

Update on Information Technology and Computer Issues

Committee on House Oversight

1. In the 106th Congress, the Committee on House Oversight will continue to provide online access to all Committee on House Oversight publications in HTML and PDF formats on the House Intranet (<http://housenet.house.gov>).
2. Also available on-line will be the *Statement of Disbursements of the House of Representatives*, beginning with the first quarter of 1999. Placing the *Statement of Disbursements* online allows greater public access while saving printing costs.
3. With one exception, all legacy services from the MIN and ISIS systems, as provided by House Information Resources (HIR), will be terminated as of December 31, 1998. The Grants and FEDFUNDING services of MIN will be extended through March 1999 in order to allow the replacement service to be made available to the House.
4. It is important to upgrade your office's internet browser to Internet Explorer 4.0 or equivalent software by April 1, 1999, since developers such as the Congressional Research Service, Clerk of the House, and House Information Resources will be developing intranet applications which will require IE 4.0 or equivalent functionality. Your HIR Technical Support Representative (TSR) can assist your staff in this process and can be contacted at x56002.
5. Accounting software options for Member offices for the 106th Congress will include FoxPro Accounting for Windows, a commercial-of-the-shelf (COTS) package, or a client-server enterprise solution. A product named M.Y.O.B. is the current candidate for the COTS solution and is undergoing a pilot test in the House.
6. Lotus accounting has irresolvable Year 2000 (Y2K) limitations. Offices using Lotus accounting should consider the FoxPro or COTS options to meet their immediate accounting needs. Lotus Clerk Hire application can support personnel planning activity during 1999. This application has been updated and can be obtained by contacting your TSR at x56002.
7. FoxPro Accounting for Windows will be made Y2K compliant. HIR has identified a software update allowing the current version to process data on PCs with a 300-megahertz or greater Pentium processor. Offices wishing to use FoxPro can contact their TSR for installation. Additional training classes for FoxPro have been scheduled for your staff.