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New & Notable Sources of Government Information
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Congress.gov		
Bills in the News		
H.R. 755 (116th Congress) Impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States, for High Crimes and Misdemeanors https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-resolution/755/text	The resolution sets forth two articles of impeachment of the President: (1) abuse of power by soliciting the interference of Ukraine in the 2020 U.S. presidential election, and (2) obstruction of Congress by directing defiance of certain subpoenas issued by the House of Representatives.	
S. 1790 (116th Congress) National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 <i>(Signed into Law December 20, 2019)</i> https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/1790/text	This defense bill was signed into law 12/20/2019 with large bipartisan majorities in both Houses of Congress. It includes the concept of a Space Force as the 6th Branch of the U.S. Military. Also encoded is an historic deal which gives federal workers 12 weeks of parental leave.	
H.R. 5430 (116th Congress) United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Implementation Act https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/3/text	The purpose of this Act is to approve and implement the Agreement between the United States of America, the United Mexican States, and Canada entered into under the authority of section 103(b) of the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 (19 U.S.C. 4202(b)).	
H.R. 3 (116th Congress) Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/3/text	This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to negotiate prices for certain drugs (current law prohibits the CMS from doing so). Specifically, the CMS must negotiate maximum prices for (1) insulin products; and (2) at least 25 single source, brand-name drugs that do not have generic competition and that are among the 125 drugs that account for the greatest national spending or the 125 drugs that account for the greatest spending under the Medicare prescription drug benefit and Medicare Advantage (MA). The negotiated prices must be offered under Medicare and MA, and may also be offered under private health insurance unless the insurer opts out.	
S. 151 (116th Congress) Pallone-Thune TRACED Act (Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement & Deterrence) <i>(Presented to the President on November 25, 2019)</i> https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/151/text	This bill implements a forfeiture penalty for violations (with or without intent) of the prohibition on certain robocalls. The bill also removes an annual reporting requirement for enforcement relating to unsolicited facsimile advertisements.	

<p>H.R. 724 (116th Congress) Preventing Animal Cruelty Act (PACT) <i>(Signed into law on November 25, 2019)</i> https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/724/text</p>	<p>To prevent intentional crushing, burning, drowning, suffocating, impalement, or other serious harm to living non-human mammals, birds, reptiles, or amphibians, which hereby becomes a federal crime.</p>
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<p>Homelessness as a Topic on Government Websites</p>	
	<p>If you go to http://usa.gov and put in “homelessness” in the search box, you will come up with a lot of information from government agencies on homelessness. For example, protecting health, from the Department of Health and Human Services, key issues from the United States Interagency Council for Homelessness, issues from the Federal Government from the Government Accountability Office, homelessness as a public health issues from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and more.</p>

<p>On a Lighter Note Government Resources on Travel and Recreation</p>	
<p>Recreation.gov https://www.recreation.gov/</p>	<p>Discover new experiences, historic landmarks, and outdoor escapes right down the road or across the country. From camping, hiking, and horseback riding to wildlife viewing, monument tours, and ranger-led activities – you can find it on Recreation.gov!</p>
<p>USDA Forest Service: Recreation, Heritage, and Volunteer Resources https://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/</p>	<p>The National Forests and Grasslands provide the greatest diversity of outdoor recreation opportunities in the world, connecting you with nature in an unmatched variety of settings and activities.</p>
<p>USDA Forest Service: Kids https://www.fs.usda.gov/learn/kids</p>	<p>How are trees beneficial to us? Caring for wildlife Endangered species Bird habitats</p>
<p>National Park Service https://www.nps.gov/index.htm</p>	<p>Since 1916 the National Park Service has been entrusted with the care of our national parks.</p> <p>Follow the National Park Service on Facebook and Twitter National Park Service on Twitter (https://twitter.com/natlparkservice) National Park Service on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/nationalparkservice)</p>
<p>National Park Service: National Register https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/index.htm</p>	<p>The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation’s historic places worthy of preservation.</p>
<p>Visiting the Smithsonian Institutes https://www.si.edu/Visit</p>	<p>When you visit the Smithsonian, you’re entering the world’s largest museum, education and research complex. Admission is free for all Smithsonian museums and the zoo in Washington D.C.</p>

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International travel issues for Americans

<https://www.usa.gov/americans-abroad>

Center for Disease Control Travelers' Health Branch

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>