

Tax Notes: Legislative History Research

This user guide provides an overview of how to use Tax Notes to research legislative history.

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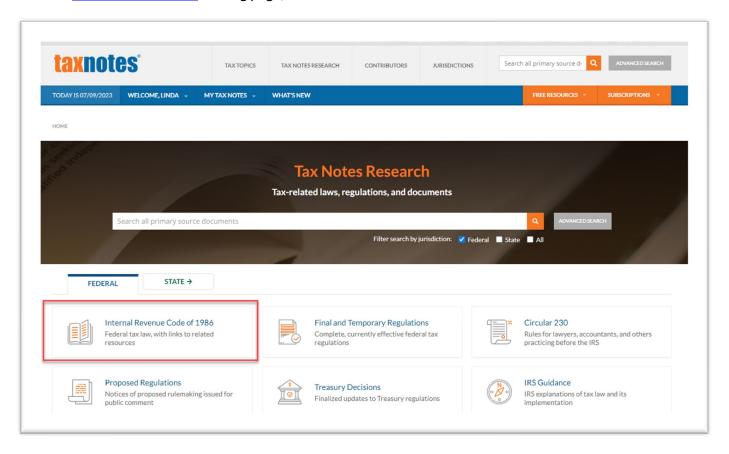
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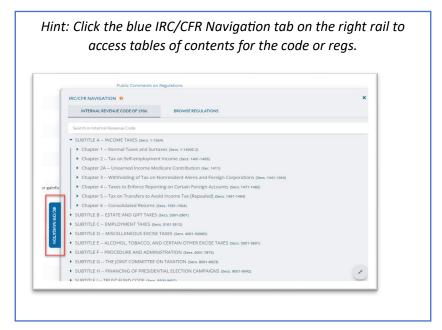
Tax Analysts' reference attorneys will be delighted to help you with your legislative history or any other research. Please contact them at research.help@taxanalysts.org.



Starting With a Tax Code Section

From the <u>Tax Notes Research</u> landing page, select **Internal Revenue Code of 1986**.





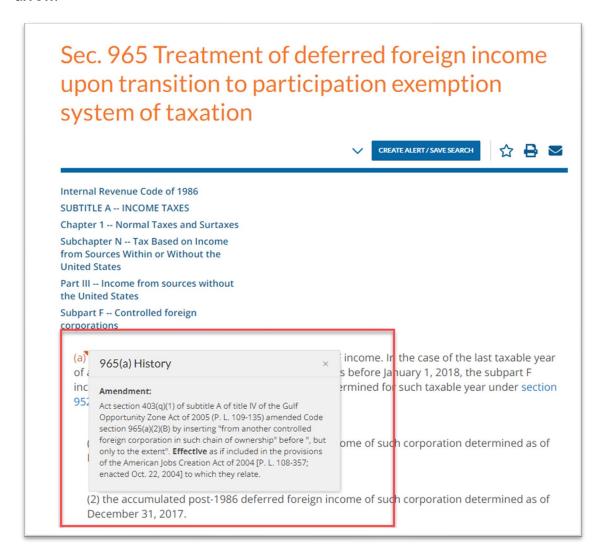


Enter a code section or search term in the box, and select the desired section.



Land on the code section page.

To see history notes for subsections, paragraphs, etc. marked with an orange arrow, click the **arrow**.





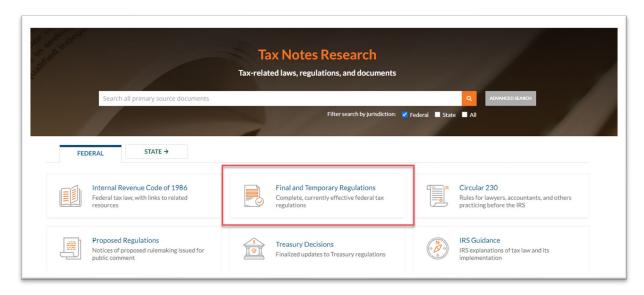
On the right rail of the code section page, you will see an expandable **LEGISLATIVE HISTORY** list.



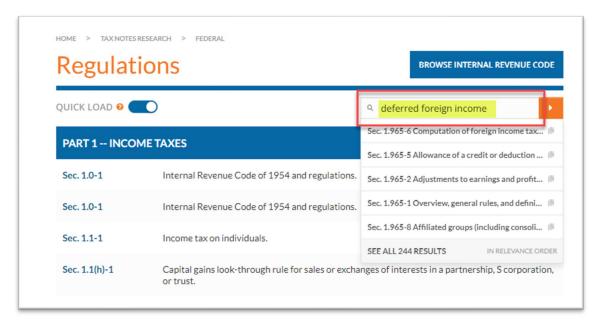


Starting With a Final or Temporary Regulation

From the <u>Tax Notes Research</u> landing page, select **Final and Temporary Regulations**.

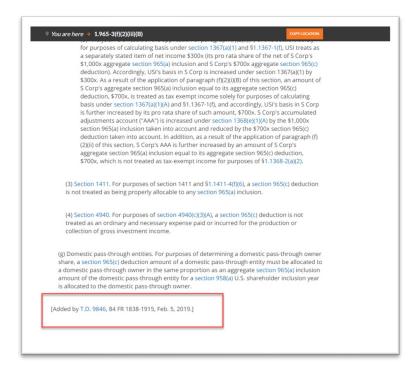


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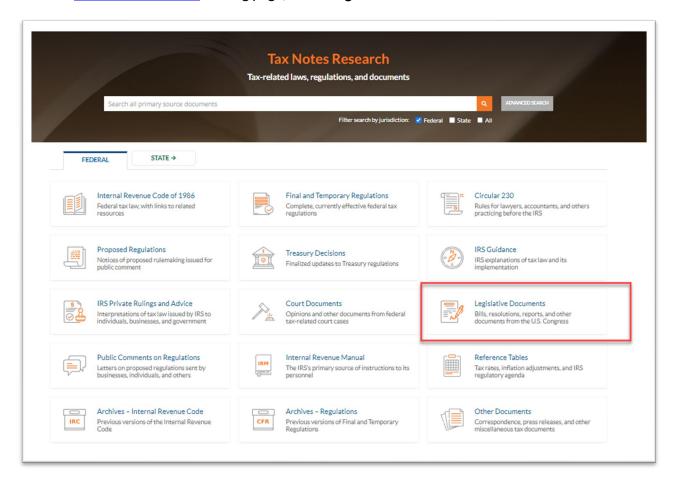
From the regulation's landing page, scroll to the bottom to see the history note. Often the T.D. will be linked.





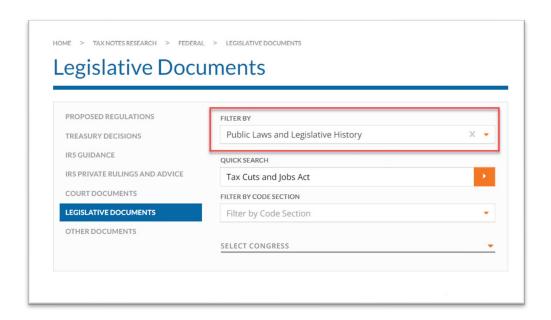
Starting With a Public Law

From the <u>Tax Notes Research</u> landing page, select **Legislative Documents**.



Use the FILTER BY drop-down menu to select Public Laws and Legislative History.

(You may also enter key words in the **QUICK SEARCH** box, a code section in the **FILTER BY CODE SECTION** box, or both.)



After making a selection in the **FILTER BY** box, the **SELECT CONGRESS** drop-down menu will appear. Use it to select the congressional session.





A list of tax-related laws from that congressional session will appear. The default order is reverse chronological. In the **SORT BY** drop-down menu, select **NAME** to sort the laws in alphabetical order by their titles.





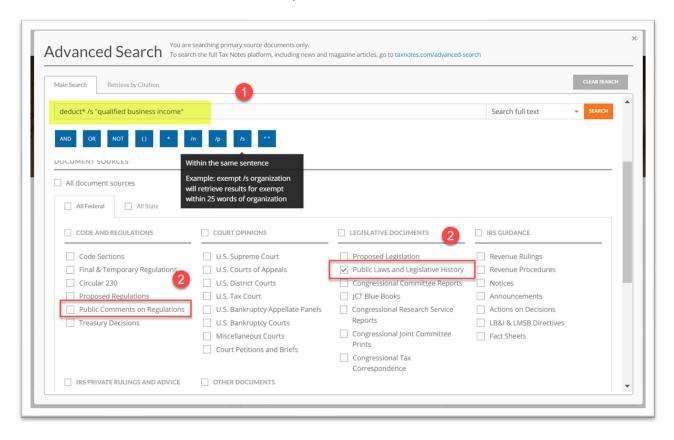
Starting With a Boolean Search

From the <u>Tax Notes Research</u> landing page, select **ADVANCED SEARCH** to use Boolean operators in searching legislative history documents.



In the Advanced Search template, enter your search query using Boolean operators.

- 1) Hover your cursor over an operator to see explanatory text.
- 2) Check the boxes next to the sources you'd like to search.



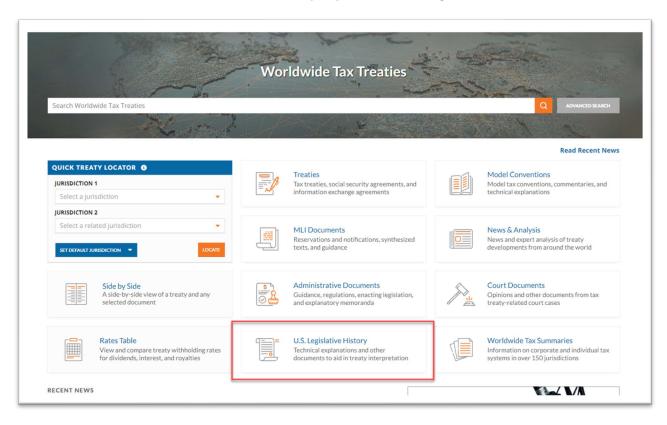


Starting With Worldwide Tax Treaties

Visit Tax Notes' <u>Help Center</u> for detailed user guides and videos on the Worldwide Tax Treaties research platform.

Legislative History Browse Feature

From Tax Notes' Worldwide Tax Treaties landing page, select U.S. Legislative History.



In the JURISDICTIONS box, United States has been pre-populated. Other countries may be added.

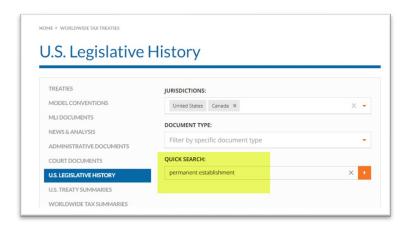




Use the **DOCUMENT TYPE** drop-down menu to select a document. Scroll down to see the Treasury Department Technical Explanations.



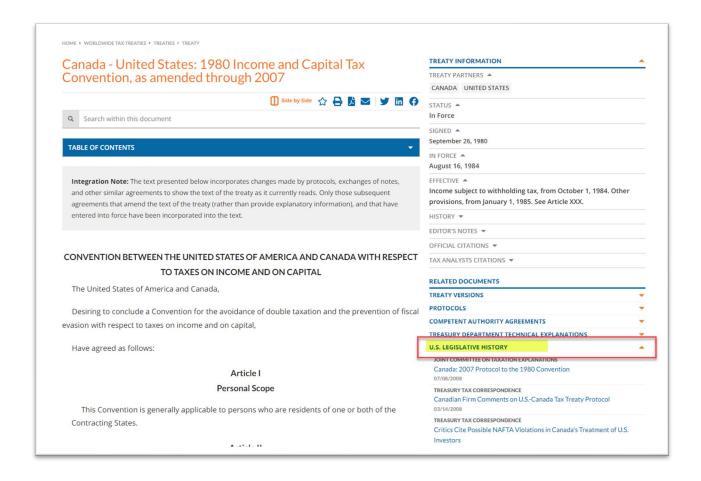
Enter key words or phrases in the QUICK SEARCH field.





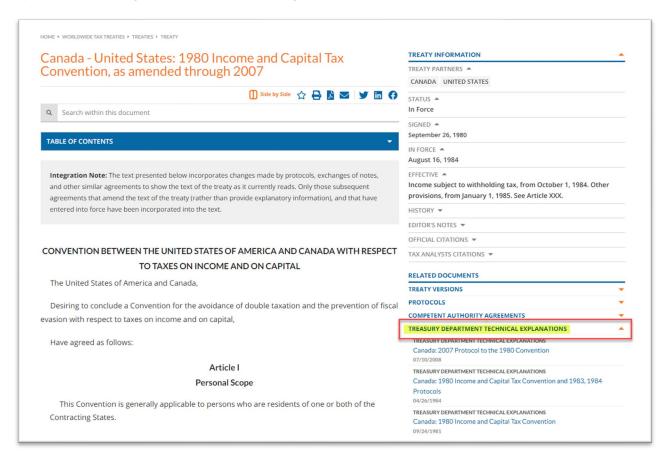
Starting From a U.S. Tax Treaty: Legislative History in the Right Rail

From a U.S. tax treaty, an expandable list of **U.S. LEGISLATIVE HISTORY** is on the right rail. All categories of legislative history documents will appear when you expand the header.





An expandable list of **TREASURY DEPARTMENT TECHNICAL EXPLANATIONS** is also listed separately on the right rail for ease in locating these important interpretive aids.

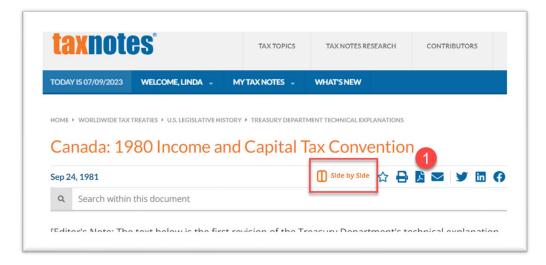


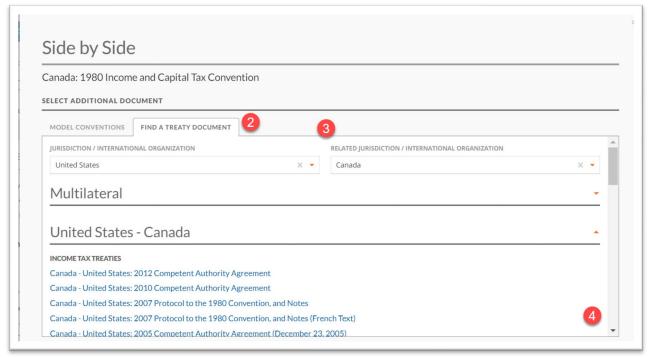


Treaties Side-by-Side Feature

From a Treasury Department Technical Explanation, use the Side-by-Side tool to put the relevant treaty alongside it.

- 1) Click the orange Side-by-Side icon from the ribbon under the title.
- 2) Click the **FIND A TREATY DOCUMENT** tab.
- 3) Enter the two country names in the **JURISDICTION** and **RELATED JURISDICTION** fields. The screen will refresh. Click the applicable drop-down menu, and a list of applicable instruments will appear.
- 4) Scroll down and select the name of the treaty you want to see side by side with the Treasury Department Technical Explanation.







Current Legislation: Trackers

Tax Analysts' editors create collections of documents for legislation of current interest. As of 2023, there is a tracker for the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. A link to the tracker is on the right rail of the Tax Notes homepage and the federal news page.

The tracker collects IRS and Treasury regulations and guidance, enacted and proposed legislation, Joint Committee on Taxation reports, the president's proposals, and the Treasury's green book.

