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<p>New Electronic Titles from the FDLP</p>	 <p>Federal Depository Library Program</p>
<p>Abortion and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act <i>(Congressional Research Service)</i> https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/details?prodcode=R41013</p>	<p>Health benefit plans in the program cannot cover abortion services except when the life of a woman would be endangered or when a pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest.</p>
<p>Artificial Intelligence: Societal and Ethical Implications <i>(Hearing before the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, House of Representatives – 116th Congress, June 26, 2019)</i> [PDF Download] https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-116hhrg36796/pdf/CHRG-116hhrg36796.pdf</p>	<p>Some of the questions addressed are: to what extent are AI systems already in use today? What are examples of AI use that touch people’s lives every day that we don’t often hear about. What are ways that bias can manifest in AI systems? What are some of the risks and concerns in AI systems?</p>
<p>Border Security: Key Agencies and Their Mission <i>(Congressional Research Service)</i> https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/RS/RS21899/1</p>	<p>This report is meant to serve as a primer on the key federal agencies charged with border security; as such it will briefly describe each agency’s role in securing our nation’s borders.</p>
<p>Building a More Dynamic Economy: The Benefits of Immigration <i>(Hearing before the Committee on the Budget, House of Representatives – 116th Congress)</i> [PDF Download] https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-116hhrg37723/pdf/CHRG-116hhrg37723.pdf</p>	<p>Ultimately, immigration can be a vital ingredient for a dynamic American economy. Immigrants do not harm the native-born work force—they complement and enhance it.</p>
<p>Examining Efforts to Prevent Opioid Overutilization and Misuse in Medicare and Medicaid <i>(Hearing before the Subcommittee on Health Care of the Committee on Finance, Senate – 116th Congress)</i> [PDF Download] https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-115shrg38217/pdf/CHRG-115shrg38217.pdf</p>	<p>In the 19th and early 20th centuries, medical advances, like the development of morphine and the adoption of the hypodermic syringe, made a very powerful reliever of pain readily available. It is unfortunate that we find ourselves today in a predicament with such a clear precedent, but it is not too late to learn from the experience. There was no simple solution to that public health crisis, and there will be no simple solution today.</p>

<p>FEMA Contracting: Reviewing Lessons Learned from Past Disasters to Improve Preparedness <i>(Joint hearing before the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Accountability, House of Representatives -116th Congress)</i> [PDF Download] https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-116hhrg37475/pdf/CHRG-116hhrg37475.pdf</p>	<p>Delays in response and recovery efforts due to a lack of coordination and inconsistent information are not acceptable. Following major disasters, advance and post-disaster Federal contracts and assistance are essential to rebuilding our Nation’s communities, and focus on survivors and their recovery needs.</p>
<p>Patient Focused Care: A Prescription to Reduce Health Care Costs <i>(Hearing before the Special Committee on Aging, Senate – 116th Congress)</i> [PDF Download] https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-115shrg35285/pdf/CHRG-115shrg35285.pdf</p>	<p>We owe every citizen a system that ensures that they can afford the care that they need, no matter what illness or accident that they will endure. We owe health care providers a payment system that allows them to focus on what matters most: patient care.</p>
<p>Cyber Sense Act of 2019 <i>(Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Report to accompany S. 2333)</i> [PDF Download] https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CRPT-116srpt144/pdf/CRPT-116srpt144.pdf S. 2333: https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/2333</p>	<p>The United States’ electric grid is comprised of a vast network of transmission and distribution systems that deliver electricity from producers to consumer homes and businesses. Many sectors of our economy, including healthcare and manufacturing, simply cannot operate without a reliable supply of electricity. As advances in digital and information technology continue to electrify our daily lives, we increase our exposure to a potentially devastating cyber or physical attack on the grid.</p>