

## The Ferguson Library New & Notable Sources of Government Information May 2020

Latest Electronic Titles from the FDLP	FDLP
	Federal Depository Library Program
Postponing Federal Elections and the Covid-19	There is nothing in the Constitution about what to
Pandemic; Legal Considerations	do if an emergency arises during Presidential
https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/LSB/LSB10425/3	elections. A complicated web of government
	offices, state, Congress and the courts, including
	the Supreme Court, may be involved with the only
	stipulation being that the President is in office
	until January 20.
Covid-19: Cybercrime Opportunities and Law	Countering cyber threats is among DOJ's
Enforcement Response	(Department of Justice) top priorities, and
https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/IN/IN11257/2	countering threats related to the COVID-19
	pandemic is receiving heightened attention.
Guidelines Opening Up America Again	From the Office of the President. Phase 1, Phase 2,
https://permanent.fdlp.gov/gpo136110/Guidelines-for-	and Phase 3 outlined.
Opening-Up-America-Again.pdf	
"Space Force" and Related DOD Issues for Congress	Congress has expressed concern over the slow
https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/IF/IF11172/2	pace with which DOD and the Air Force have
	addressed the growing threat to U.S. national
	security in space from adversaries, particularly
	Russia and China, and, to a lesser extent, North
	Korea and Iran. This is because, in their view, the
	space domain has evolved into a war-fighting
	domain like air, land, and sea and that is both
	congested and contested.

## **Congressional Lawmaking: A Perspective on Secrecy and Transparency**

https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R42108/3

Secrecy is an ever-present part of much legislative policymaking; however, secrecy and transparency are not "either/or" constructs. They overlap constantly during the various policymaking stages. The objectives of this report are four-fold:

- first, to outline briefly the historical and inherent tension between secrecy and transparency in the congressional process;
- second, to review several common and recurring secrecy/transparency issues that emerged again with the 2011 formation of the Joint Select Deficit Reduction Committee;
- third, to identify various lawmaking stages typically imbued with closed door activities; and
- fourth, to close with several summary observations. This report will not be updated.