Number** or **CIS Accession Number**, while newer documents are filed by **SuDoc Number**. The chart on the back of this page shows which number should be used based on the date of the document's publication. All numbers are listed in ProQuest Congressional.

Sample Search Results

Search Terms: **dtv transition** - [Edit Search](#)

Figure 1

Result List Expanded List KWIC Full Document

Sort By: **Document Type** | [Publication Date](#) FOCUS™ Search

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#	Title/Date
Hearing (9)	
Hearings -- Digital Collection (4)	
Report (3)	
Hearing - (9 documents)	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	1. [Status of the DTV Transition: 154 Days and Counting] , CIS-NO: Not Yet Assigned, SOURCE: Committee on Energy and Commerce, House, DOC-TYPE: Hearing, DATE: Sept. 16, 2008., CIS/Index
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. [Digital TV Transition] , CIS-NO: Not Yet Assigned, SOURCE: Committee on Energy and Commerce, House, DOC-TYPE: Hearing, DATE: June 10, 2008., CIS/Index
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Subcommittee Hearing on the DTV Transition and Small Businesses: Small Firms Contributing to a Big Change , CIS-NO: 2008-H721-91, CIS-DATE: 2008, SOURCE: Committee on Small Business, House, DOC-TYPE: Hearing, DATE: May 7, 2008., LENGTH: 71 p., CIS/Index
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Oversight of the DTV Transition , CIS-NO: 2009-S261-1, CIS-DATE: 2009, SOURCE: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Senate, DOC-TYPE: Hearing, DOC-NO: S. Hrg. 110-760, DATE: Apr. 8, 2008., LENGTH: 66 p., CIS/Index
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. [Digital Television Transition] , CIS-NO: Not Yet Assigned, SOURCE: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Senate, DOC-TYPE: Hearing, DATE: Apr. 8, 2008., LENGTH: 66 p., CIS/Index

Document to Locate

Use a search on Lexis Congressional to quickly find the document. The image above shows the search results for "DTV Transition."

What is a Serial Set ID Number? Serial Set ID numbers are assigned by CIS to organize all documents in the Serial Set. Pre-1970 serial set microfiche is organized by this numbering system. Drawers are arranged by Congress number. Fiche are filed by Congressional session then by Serial Set ID number.

What is a CIS Accession Number? Congressional Information Service (CIS) uses this numbering system to organize congressional microfiche. Pre-1980 Hearings and Reports are organized by this classification system. Fiche are filed by year of publication then by CIS Accession number.

What is a SuDoc Number? SuDoc numbers are assigned to documents in the Superintendent of Documents (SuDocs) classification system. This classification system groups documents from the same government agency and Congressional Committee together so publications from a single agency or department are physically located together. Post-1980 fiche drawers are arranged by Congressional session and year, then by SuDoc Number.

Serial Set ID Number

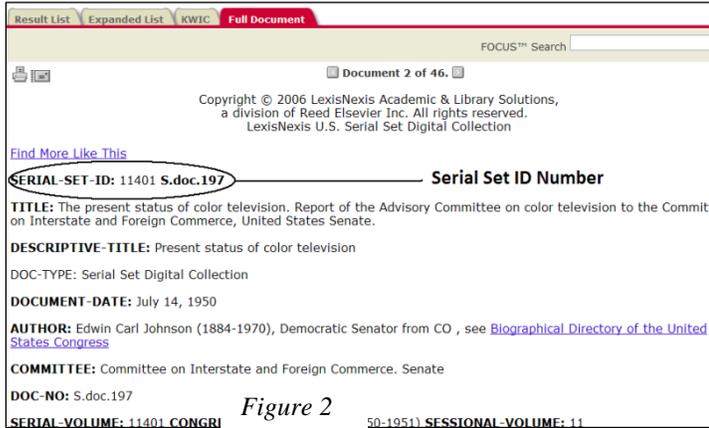


Figure 2

CIS Accession Number and SuDoc Number

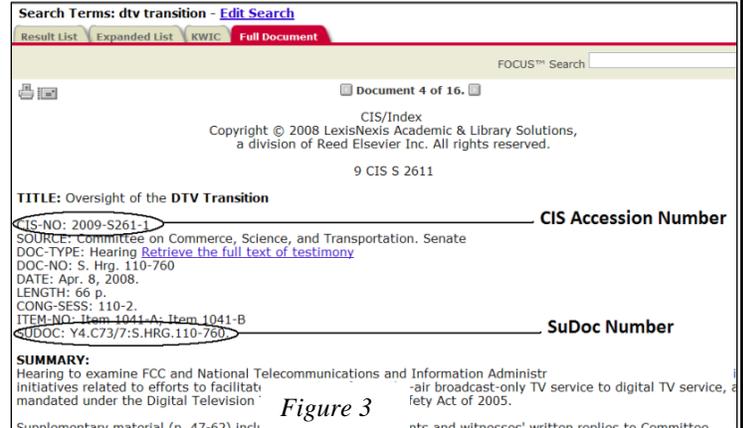


Figure 3

The images above show where to look on an abstract page to find Serial Set ID, CIS, and SuDoc numbers. Documents in the serial set show only the Serial Set ID number on the abstract page, while CIS Accession Numbers and SuDoc Numbers can be found on the same page for hearings and reports. The Serial Set is also available as full-text PDF files through LexisNexis as part of the Serial Set Digital Collection.

The year the fiche was published will determine which number is used to find the correct microfiche. All microfiche is located in the **Government Documents/Microform room** on the 3rd Floor, **Room 330**.

Follow the chart below to determine which number should be used to locate microfiche.

Document	Publication Date	Classification Number
Congressional Hearings	1869-1979	CIS Accession Number
	1980-present	SuDoc Number
Congressional Reports *pre-1970 Reports are available via ProQuest Congressional as a part of the Serial Set	1970-1979	CIS Accession Number
	1980-present	SuDoc Number
Serial Set	1789 - 1971	Serial Set ID Number
	1971-1979	CIS Number (interfiled)
	1979- present	SuDoc Number

For example, *Figure 3* shows a sample abstract page for a Congressional Hearing from 2008. The chart above shows that Hearings from 1980 to the present are filed by SuDoc Number. Using this information, we know that the microfiche version of the document can be found filed by its SuDoc number: Y4. C73/7:S.Hrg. 110-760 in the drawer containing documents from 2008 (110th Congress).

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