The following is a list of selected policy institutes (more commonly referred to as "thinktanks"). These can be good sources of policy research. You will not necessarily look up a bill number at their websites, but you can research issues related to bills. These thinktanks are the ones most often cited in the media.

- **American Enterprise Institute**
  - Founded in 1938, AEI is a private, nonpartisan, not-for-profit institution dedicated to research and education on issues of government, politics, economics and social welfare.

- **The Brookings Institution**
  - The Brookings Institution is a private nonprofit organization devoted to independent research and innovative policy solutions. For nearly 100 years, Brookings has analyzed current and emerging issues and produced new ideas that matter—for the nation and the world.

- **Carnegie Endowment for International Peace**
  - The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace is the oldest international affairs think tank in the United States. Founded in 1910, it is known for its scholarship, responsiveness to changing global circumstances, and a commitment to concrete improvements in public policy.

- **Cato Institute**
  - The Cato Institute is a public policy research organization dedicated to the principles of individual liberty, limited government, free markets and peace. Its scholars and analysts conduct independent, nonpartisan research on a wide range of policy issues.

- **Center for American Progress**
  - The Center for American Progress is an independent nonpartisan educational institute dedicated to improving the lives of Americans through progressive ideas and action.

- **Center for Strategic & International Studies**
  - CSIS is a bipartisan, nonprofit organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. The Center's 220 full-time staff and large network of affiliated scholars conduct research and analysis and develop policy initiatives that look to the future and anticipate change.

- **Center on Budget and Policy Priorities**
  - The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities conducts research and analysis to help shape public debates over proposed budget and tax policies and to help ensure that policymakers consider the needs of low-income families and individuals in these debates. It also develops policy options to alleviate poverty.

- **Council on Foreign Relations**
  - The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) is an independent, nonpartisan membership organization, think tank, and publisher. CFR members, including Brian Williams, Fareed Zakaria, Angelina Jolie, Chuck Hagel, and Erin Burnett, explain why the Council on Foreign Relations is an indispensable resource in a complex world.

- **Economic Policy Institute**
  - The Economic Policy Institute (EPI), a non-profit, non-partisan think tank, was created in 1986 to broaden discussions about economic policy to include the needs of low- and middle-income workers. EPI believes every working person deserves a good job with fair pay, affordable health care, and retirement security.

- **Hoover Institution**
  - The overall mission of this Institution is to recall the voice of experience against the making of war, and by the study of these records and their publication, to recall man's endeavors to make and preserve peace, and to sustain for America the safeguards of the American way of life.

- **The Heritage Foundation**
  - The Heritage Foundation is a public policy research institute with hundreds of thousands of individual, foundation, and corporate donors. Its mission is to formulate and promote conservative public policies based on the principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, and a strong national defense.

- **Kaiser Family Foundation**
  - Kaiser is a non-profit, private operating foundation focusing on the major health care issues facing the U.S., as well as the U.S. role in global health policy.

- **RAND Corporation**
  - The RAND Corporation is a nonprofit institution that helps improve policy and decision making through research and analysis.

- **Urban Institute**
  - The Urban Institute builds knowledge about the nation's social and fiscal challenges, practicing open-minded, evidence-based research to diagnose problems and figure out which policies and programs work best, for whom, and how.