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- 1975/76 Term-2016/17 Term
- 1933/34 Term-1974/75 Term
- 1897/98 Term-1932/33 Term

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A collection of Supreme Court records and briefs associated with paid cases the Supreme Court decided not to hear. This collection may be purchased as a stand-alone collection or as a fully-integrated module on Supreme Court Insight. The collection includes dockets and petition stage briefs (including amicus curiae briefs). The vast majority of petitions to the Supreme Court are denied and sometimes the Court will continue to deny petitions on the same topic over a period of time before a case is finally accepted. Important for researchers interested in comparing petitions on the same topic in cases heard and not heard. Research on Cert Denied cases might examine the petition language, topics, court of origin, role of certain organizations, attorneys and Justices.

- Part 1, 1997/98 Term-2017/18 Term
- Part 2, 1975/76 Term-1996/97 Term
- Part 3, 1954/55 Term-1974/75 Term

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- 1878-1928
- 1929-1969
- 1970-2012

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- 20th Century (1901-2004)
- 21st Century (2005-2024)
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- Module 2: 2010-2015
- Module 3: 2015-2022
- Module 4: 2022-2023
- Module 5: 2024

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1790		1810		1830		1850		1870		1890		1910		1930		1950		1970		1990		2010		2020																								
Bill of Rights Proposed By Congress (1789)				Erie Canal opened (1821)		Civil War (1861-1865) Kansas Nebraska Act (1854) Compromise of 1850		Federal civil service established (1871)		U.S. War with Spain (1898)		Teapot Dome Scandal (1921-1923) Income Tax: 16th Amendment ratified (1913)		U.S. enters WWII (1941) Stock market crash (1929)		CIA is established (1947) Army-McCarthy Hearings (1954) Start of Vietnam War (1950)		Civil Rights Act of 1964 Apollo Space Program: first men on moon (1969) Cuban Missile Crisis (1962) Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba fails (1961)		Space Shuttle Challenger accident (1986) Three Mile Island nuclear reactor causes partial meltdown (1979)		U.S. War in Iraq begins (2003) Official end to Cold War (1991) September 11 Terrorist Attacks on the U.S. (2001)		Supreme Court rules that same-sex marriage is constitutional in Obergefell v. Hodges (2015) Barack Obama becomes the first African American president (2008) Affordable Care Act (2010) President Obama re-established diplomatic relations with Cuba (2015)																								
Louisiana Purchase (1803)		Indian Removal Act (1830)		Perry Expedition to Japan (1853-1854)		Crédit Mobilier Scandal (1872)		U.S. annexes Hawaii by act of Congress (1898)		U.S. acquires Panama Canal Zone (1903)		Manhattan project (1939-1946)		United Nations is established (1945) Brown v Board of Education (1954) Internment of Japanese Americans (1942) Explorer I, the first American satellite is launched (1958)		Vietnam War ends (1975) Mariel Boatlift (1980)		Persian Gulf War ends (1991) Nancy Pelosi becomes the first woman Speaker of the House of Representatives (2007) Deepwater Horizon (Disaster that led to the largest oil spill in U.S. history) (2010) President Bush signs \$350 billion tax cut bill (2003)		U.S.-China sign trade agreement (1999) U.S. economic crash “The Great Recession” (2008)		The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (2017) President Biden signs the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (2021)																										
War of 1812		Monroe Doctrine (1823)		South Carolina secedes from the Union (1860)		15th Amendment is ratified, giving African American men the right to vote (1870)		Chinese Exclusion Act (1882)		The 18th Amendment ratified (1919)																																						
Conflict with France (1798-1800)		Texas defenders of the Alamo are killed during a siege by the Mexican Army (1836)		Gold is discovered in Sutter’s Mill in CA (1848)																																												
Congressional Hearings Digital Collection			Hearings Part A 1824-1979																Part B 1980-2003		Part C 2004-2010		Parts D-Q 2011-2024																									
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Congressional Research Digital Collection (CRDC)			Congressional Research Digital Collection 1830-2003																		Part B: 2004-2010		Parts C-P 2011-2024																									
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House and Senate Unpublished Hearings	HUPs A House 1973-1979				HUPs B: House 1980, Senate 1985-90		HUPs C: House 1981-82, Senate 1991-92																																									
Legislative Insight	Part B 1789–1960																								2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
Regulatory Insight & Regulatory Insight: Historic Rules and Guidance	Regulatory Insight: Historic Rules and Guidance 1789-1935														Regulatory Insight 1936-2016										2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024									
Regulatory Insight: Guidance and Policy																	Regulatory Insight: Guidance and Policy 1953-2022																						2023		2024							
Supreme Court Insight											1897-1932		1933-1974				1975-2016								2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023											
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