


**www.camera.it**

Usability and contents of the Chamber of Deputies website

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## Topics

1. **www.camera.it** web site
  - Web site accessibility project
  - Web site usability project
2. Previous Parliament Proceedings
3. Parliamentary dossiers
4. Printing of Parliamentary Proceedings

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# 1. [www.camera.it](http://www.camera.it) web site

- [www.camera.it](http://www.camera.it) renewed version
- Working tool for MPs and staff
- Continuous development and enhancement
- More than 4 million pages
- 700,000 accesses every month on average

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## Web Accessibility Project

- Text-only version since first release (1996)
- Since 1st December 2006 accessible version of the website as images and text
- Accessibility Project data
  - Two years of duration
  - Euro 200.000 of cost

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## Accessibility standards

- The Stanca Act 4/2004, decrees and regulations
- Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) of W3C, especially the WCAG 1.0 guide lines
- Section 508 of the U.S. Rehabilitation Act
- ISO Accessibility standards

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## Accessibility Implementation <sup>(1)</sup>

- Project team developing the prototype
- These standards have been adopted
  - Markup language chosen: XHTML Strict 1.0 (an XML application and W3C Recommendation)
  - CSS 1.0 (Cascading Style Sheets)
  - No framesets allowed

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## Accessibility Implementation<sup>(2)</sup>

- Enough color contrast for contents and background
- Right showing of contents
  - With any enlargement of character
  - No dynamic functions
- DTD used for all tables
- Better link identification using labels
- Keyboard alternative for every mouse entry

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## Prototype Testing

- New web site tested using the most widely used browsers and operating systems
- Code and style sheet correction using W3C validator
- New XHTML code and content formats

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## Accessibility results

- The Camera web site could show these logos regarding web accessibility standards

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## Subjective accessibility assessment

Evaluation group testing the intermediate results

- Expert in human factors
- Expert in interaction to the disabled
- ISL (Italian Sign Language) interpreter (for deaf people)
- 10 users having different kinds of disability forming two teams of 5 people each

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## Subjective accessibility methodology

- First step: human factor expert analysis
- Second step: an assessment group is formed (two teams of 5 people each)
- Third step: performance of tasks by the assessment teams and technical improvement of the prototype
- Fourth step: assessment of results and conclusive report

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## Accessibility results

- The Camera web site achieved third level of accessibility quality
- It could show this accessibility logo

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## 2. Republican Parliaments

### Parliament Years

I	1948-1953
II	1953-1958
III	1958-1963
IV	1963-1968
V	1968-1972
VI	1972-1976
VII	1976-1979
VIII	1979-1983

### Parliament Years

IX	1983-1987
X	1987-1992
XI	1992-1994
XII	1994-1996
XIII	1996-2001
XIV	2001-2006
XV	2006-

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## I - XIV Parliament Proceedings

- Free access to the Chamber parliamentary proceedings of previous Parliaments from I Parliament through XIV Parliament
- Digital documents and search engine
- More than 3.5 million pages
  - Parliamentary debates and dossiers of both House Floor and Committees (for legislative sittings)
  - Text of bills and parliamentary documents due by law with powerful search engine

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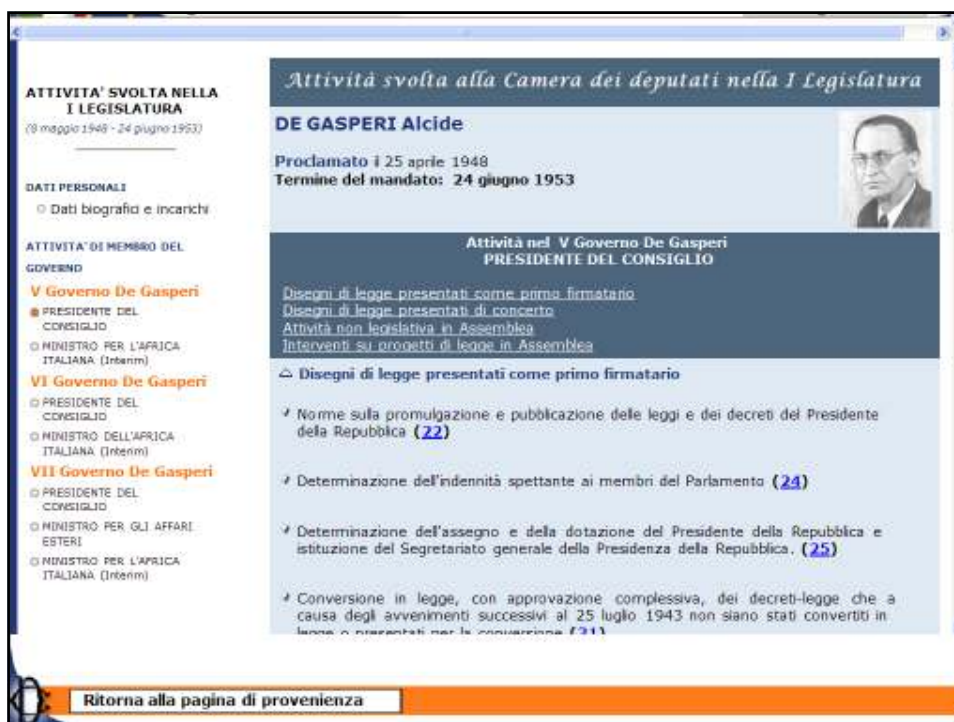


## Previous Parliaments' Deputies

- Deputies of previous Parliaments with biographical data and direct links to parliamentary debates
- All Parliamentary Bodies and Government Cabinets
- Powerful search engine very similar to the present Parliament search engine

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**Attività svolta alla Camera dei deputati nella I Legislatura**

**DE GASPERI Alcide**

Proclamato il 25 aprile 1948  
Termine del mandato: 24 giugno 1953

Attività nel V Governo De Gasperi  
PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO

[Disegni di legge presentati come primo firmatario](#)  
[Disegni di legge presentati di concerto](#)  
[Attività non legislativa in Assemblea](#)  
[Interventi su progetti di legge in Assemblea](#)

**Disegni di legge presentati come primo firmatario**

- ✓ Norme sulla promulgazione e pubblicazione delle leggi e dei decreti del Presidente della Repubblica. **(22)**
- ✓ Determinazione dell'indennità spettante ai membri del Parlamento. **(24)**
- ✓ Determinazione dell'assegno e della dotazione del Presidente della Repubblica e istituzione del Segretariato generale della Presidenza della Repubblica. **(25)**
- ✓ Conversione in legge, con approvazione complessiva, dei decreti-legge che a causa degli avvenimenti successivi al 25 luglio 1943 non siano stati convertiti in legge e emanati per la occupazione. **(31)**

**ATTIVITA' SVOLTA NELLA I LEGISLATURA**  
(8 maggio 1948 - 24 giugno 1953)

**DATI PERSONALI**

- Dati biografia e incarichi

**ATTIVITA' DI MEMBRO DEL GOVERNO**

**V Governo De Gasperi**

- PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO
- MINISTRO PER L'AFRICA ITALIANA (Interim)

**VI Governo De Gasperi**

- PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO
- MINISTRO DELL'AFRICA ITALIANA (Interim)

**VII Governo De Gasperi**

- PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO
- MINISTRO PER GLI AFFARI ESTERI
- MINISTRO PER L'AFRICA ITALIANA (Interim)

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### 3. Parliamentary Dossiers

- Many Departments publish parliamentary dossiers
- On average 1,600 dossiers are prepared each year.

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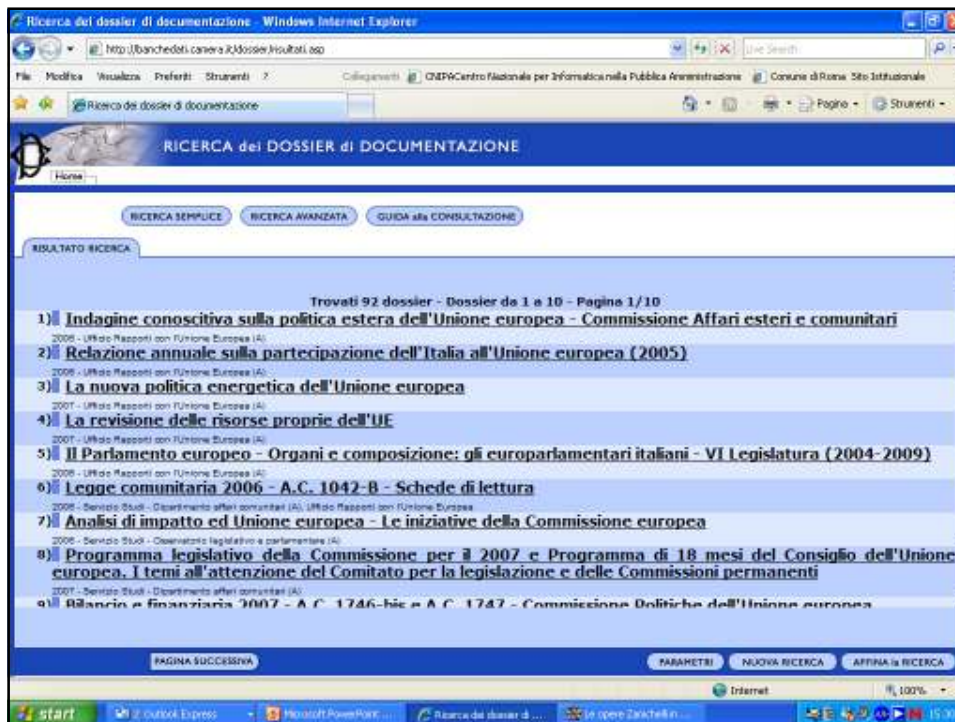
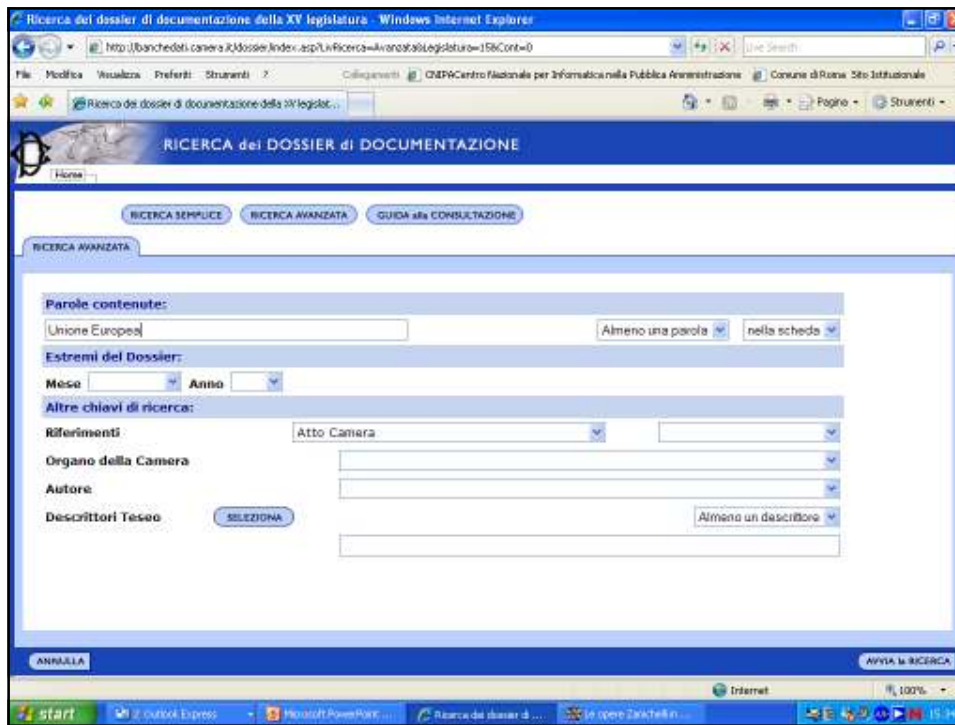
### Parliamentary Dossier contents

A typical dossier has two parts

- First Part: a deep comment on each and every provision of a bill both on juridical and substantive aspects
- Second part: collection of documents related to the bill under consideration

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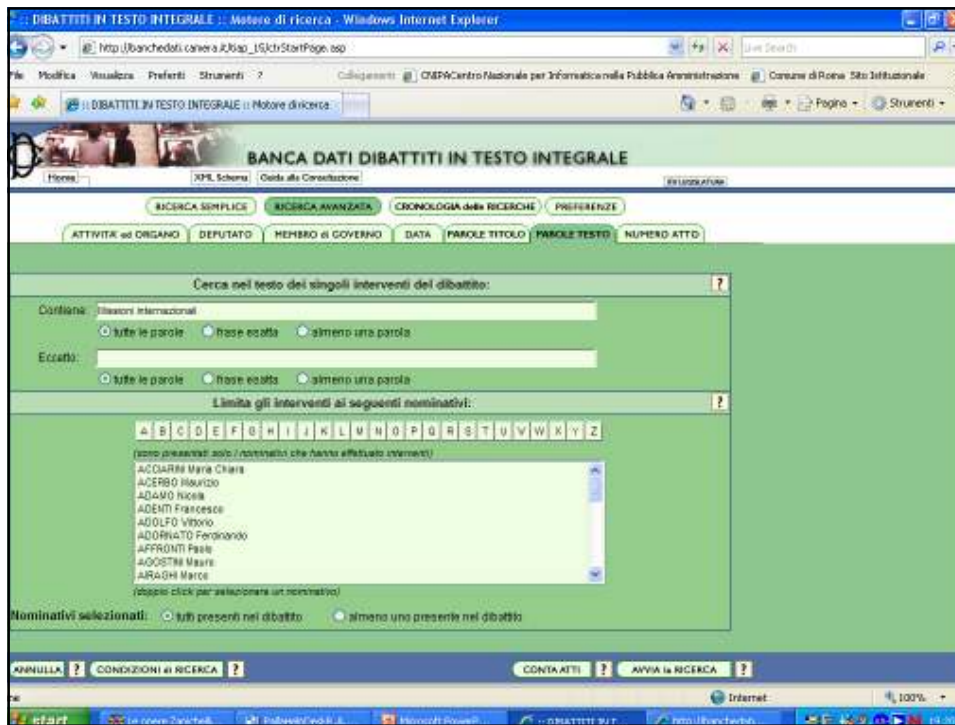
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## 4. Printing of parliamentary proceedings

- New function activated in order to extract and print parts of parliamentary proceedings
- Useful to extract *personal dossiers*
- Personal dossier printed or stored as a Word file



The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "DIBATTITI IN TESTO INTEGRALE". The page header includes "BANCA DATI DIBATTITI IN TESTO INTEGRALE" and navigation links like "Home", "XML Schema", and "Guida alla Consultazione". Below the header, there are buttons for "CRONOLOGIA DELLE RICERCHE", "PREFERENZE", "TERMINE PRECEDENTE", and "TERMINE SUCCESSIVO". The main content area is titled "DOCUMENTI RISULTANTI ALLA RICERCA" and "DIBATTITI SVOLTI NELLA XV LEGISLATURA". It displays search results for "Assemblea" on "Seduta n. 28 di mercoledì 19 luglio 2006". A table of contents lists various legislative proposals and their page numbers, such as "Disegno di legge: Disposizioni per la partecipazione italiana alle missioni internazionali (A.C. 1288)" starting on page 25. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows several open applications and the system clock at 13:45.

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Dibattiti in testo integrale: Estrazione testi". The page header includes "Export in Word" and "Indice dell'estrazione". The main content area is titled "Interventi estratti di D'ALEMA Massimo" and "Assemblea". It displays an extracted text snippet from Massimo D'Alema's intervention during the "Seduta n. 28 di mercoledì 19 luglio 2006". The text discusses the Italian participation in international missions (A.C. 1288) and mentions the "Active Endeavour" mission in the Mediterranean. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows several open applications and the system clock at 13:45.



## Summary

- Renewed usability, new contents and new functions activated on 1st December 2006
- The [www.camera.it](http://www.camera.it) now has almost the same contents of the Intranet web site
- An invaluable tool to assure the transparency of the Parliamentary function




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# Questions

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