The US Documents Collection in the New Jersey State Library is filed according to the Superintendent of Documents (SuDoc) classification system*. In this system, documents are classified by issuing agency. The call numbers reflect government organization and hierarchy. The SuDoc Classification Number is made up of different elements and parts. Each element, which can be a letter, number, or punctuation, is an important part of the classification number.

The initial letter or letters represent the department or agency that issued the document. Under the “nothing-before-something” rule, a one-letter agency is filed before a two (or more) letter agency. Example: all E’s are filed before ED or EP.

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The stem designates the issuing agency and the type of publication. All numbers to the left of the colon (:) form the SuDoc “stem”.

After the colon, you find either letters or numbers, which designate the specific publication.

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Remember – Letters before numbers!

Congress and its Working Committees
All Congressional Committee documents start with Y4., followed by a letter and then numbers. For example:

- The House Committee on Appropriations’ hearings, prints, and miscellaneous publications are classified as Y4.AP 6/1:
- The Senate Committee on Appropriations’ hearings, prints, and miscellaneous publications are classified as: Y4. AP 6/2:
Congress and its Working Committees continued:

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- Y 4. AP 49: B 86/2
- Y 4.AP 49: S.hrg. 110-42 (S.hrg. stands for Senate hearing)
- Y 4. AP 49: S.prt. 110-112 (S.prt. stands for Senate print)

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- All other classifications, A to Y are shelved on Level 1.
- Oversized documents are usually filed on Level 2

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