Legislative History & Publication

Components of Legislative History Generated During Bill Consideration:
- Bill Drafts and Amendments
- Committee Reports
- Hearings (not necessarily evidence of legislative intent)
- Committee Prints
- Floor Debate

Enrolled Bill (e.g. 111 S. 3307)
- Congress votes to pass legislation
- Sent to President for signature

Signed Bill (Becomes law; Presidential signing statements may be issued)
- Sent to Archivist for printing

Laws from the Session (i.e. “Session Laws”) printed in numerical order in Statutes at Large (e.g. 124 Stat. 3183)
- Congress, Sess, ends & all slip laws are compiled

Public Law is numbered (e.g. P.L. 111-296) & printed as a pamphlet (“Slip Law”)

U.S. Code (e.g. 42 U.S.C. § 1751, et seq.)
- Titles arranged by topic; kept current
- Office of Law Revision
  Counsel edits
  U.S. Code to implement changes prescribed by the Statute