

Review Questions

Chapter 6 - Legislating

1. Term limits prevent a Congressman from serving more than two terms in office. T/F
2. On what day of the year, after an election, does a new session of Congress begin?
3. Term used for those already in office, running for re-election for that office.
4. Term meaning a majority of members are present to hold a meeting.
5. Once elected, A Congressman usually gets re-elected. T/F
6. The most influential leader in the House?
7. Party that has the fewest seats in Congress.
8. The main function of this Congress leader is to influence members of their party to vote a certain way on bills.
9. Who is President of Senate?
10. This person presides over the Senate when the real President of Senate is away?
11. A form of discipline for a Congressmen that lets them stay in office.
12. A senator serves in office for how long before re-election.
13. What do we call legislation sent to Congress that is a proposal for a law?
14. The actual funds (money) set aside to fund bills. A committee is named for this.
15. Most severe form of punishment for a Congressman.
16. Who breaks the tie in the Senate.
17. When a bill is proposed, it is sent to one of the permanent committees in the House or Senate called?
18. Committee that is not permanent and called for special investigative purposes.
19. The Government agency the reviews the money spent by Congress.
20. Nickname for the amendments added to bills that result in pork-barrel spending.
21. By far, what two things are most of the money of the government spent on?
22. If a bill is passed by the Senate and is different from the House, where is it sent to iron out the differences in the bill.
23. At what stage in the law making process, are public hearing normally conducted.
24. How do they decide who will be in charge of a committee?
25. The actually line by line writing of a bill done by a committee is the...?
26. Tactic for delaying a vote on a bill in the Senate?
27. In which body of Congress does the bill go to a rules committee before debate? .
28. The actually voting of a bill in which each Congress person declares their vote on a bill?
29. By this process a 3/5's vote in the Senate can stop a filibuster?
30. How long does a President have when Congress is not in session, before a pocket veto is official?
31. Unnecessary projects that citizens see as wasted money spent by Congress is called...
32. What type of veto is the President not allowed to do, that cuts out only part of the bill, but keeps the rest.
33. Who is a constituent?
34. Name the six steps in creating a bill in order.
35. Name three criticism's of Congress.
36. If a Presidential veto is given, how can Congress still pass the bill?
37. How can Congress stop a pocket veto?
38. If both Congress & the President pass a bill, how else can the new law be stopped?