Legislative History Research, Lexis Learn, (8:50)

**Subject**
Basics of legislative history research on Lexis

**Learning Objectives**
1. Know what documents comprise a legislative history
2. Understand when it can be important to find legislative history to make or support a legal argument
3. Be able to complete the basic steps of finding legislative history documents on Lexis.

**Features Identified on a Platform [Lexis, Westlaw, Bloomberg, etc.]**
- History of statute; notes specific to subsections of statute; keyword searching in legislative history materials;

**Level of Difficulty: [0-4, 4 being the highest.]**
- 2

**Interactivity [0-4, with 4 being the highest.] Is it sufficient?**
- 1 - sufficient for its purposes

**Transferability to Print**
- Not really transferable, no print features or correlaries are discussed

**Use of Relevant Examples**
The problem presented is an extension of the Senator Hatfield problem. It presents a statutory issue related to the assault of the senator by his neighbor. Although the statute in question does not provide a private right of action, the hypothetical research problem requests a briefing on the application of the statute to the facts presented. This is a realistic and relatable use of legislative history.

**Level of Detail**
The level of detail is appropriate for an introductory tutorial.

**Relevance to Students**
The demonstration of the research process, starting with the statute itself, then using it to link to legislative history documents, is very relevant to students.

**Appropriate Terminology**
The terminology related to the legislative process was generally well-defined. I appreciated the deeper explanation of conference committee reports and public laws.

**The Graphics**

The graphics were appropriate for the subject.

**Length of the Video**

The length is well-suited for an introduction to researching legislative history on Lexis.

**Marketing the Product Versus Teaching**

This module does not market Lexis.

**Reviewers Comments**

**Reviewer**

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