

Congress and Its Activities

Introduction

Congress is the first branch of the United States government established by the Constitution. It is a bicameral legislature composed of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Senate is composed of 100 members, two from each state. The House of Representatives is composed of 435 members, apportioned among the states based on population.

Congress has a wide range of powers, including the power to make laws, declare war, raise taxes, and impeach the president. It also has the power to confirm presidential appointments and to approve treaties.

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country. It is also responsible for overseeing the executive branch and the judicial branch.

In recent years, Congress has been increasingly polarized. This polarization has made it difficult for Congress to pass legislation. It has also made it more difficult for Congress to fulfill its other responsibilities.

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Book Description

Congress and Its Activities provides a comprehensive and up-to-date overview of Congress, the first branch of the United States government. The book covers a wide range of topics, including the structure and organization of Congress, the powers of Congress, the legislative process, and the relationship between Congress and the other branches of government.

Congress and Its Activities is written in a clear and concise style, and it is packed with real-world examples and case studies. The book also includes a glossary of terms and a bibliography for further reading.

Whether you are a student, a scholar, or a citizen who wants to learn more about Congress, Congress and Its Activities is the perfect book for you.

Congress and Its Activities is the most comprehensive and up-to-date book on Congress available today. It is a

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Congress and Its Activities is a valuable resource for students, scholars, and citizens alike. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to learn more about Congress and its role in American government.

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Chapter 1: The Legislative Branch

The Role of Congress

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The most important power of Congress is the power to make laws. Laws are binding on the entire country, and they can have a profound impact on the lives of Americans. Congress passes laws on a wide range of

topics, including taxes, education, healthcare, and environmental protection.

Congress also has the power to declare war. This power is rarely used, but it is one of the most important powers that Congress has. When Congress declares war, it authorizes the president to use military force against another country.

Congress also has the power to raise taxes. This power is used to fund the government and to provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States. Congress raises taxes through a variety of means, including income taxes, payroll taxes, and excise taxes.

Congress also has the power to impeach the president. This power is used to remove a president from office for treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors. Congress has impeached only three presidents in American history: Andrew Johnson, Bill Clinton, and Donald Trump.

Congress also has the power to confirm presidential appointments. This power is used to ensure that the president's appointees are qualified for their positions. Congress confirms presidential appointments through a process called senatorial confirmation.

Congress also has the power to approve treaties. This power is used to ensure that the United States only enters into treaties that are in the best interests of the country. Congress approves treaties through a process called ratification.

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The Structure of Congress

Congress is a bicameral legislature, meaning that it is composed of two chambers: the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Senate is composed of 100 members, two from each state. The House of Representatives is composed of 435 members, apportioned among the states based on population.

The Senate is presided over by the Vice President of the United States. The House of Representatives is presided over by the Speaker of the House.

The two chambers of Congress have different powers and responsibilities. The Senate has the power to confirm presidential appointments and to approve treaties. The House of Representatives has the power to originate revenue bills.

The Senate and the House of Representatives must both pass a bill before it can become a law. If the two

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chambers pass different versions of a bill, a conference committee is appointed to reconcile the differences.

The structure of Congress has been designed to ensure that no one branch of government becomes too powerful. The bicameral legislature and the system of checks and balances help to prevent any one branch from dominating the other two.

The Senate is the more powerful of the two chambers. It has the power to confirm presidential appointments and to approve treaties. The Senate also has the power to try impeachments.

The House of Representatives is the more representative of the two chambers. It is directly elected by the people and its members serve two-year terms. The House of Representatives has the power to originate revenue bills and to impeach the president.

The two chambers of Congress work together to pass laws and to oversee the executive branch. The Senate

and the House of Representatives are essential to the functioning of the American government.

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The Powers of Congress

Congress has a wide range of powers, including the power to make laws, declare war, raise taxes, and impeach the president. It also has the power to confirm presidential appointments and to approve treaties.

The power to make laws is one of Congress's most important powers. Congress can pass laws on any subject that it deems necessary and proper. These laws can regulate commerce, protect the environment, provide for the national defense, and much more.

Congress also has the power to declare war. This power is vested in Congress by the Constitution. Congress has declared war on 11 occasions, including the War of 1812, the Spanish-American War, and World War II.

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Congress also has the power to confirm presidential appointments. This power is vested in Congress by the Constitution. Congress must confirm all presidential appointments to the Supreme Court, the Cabinet, and other high-level positions.

Congress also has the power to approve treaties. This power is vested in Congress by the Constitution. Congress must approve all treaties that are negotiated by the president.

These are just a few of the many powers that Congress has. Congress is a powerful institution that plays a vital role in our government.

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