

ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION



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The Illinois Legislative Correspondents Association is an organization of newspapers, news services, and television and radio stations whose representatives report actions of the General Assembly and Illinois government.

Chicago and St. Louis newspapers, the Associated Press and numerous downstate newspapers maintain year-round bureaus at the State Capitol. Through these representatives, Illinois government is one of the most comprehensively reported in the nation.

The ILCA dates back to early-1946, when Don E. Chamberlain and other correspondents covering the State Capitol worked with Governor Dwight H. Green, Secretary of State Edward J. Barrett and legislative leaders to establish modern pressroom facilities for the association. Four rooms were assigned to the press in 1947, replacing the old system where reporters wrote their copy in anterooms and under stairs. As the ILCA continued to grow and the television and broadcast media joined the ranks of those covering state government, larger quarters were provided to the association near the legislative halls in the Capitol.

Working with the ILCA in 1976, the Legislative Space Needs Commission (now the Office of the Architect of the Capitol) designed a new, modern pressroom on the mezzanine of the State Capitol Building between the second and third floors. Renovation of the television newsroom, where many of the formal press conferences are held, was completed in 2000.

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