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## Civics Chapter 5

# The Legislative Branch

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What you will learn:

### Section 1:

- The responsibilities of the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives
- The qualifications and salaries of members of congress
- How congress deals with misconduct by its members

### Section 2:

- The terms and sessions of congress
- The leaders of congress and how they are chosen
- The purposes and assignments of congressional committees

### Section 3:

- The five major areas in which congress has the power to make laws
- The significance of the elastic clause
- Special powers of congress and how congressional power is limited

## Chapter 5 Section 1:

# The Senate and the House of Representatives:

### The Two Houses of Congress:

1. What is meant by a bicameral legislature?
2. What are the two parts that make it up?
3. How many members does the House of Representatives have?
4. What determines how many representatives each state is allowed to elect?

### How membership is divided:

5. What is taken before congress decides how the House seats are to be divided?
6. How often does this happen?
7. What does **apportioned** mean?
8. Originally, how many people did one representative represent?
9. When did congress limit the size?
10. In 2000 how many people did each representative represent?

### Congressional Districts:

11. Who elects the representatives?
12. What is each state legislature responsible for?
13. How must district boundaries be drawn?
14. What is **Gerrymandering**?

### Electing representatives:

15. When are regular elections held for the House of Representatives?
16. How long does a representative's term last?
17. What happens if a representative dies or resigns during a term?
18. **\*Who is the Speaker of the House?**
19. **\*Who is our representative?**

### The Senate:

20. How many senators represent each state?
21. How many members does the senate have?

22. What does each senator represent?
23. How long is their term?
24. When are their elections held?
25. What portion of the senate is up for election each time?
26. What does this mean about the senate's experience?
27. Who is the senior senator?
28. What is a **term limit**?
29. Do they have term limits? Why or why not:
30. Use your book page 116 to fill in the following chart:

	Senate	House of Representatives
Age		
Citizenship		
Residency		

**Salary and benefits:**

1. What is the controversy over the salary of members of congress?
2. What are the 4 allowances given to members of congress?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
3. What is meant by **Franking Privilege**?
4. What is **immunity**?
5. When do they have immunity?

6. Why do they have immunity then?

**Rules of conduct:**

1. What are three rules set in place for members of congress?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
2. What might serious misconduct result in?
3. What does **Expulsion** mean?
4. What is a **censure**?
5. What must a member do if they have been censured?

Chapter 5 Section 2:

## **How Congress is Organized:**

**Terms and sessions:**

1. How many regular sessions are there in each term?
2. When is the first?
3. When is the second?
4. What happens if a problem arises after the congressional session is over?
5. What 3 congressional officers does the constitution provide for?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.

**Organization:**

6. What is a caucus?
7. What is the majority party?
8. What is the minority party?

**Leaders of the House and Senate:**

9. Who is the speaker?
10. What is a floor leader?
11. What is the party whip?
12. Who is the president pro tempore?

**Committees:**

13. What is a bill?
14. Why does congress split into committees?

Describe the makeup of and list the purpose for each committee: page 122-123

- a. Standing committee-
- b. Subcommittee-
- c. Select committee-
- d. Joint committee-
- e. Conference committee-

**Committee Membership:**

15. How many committees can each member of the house serve on?
16. Why is this rule in place?

**Committee Chairpersons:**

17. What does the chairperson decide?
  - a. -
  - b. -
18. How is the chairperson selected?

## The Powers of Congress:

### Powers Granted to Congress:

1. What are 5 powers granted to congress?
  - a. -
  - b. -
  - c. -
  - d. -
  - e. -

### Implied Powers:

2. What is the elastic clause?
3. What is one example of the elastic clause?
4. What are implied powers?

### Power to Impeach:

5. What does "impeach" mean?
6. Why is congress given the power to impeach?

### Special Powers:

7. Use your book (page 129) to describe 3 "special powers granted to each house of Congress:
  - a. House of representatives:
    - i. -
    - ii. -
    - iii. -
  - b. Senate:
    - i. -
    - ii. -
    - iii. -

