



OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# Legislative Process Overview

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Rep. Ludlow placing bill into hopper 12/30/1936

<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/hec2009008605/>

# The Challenge

Legislative documents and related data must be

- prepared
- managed,
- distributed, and
- archived.

This includes paper and electronic means for handling the official documents.



## **How a bill become a law.**

**After the vote has been taken, the result is noted in the Journal of Action by Louis Sirkey, House Journal Clerk. If the bill receives a passing vote, it is sent to the other chamber for action. If the bill failed to pass it must be reintroduced unless it is voted to refer it back to the committee for reconsideration**

House Journal Clerk 1937 or 1938

<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/hec2009010782/>

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# The Challenge (cont'd)

Government data should be

- Public
- Accessible
- Described
- Reusable
- Complete
- Timely
- Managed Post-Release

*White House M-13-13,  
Open Data Policy,  
Managing Information as an Asset*

# Where are the documents? Data?

## GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

- [www.gpo.gov](http://www.gpo.gov)

## LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

- [Thomas.loc.gov](http://Thomas.loc.gov)
- [Beta.congress.gov](http://Beta.congress.gov)

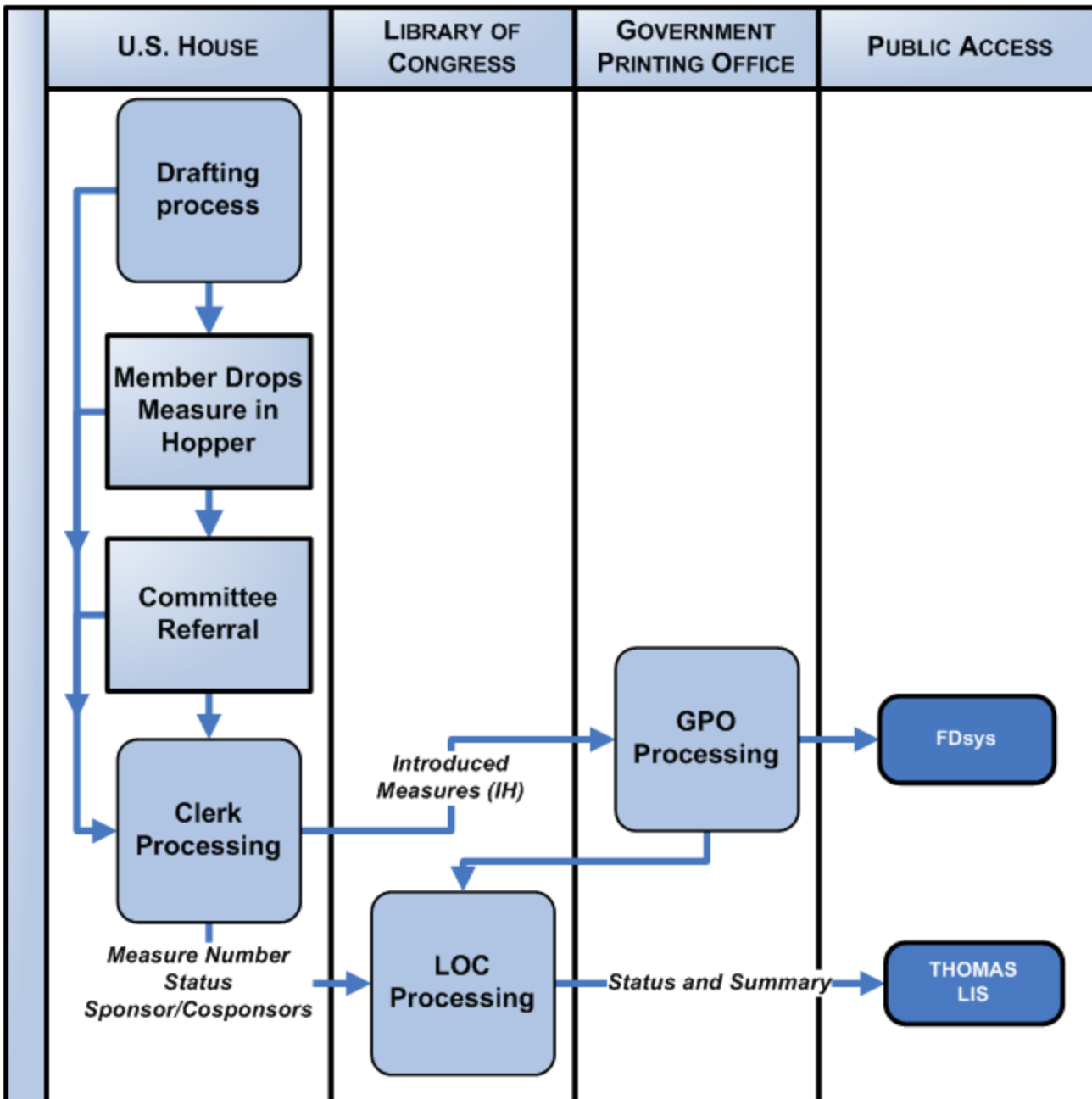
## THE HOUSE

- [Clerk.house.gov](http://Clerk.house.gov)
- [Docs.house.gov](http://Docs.house.gov)
- [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)
- Committee websites

## THE SENATE

- [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)
- Committee websites

# Introduction and Referral to Committee



The Hopper

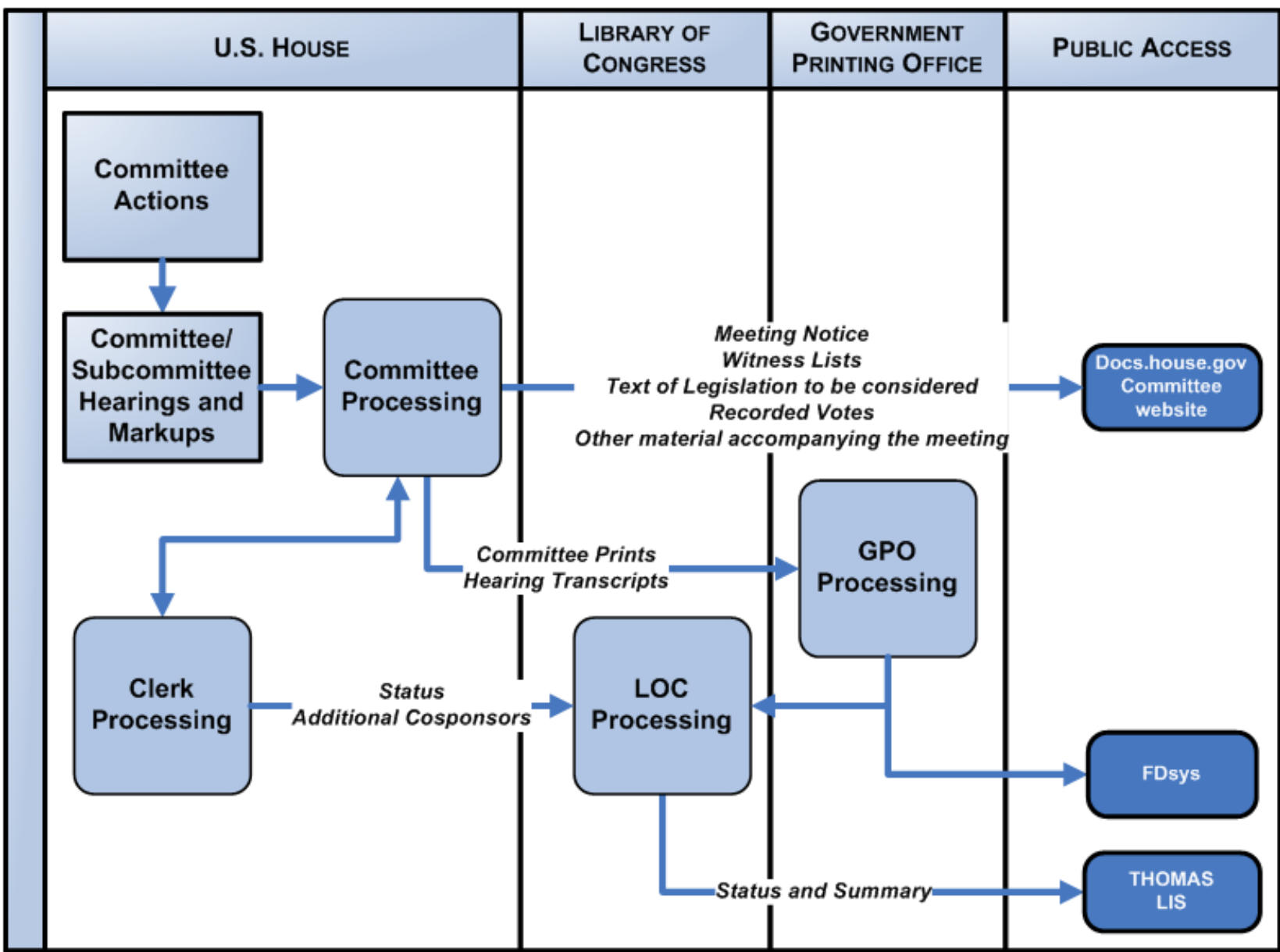


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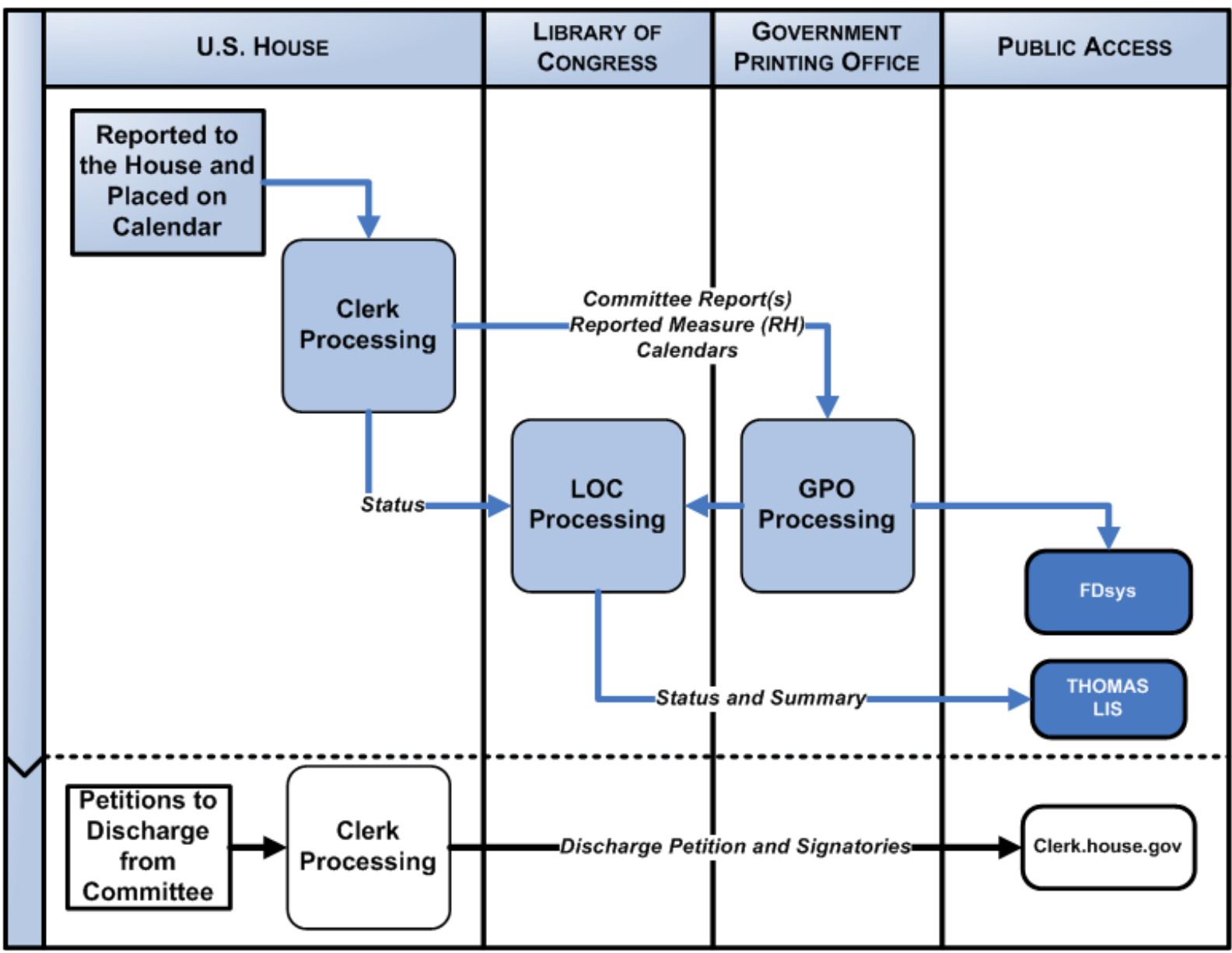




# Consideration by Committee

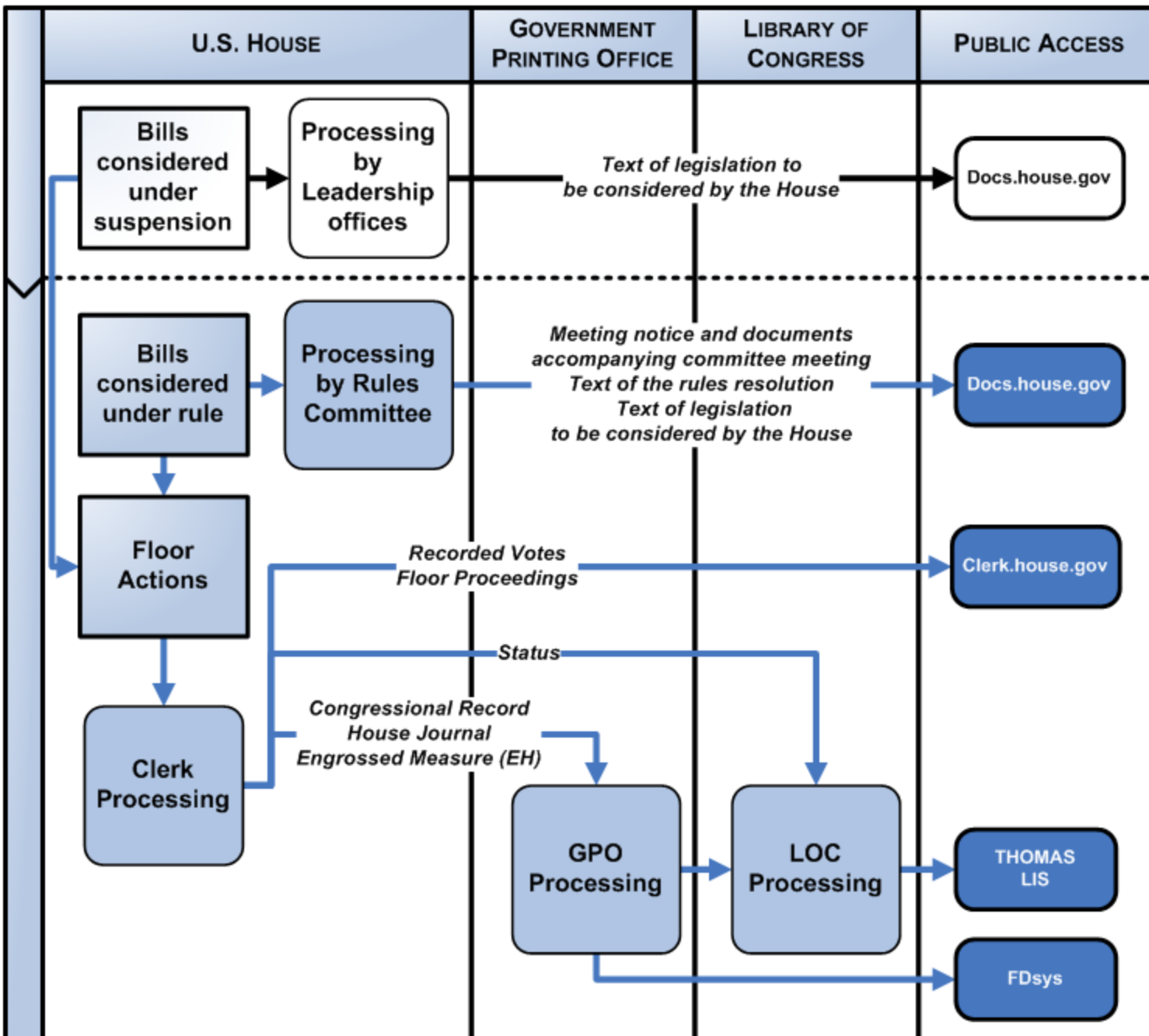


# Reported to House and Placed on Calendar

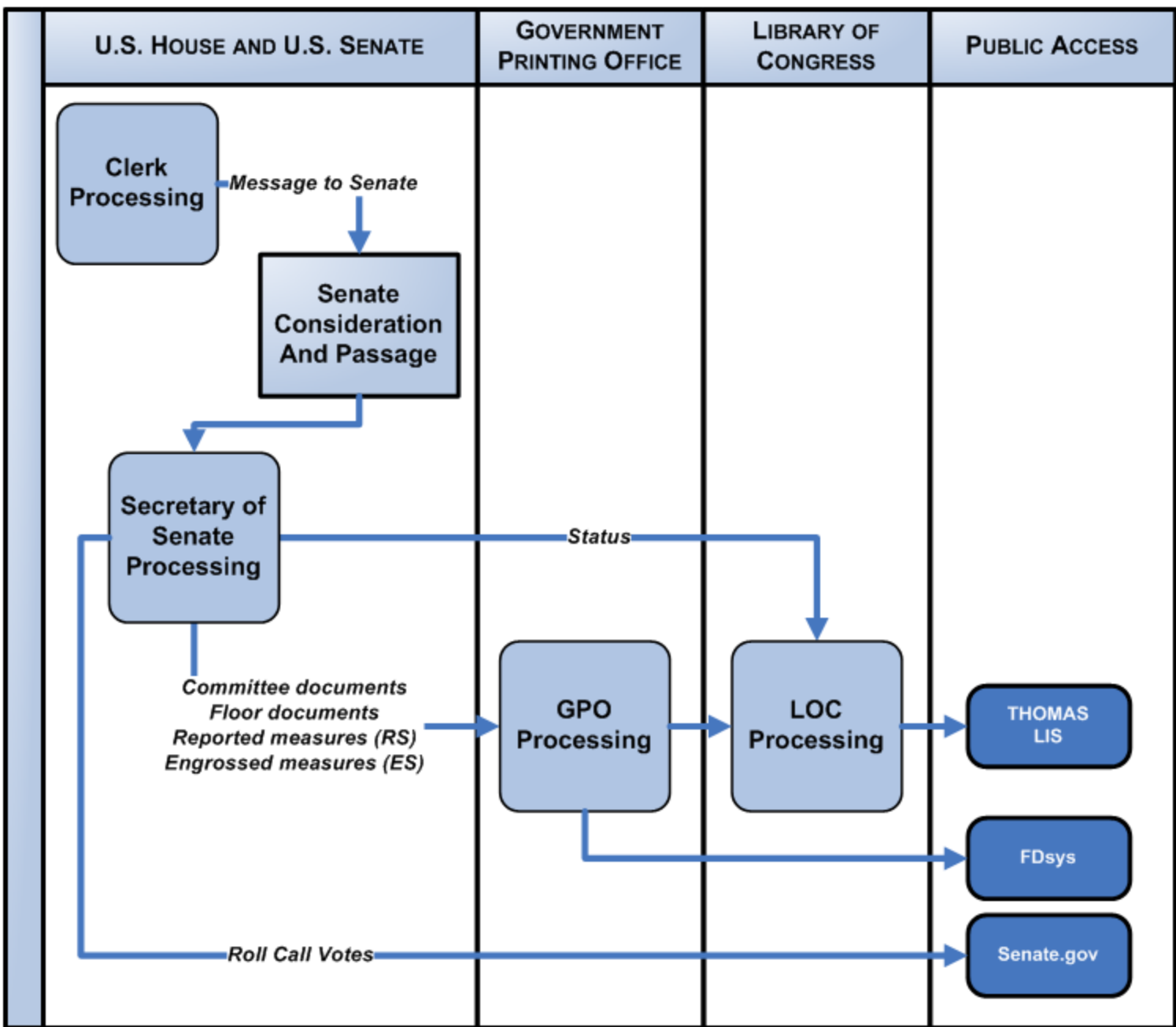




# Consideration on House Floor

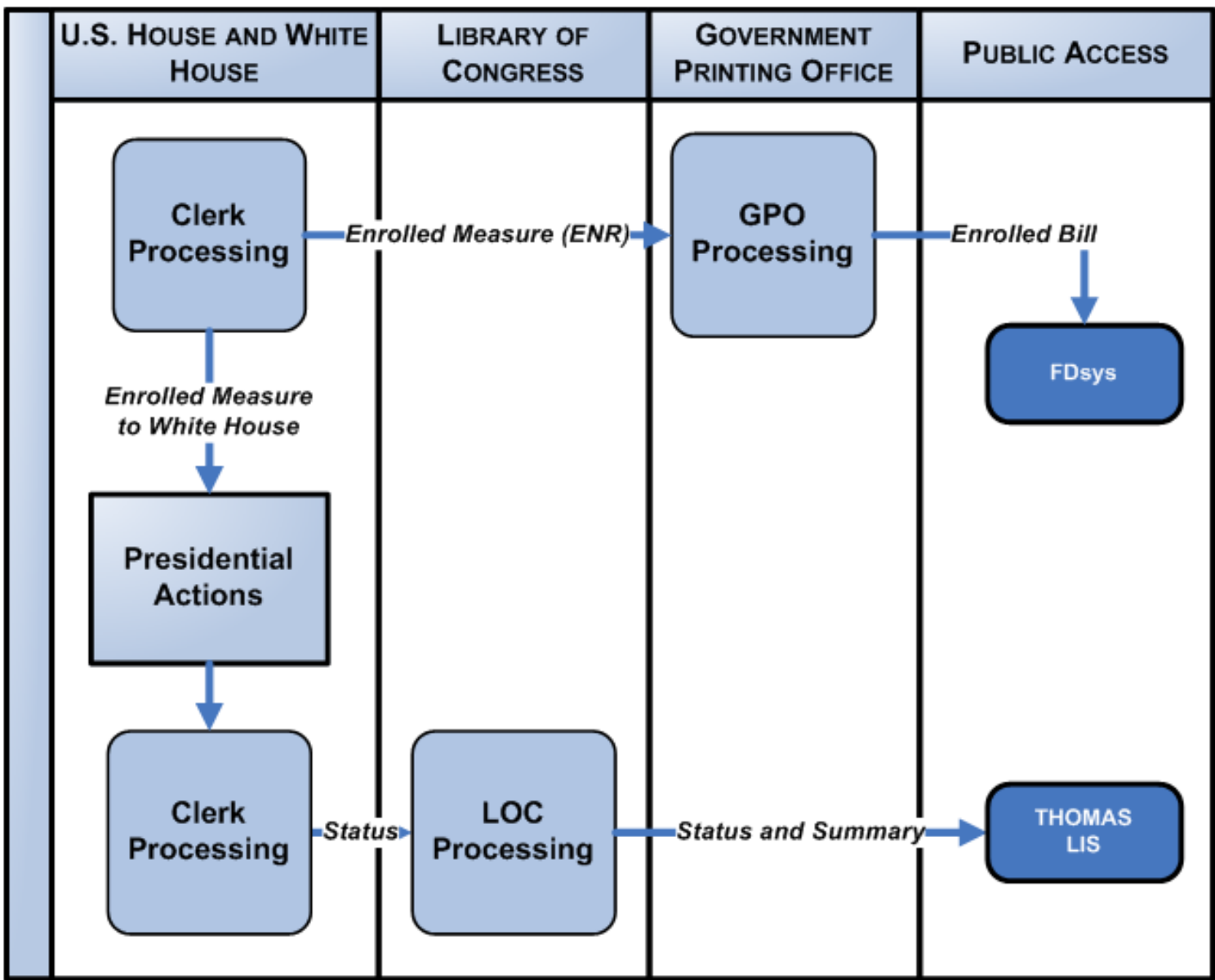


# Senate Consideration

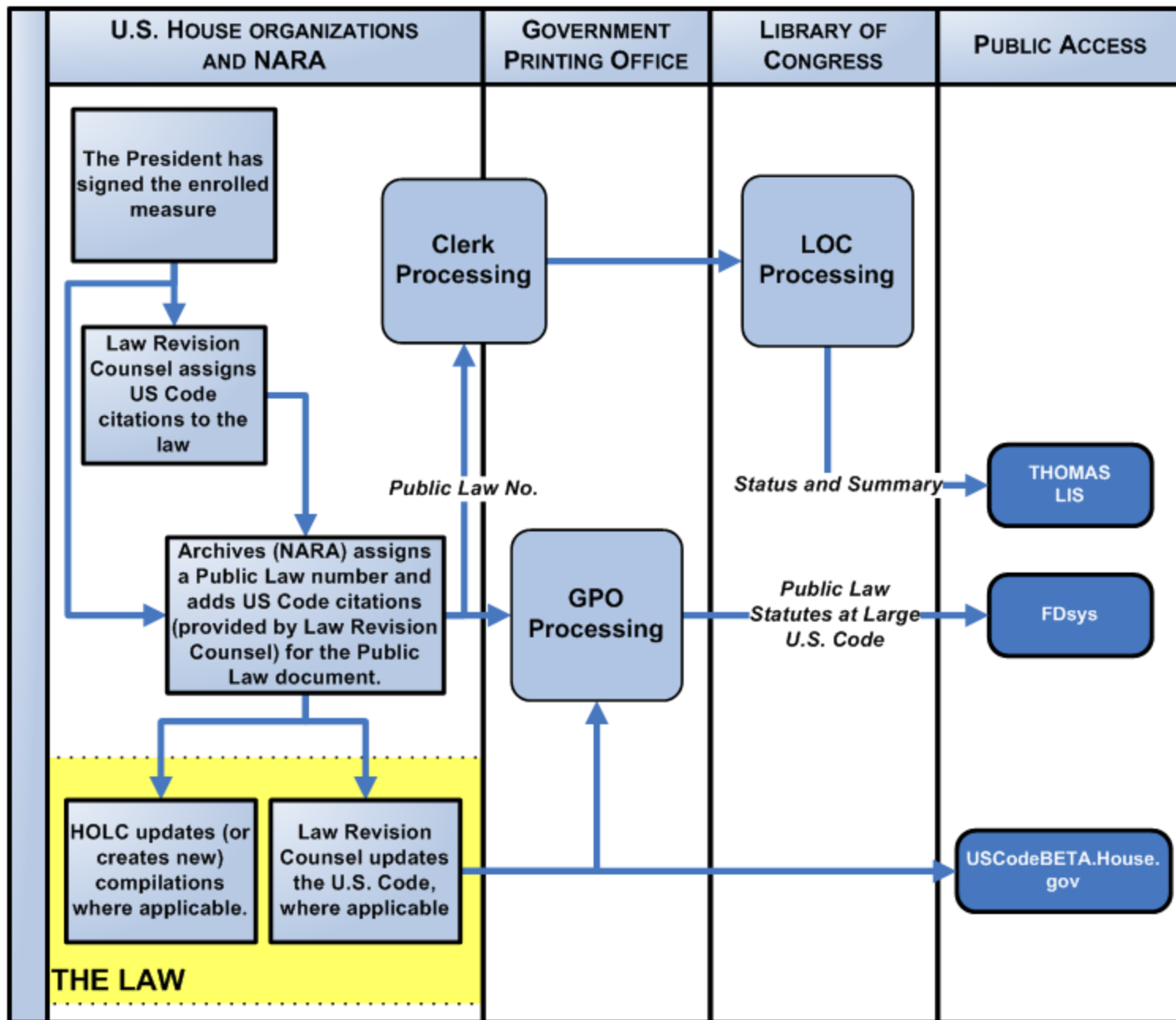




# Enrollment and Presidential Actions



# Slip laws and U.S. Code





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New time saving voting machine 05/10/1938  
<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/hec2009015711/>

# Questions and Answers

Until Jurgensen, Jr., a tally clerk designed this electric voting machine it took at least three months, using the old rubber stamp system, to compile the voting records of the 435 members of the House. Recording the yeas and nays, absent and present, paired for and paired against votes of each individual member, the machine which is similar to an adding machine, does the same job in less than two weeks. Greater accuracy is assured in counting votes with Jurgensen-designed machine.