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The United States Congress is the legislature of the United States federal government. It is bicameral, comprising the House of Representatives and the Senate. The House of Representatives has 435 voting members (plus non-voting delegates), each representing a congressional district and serving a two-year term. House seats are apportioned among the states on the basis of population. Each state has two Senators, regardless of population. There are 100 senators, serving staggered six-year terms. Every two years, approximately 1/3 of the Senate is elected. Both Senators and Representatives are chosen through direct election.



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1 Pre-constitution

1.1 First Continental Congress

- Declaration and Resolves of the First Continental Congress (October 14, 1774)
- Continental Association (October 20, 1774)

- Petition to the King (1774) (October 25, 1774)

1.2 Second Continental Congress

- Declaration of the causes and necessities of taking up arms (July 6, 1775)
- Olive Branch Petition (July 8, 1775)

1.3 Congress of the Confederation

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- Articles of Capitulation (October 18, 1781)
- The Northwest Ordinance (July 13, 1787)

2 Acts of Congress

2.1 Collections

- United States Statutes at Large, a compendium of all Acts of Congress.
- United States Code, the codification of most Acts.

2.2 Statutes at-large

- **Portal:Acts of the United States Congresses**
- An Act to regulate the Time and Manner of administering certain oaths (June 1, 1789)
- Patent Act of 1790 (April 10, 1790)
- Militia Act of 1792
- Enabling act for Ohio 1802 (30 April 1802)
- Enabling Act (Louisiana) (1811)
- Admission of the State of Louisiana (1812)
- An Act to enlarge the limits of the State of Louisiana (1812)
- Indian Removal Act (1830)
- An act to enable the people of Wisconsin territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union (1846)

- Fugitive Slave Act (1850)
- Second Confiscation Act (17 July 1862)
- Homestead Act (1862)
- Morrill Act (1862)
- Habeas Corpus Suspension Act of 1863
- Civil Rights Act of 1866
- Ku Klux Klan Act of 1871
- Civil Rights Act of 1875
- Dawes Act (1887)
- Sherman Anti-Trust Act (July 2 1890)
- Utah Enabling Act, 1894
- Annexation of the Hawaiian Islands (1898)
- Platt Amendment(1903)
- Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906
- Public Law 72-244 - Amending Executive Order 1392 prohibiting promotion of fights between bulls, dogs or cocks (July 2, 1932)
- Sumners Courts Act(June 29, 1940)
- Lend Lease Act, 11 March 1941
- Public Law 77-331 - Declaration of war on Germany (December 11, 1941)
- United States Flag Code (1942)
- Public Law 78-482 - Creating the ranks of Fleet Admiral and General of the Army (1944)
- Vandenberg resolution (1948)
- Public Law 81-120 - To print the monthly publication *Economic Indicators* (June 23, 1949)
- Public Law 86-600 - To provide for the presentation of the Antarctica Service Medal (July 7, 1960)
- Voting Rights Act of 1965
- Public Law 90-363 - To establish the observance of certain holidays on Mondays (June 28, 1968)
- Public Law 94-479 - Promotion of George Washington to General of the Armies, effective July 4, 1976 (H.J. Res. 519)
- Federal Power Act (1978)
- Taiwan Relations Act (1979)
- Intelligence Identities Protection Act (1982)
- Act Awarding Leo Ryan Congressional Gold Medal (1983)
- Leo J. Ryan Memorial Federal Archives and Records Center (1984)
- Gold Bullion Coin Act of 1985
- Fair Credit Billing Act (1986)
- Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (1989)
- Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992
- Public Law 103-150 - Apology Bill of 1993 (November 23, 1993)
- Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (1994)
- Uruguay Round Agreements Act (1994)
- Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 (October 26, 1995)
- Child Pornography Prevention Act of 1996
- Public Law 106-165 - Women's Business Centers Sustainability Act of 1999
- Uniform Parental Rights Enforcement and Protection Act (September 2000)
- USA PATRIOT Act - Public Law 107-56 (October, 2001)
- Public Law 107-50 - Small Business Technology Transfer Program Reauthorization Act of 2001
- Public Law 107-299 - National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002
- Public Law 107-338 - Metacomet-Monadnock-Mattabesett Trail Study Act of 2002
- Public Law 108-27 - Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 (May 23, 2003)
- Public Law 108-101 - Congressional Gold Medal to Jackie Robinson (October 29, 2003)
- Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003
- Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004
- Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Reauthorization Act of 2013 (S. 622; 113th Congress)
- (Public Law 113-2) - Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013 (H.R. 152; 113th Congress)
- (Public Law 113-6) - Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (H.R. 933; 113th Congress)

- (Public Law 113-20) - Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act (H.R. 254; 113th Congress)
- (Public Law 113-33) - Denali National Park Improvement Act (S. 157; 113th Congress)
- (Public Law 113-43) - Congressional Award Program Reauthorization Act of 2013 (S. 1348; 113th Congress)
- Suspending the Individual Mandate Penalty Law Equals Fairness Act (H.R. 4118; 113th Congress)
- Electricity Security and Affordability Act (H.R. 3826; 113th Congress)

2.3 Unenacted legislation

- Annexation Bill of 1866
- RAVE Act (2002)
- American Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003
- Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003 (November 5, 2003)
- Iran Freedom and Support Act (2005)
- Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act (January 6, 2009)
- Federal Prison Bureau Nonviolent Offender Relief Act of 2009 (January 6, 2009)
- Unemployment Benefit Tax Suspension Act of 2009 (January 6, 2009)
- Horse Transportation Safety Act of 2009 (January 8, 2009)
- Freedom to Travel to Cuba Act (February 4, 2009)
- Performance Rights Act (February 4, 2009)
- Industrial Hemp Farming Act (April 2, 2009)
- Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2009 (May 19, 2009)
- America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009 (July 15, 2009)
- Affordable Health Care for America Act (November 7, 2009)
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (S.1)
- Economic Recovery and Middle-Class Tax Relief Act of 2009
- HR 1503 (2009)
- Public Option Act (March 9, 2010)
- Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act of 2013 (S. 954; 113th Congress)
- Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act of 2013 (S. 1392; 113th Congress)
- Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act (H.R. 126 ; 113th Congress)
- Black Hills Cemetery Act (H.R. 291; 113th Congress)
- Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2013 (H.R. 297; 113th Congress)
- Collinsville Renewable Energy Promotion Act (H.R. 316; 113th Congress)
- Ending Federal Marijuana Prohibition Act of 2013 (H.R. 499; 113th Congress)
- Business Risk Mitigation and Price Stabilization Act of 2013 (H.R. 634; 113th Congress)
- California Coastal National Monument Expansion Act of 2013 (H.R. 1411; 113th Congress)
- Energy Consumers Relief Act of 2013 (H.R. 1582; 113th Congress)
- Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2013 (H.R. 1755; 113th Congress)
- Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013 (H.R. 1947; 113th Congress) (defeated in House)
- Authority for Mandate Delay Act (H.R. 2667; 113th Congress)
- Fairness for American Families Act (H.R. 2668; 113th Congress)
- Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2013 (H.R. 2844; 113th Congress)
- Department of State Operations and Embassy Security Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2014 (H.R. 2848; 113th Congress)

2.4 Congressional Hearings and Committee Reports

- Committee on the Judiciary 109th Congress Oversight Report (Jan. 26, 2005)
- The Need to Protect the IRS from Powerful Taxpayers (1998)
- Current Crisis in South Africa Bishop Desmond Tutu's testimony before U.S. Congress (1984)

- United States Congressional investigation of the Unification Church (1978)
- The Effects of Religious Cults on the Health and Welfare of Their Converts (1977)
- Nathaniel Weyl testimony corroborating Alger Hiss as member of CPUSA secret apparatus (1953)

2.5 Resolutions

- Resolution calling for states to cede claims in the western lands (1788)
- Gold Repeal Joint Resolution (1933)
- Gulf of Tonkin Resolution (1964)
- US Senate Resolution 352 (2006)
- Resolution dismissing the Articles of Impeachment against former United States District Court Judge Samuel B. Kent (2009)

2.6 Congressional Letters

- Letter from Congress regarding Downing Street memo (May 5, 2005)

3 Congressional Research Service

- Congressional Research Service Report 95-772 A, Executive Orders and Proclamations (March 9, 1999)
- Congressional Research Service Report RS21566 The Jones Act: An Overview (July 8, 2003)

4 Constitutional provisions

- United States Bill of Rights

5 Congressional biographies

As published in the *Congressional Biographical Directory*

- Tom Lantos Congressional Bio
- Leo Joseph Ryan Congressional Bio
- Donald Fraser Congressional Bio
- John Kerry Congressional Bio

6 Components

- Portal:United States House of Representatives
- Portal:United States Senate

7 Analysis

- Congressional Government, 1900 ed. (1885) by Woodrow Wilson

8 See also

- Portal:Federal Government of the United States
- Portal:United States



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