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THE U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE'S KEY LINK WITH CONGRESS KEEPS UP WITH THE TIMES

AGENCY'S OFFICE TAKES THE "PRINTING" OUT OF ITS NAME

Washington, DC—As Congress returns from August recess, Senate and House members and staff will notice a change in the name of the office at GPO responsible for assisting Congress in meeting its legislative dissemination responsibilities. GPO's *Congressional Printing Management Division*, which serves as liaison for print and electronic product requests between GPO and Congress, has changed its name to the *Office of Congressional Publishing Services*.

"The new office name better reflects what GPO is doing and the services we are providing to Congress. As the House and Senate develop their legislative information services technology, GPO is ready to assist and support their publishing needs. We are no longer solely ink-on-paper. The increased use of electronics means we are receiving and processing more data electronically for greater print-on-demand capabilities, as well as conventional printing methods, and making those products available for on-line dissemination for world-wide access," said the Superintendent of the OCPS, Charles C. Cook, Sr.

GPO's Office of Congressional Publishing Services works directly with the House and Senate on the overnight production of the *Congressional Record* while Congress is in session. The office also works with the leadership of the Senate and House of Representatives in the scheduling, processing and monitoring of all bills, reports, documents, laws and miscellaneous publications produced by Congress, plus the hearings and committee prints generated by Senate and House Committees. In addition, the office provides formal and informal estimates for printing and product

development, and processes all congressional requisitions for stationery, envelopes, mailing franks, and reprints from the *Congressional Record*. Furthermore, the office is responsible for compiling and publishing the Congressional Serial Set, the permanent historical record of our Nation's history that contains all numbered Senate and House Reports and Documents ordered to be printed by Congress.

The GPO is headquartered in Washington, DC and has approximately 3,000 employees nationwide. The GPO is responsible for the production and distribution of information products and services for all three branches of the Federal Government. In addition to its own production facilities, the GPO maintains contracts with thousands of private sector vendors across the country to produce print and other information products for the Federal Government ranging from Supreme Court decisions to IRS tax forms and crop reports for the Department of Agriculture. The GPO also distributes Government publications to the public via a sales program and through a nationwide network of more than 1,200 Federal depository libraries. GPO's Web site, GPO Access, at www.gpoaccess.gov, provides free online public access to more than 250,000 Federal Government titles.

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