

PREFACE

This third edition of the Union List of Legislative Documents updates much of the information that was included in the two previous editions. It indicates which libraries in the Washington, D.C. area hold the basic primary Congressional documents and secondary publications needed for researching Federal legislation, serving as a companion volume to the Society's Union List of Legislative Histories published by Fred B. Rothman & Co. Many new library collections were added in this edition including some large collections from local law schools and U.S. government agencies. Special attention has also been given to an enhanced display of U.S. Congressional committee publications which is located at the end of the volume. As in previous editions, the union list is preceded by a directory of participating libraries and a subject specialty index.

In this edition, the survey was greatly simplified by excluding some titles that were covered in previous editions. These include some directories, Federal regulatory material, U.S. budget publications, House and Senate precedents and manuals, and others. Many of these publications appear in other Society union lists like COUNSEL and the General Legal Publications Union List. You may wish, however, to retain prior editions that encompass the older material. To make titles easier to find, all the current selections are listed in the table of contents and begin on new pages.

Please note that the listings in the new edition spell out almost the entire names of host organizations so that there is little need for initial guess work as to what library holds a particular title. However, some abbreviations are used for volume formats (Hd=Hardcopy, MFe=Microfiche, MFm=Microfilm, CD=CD-ROM) and for complete (-Comp., Incomp.) or selected (-Sel.) collections. For consistency, years of coverage are indicated throughout the work instead of Congresses or volume numbers.

We trust that you will find this a valued reference tool that is self-explanatory and easy to read.

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