

Viewing Graphical Bills

Tracking Legislation on Westlaw

Graphical Bills on Westlaw helps you track the current status of legislation, as well as its legislative history, in an easy-to-use graphical view.

Accessing Graphical Bills

For federal legislation, Graphical Bills is available for bills and resolutions introduced in the current Congress contained in databases such as Congressional Bills (CONG-BILLTXT).

For state legislation, Graphical Bills is available for selected bills introduced in current and recently ended legislative sessions contained in databases such as Alabama Bill Tracking (AL-BILLTRK), California Bill Tracking—Summaries and Full Text Combined (CA-BILLS), and Virginia Bill Tracking—Full Text (VA-BILLTXT).

Note Your Westlaw subscriber agreement may not include Graphical Bills, even if it does include one of the databases noted above. In that case, you will be charged for ancillary usage.

While viewing a bill for which Graphical Bills is available, click **Graphical Bills** on the links tab in the left frame to display the history of the bill in a graphical view.

For assistance using Westlaw, call 1-800-WESTLAW (1-800-937-8529).

For free reference materials, visit west.thomson.com/westlaw/guides.

The screenshot shows the Westlaw interface for H.R. 1106. The top navigation bar includes tabs for 'Labor & Employment', 'Litigation', and 'Legislative History - Fed Texas'. The left sidebar shows a 'Result List' for '2009 CONG US HR 1106' and a 'Links for' section with a 'Graphical Bills' link highlighted in a red box. The main content area displays the bill's title, session information, and a detailed legislative history timeline.

2009 CONG US HR 1106
111th CONGRESS, 1st Session
H. R. 1106
March 11, 2009

111th CONGRESS, 1st Session
United States Library of Congress
HR 1106
Referred in Senate
March 11, 2009

H. R. 1106
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
March 9, 2009
Received
March 11, 2009
Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
AN ACT
To prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability.
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
(a) Short Title. This Act may be cited as 'Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009'.
(b) Table of Contents. The table of contents of this Act is the following:

Figure 1. Enrolled bill—H.R. 1106, 111 th Cong. (2009)—with Graphical Bills link

Tracking Legislative History

Viewing a bill's history in graphical view provides links to

- the enrolled version of a bill
- prior versions of the bill
- related legislative history materials, such as veto messages, testimony and transcripts, federal and state reports, governor or presidential messages, and the *Congressional Record* and state journals.

Navigating Graphical Bills

The bill versions are organized by effective date and include prior, amended, engrossed, and enrolled versions. Double-click a bill version to view the full text of that bill in Document Preview.

Each version of a bill is linked to related legislative history. Click a bill version to view its related legislative history under *Legislative History*. If a legislative history document type contains more than one document (indicated by a number in parentheses), click the document type, then click a document in the displayed list under *Additional History*.

There are several ways to navigate Graphical Bills:

- When the pointer becomes a hand, drag the pointer to move the graphical display.
- Use the toolbar displayed in the upper-right corner of the graphical display for more options, such as zooming in and out of the graphical display. Click the arrow (») to hide the toolbar.
- Click the arrow («) on the right side of the left frame to view Graphical Bills in full-page view. Click it again to return to split-page view.

Click Text Version of Graphical View in the upper-left corner of the graphical display to view bill versions and legislative history in text view.

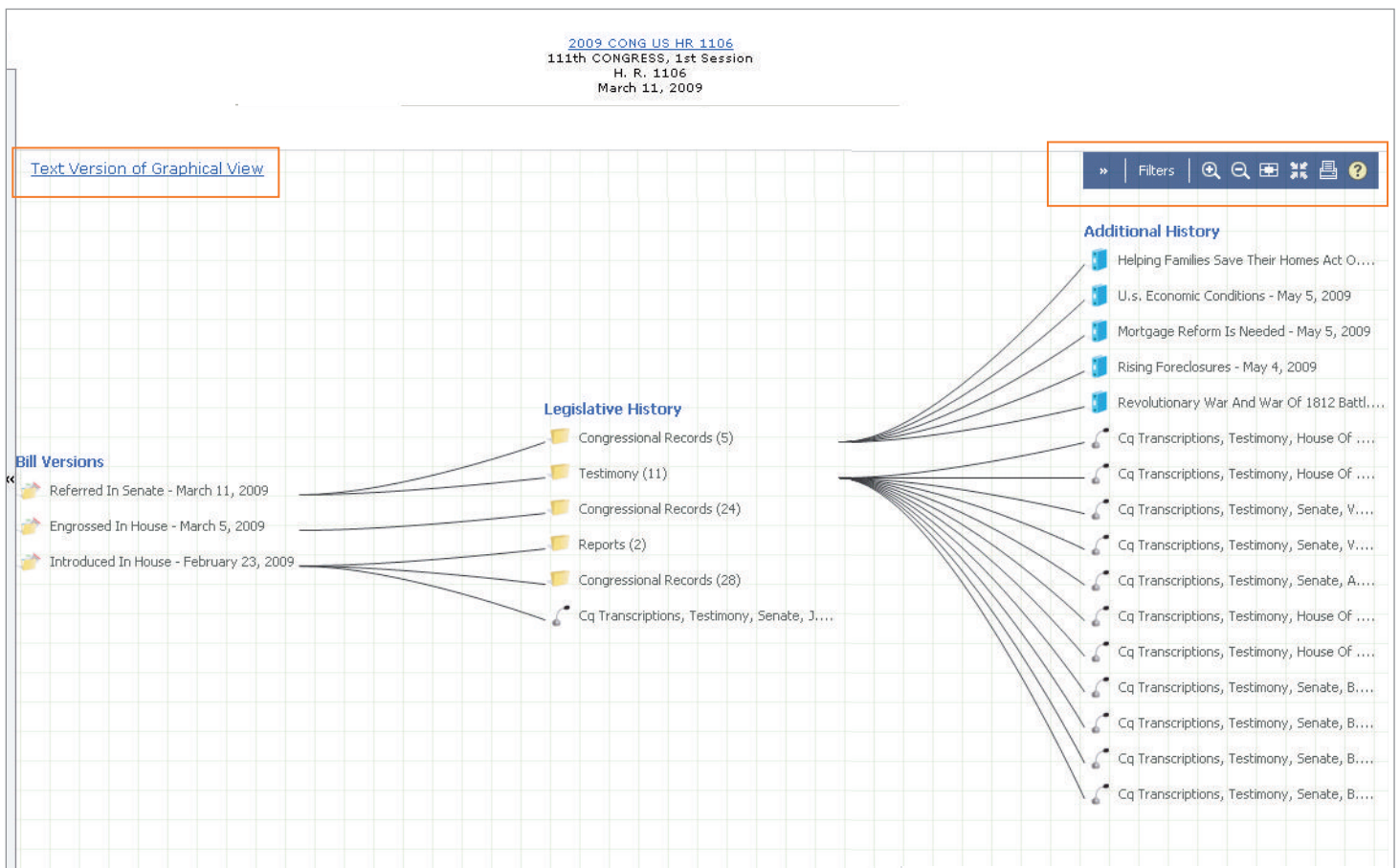


Figure 2. Legislative history of H.R. 1106, 111 th Cong. (2009) showing three versions in graphical view