

AskGPO: Inquiry Status Closed 00172822: Other question about the Government Publishing Office

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Your recent question received through askGPO has been answered, and a copy of the question and our response is below. Thank you for allowing the U.S. Government Publishing Office to be of service to you, and please contact us again with any further questions.

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Question: I know that the January 6th report is a certified .pdf file and I appreciate why that is. But, as an online reader, it's not practical to not be able to highlight/comment on the file as I am reading it. Would it be possible for the GPO to allow Commenting when creating these pdf files? (If I purchased the hard copy of the report, for example, you would not stop me from highlighting and making notes in the margins.)

I have a separate request, please. Before certifying files that include bookmarks, would you please change the file's initial view settings for the navigation tab so that the bookmarks panel and page are what automatically display? Bookmarks are so helpful and I prefer to see them when the file opens. If that's not the default setting, I like to change it. But I cannot change that setting when the file has been certified.

Thank you for your consideration of both requests.

Answer

: Hello Lori,

Thank you for your inquiry. GovInfo provides a certified copy of a document for public access. It is up to the user to determine which application or browser they wish to use to view the document. The user determines which functionalities that application or browser may contain. We cannot add capability for commenting or highlighting to GovInfo as it would require saving copies of the files on our end and create a security and data storage issue. We recommend downloading the file and uploading it in a document reader in order to comment/highlight/bookmark within the document.

Regards,

U.S. Government Publishing Office

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