

NAVIGATING THE HILL



To find the congressional office once you are in the correct building, understand the office numbering pattern.

House:

- **Cannon House Office Building** uses three digits, and the first digit indicates the floor. For example, Cannon 455 is on the fourth floor.
- **Longworth House Office Building** uses four digits, and every office begins with 1. To find the floor the office is on, use the second digit. For example, Longworth 1245 is on the second floor
- **Rayburn House Office Building** uses four digits, and every office begins with 2. To find the floor the office is on, use the second digit. For example, Rayburn 2567 is on the fifth floor.

Senate:

You will need to know the building and the room number. In all buildings, the first digit indicates the floor.

Russell (RSOB)

- Three digit room numbers preceded by “SR”.
- Example: SR 216 is on the second floor of Russell.

Dirksen (DSOB)

- Three digit room numbers preceded by “SD”.
- Example: SD 145 is on the first floor of Dirksen.

Hart (HSOB)

- Three digit room numbers preceded by “SH”.
- Example: SH 320 is on the third floor of Hart.



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Traveling from One Congressional Office Building to Another:

House: If you need to get from one House of Representatives' office building to another House office without going outside and going through security again, you may use the tunnels that connect the three office buildings

- To access the tunnels, in Cannon and Longworth, take the elevators to the basement level and follow the signs to the next building. In Rayburn, take the elevators to the sub-basement, and follow the signs

Senate: There are also easy ways to get from one Senate building to another Senate office without leaving and going through security again.

- From Russell, to get to Dirksen or Hart, take the elevators to the basement level and follow the signs to the Dirksen Senate Office Building.
- Dirksen and Hart are connected on every floor, from the first floor to the sixth floor, through corridors. (It is not recommended to take the underground tunnels between Dirksen and Hart.)

Traveling from the House to the Senate side:

- The tunnels between the Senate and House are not usually open to the public and generally require a congressional office escort. The easiest way to get from one side to another is to walk across the grounds right in front of the Capitol, or to walk on First St NE between Independence Avenue and Constitution Avenue

Getting to Senate Visitor Center (SVC 212-10) from the Metro:

- Take the orange, blue or silver lines to Capitol South metro station. Upon exit, walk up the hill. When you reach the corner of 1st and C St. SE you will be standing in front of the Cannon building on the House side. Continue past the Cannon building on 1st St. SE and cross Independence Ave SE. Continue straight on 1st St. SE until you enter the Senate grounds of the Capitol Visitor Center and the security entrance. Go through security and down one level (stairs are in front of you and escalators are to the right). You will see lines for the "U.S. Capitol Visitor Center Times Passes and Information" desk. Walk to the right of the lines and the desk and check in at the U.S. Senate Appointment Desk. They will direct you to SVC 212-10 which is close by.

If you need additional directions, look for Capitol Police officers or ask your current meeting how to get to your next office.