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# GPO ISSUES DIGITAL RELEASE OF HISTORICAL CONGRESSIONAL RECORD FOR THE 1980S

Washington – The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) partners with the Library of Congress (LC) to release the digital version of the bound Congressional Record from 1981-1990 on GPO's **govinfo**. This release covers debates and proceedings of the 98th thru the 101st Congresses. This era of Congress covers historical topics such as:

- Ronald Reagan's Presidency and the first two years of George H.W. Bush's Presidency
- The Strategic Defense Initiative
- The Space Shuttle program
- The Iran-Contra Affair
- The end of the Berlin Wall and the Cold War
- The Americans with Disabilities Act

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GPO and LC released the digital version of the historical Congressional Record for the 1990s in September and will continue to collaborate on this important project and release digital versions of the bound Congressional Record back to the first one published by GPO on March 5, 1873. GPO publishes the Congressional Record in print and digitally on **govinfo** every day Congress is in session.

"The digital versions of the Congressional Record now gives the public easy access to the historic debates of Congress on smartphones, tablets, laptops and personal computers," said GPO Director Davita Vance-Cooks. "GPO is honored to partner with the Library of Congress to continue to meet the needs of Congress and the American people."

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