



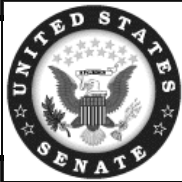
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### HOUSE COMMITTEE SIZE

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>1947</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>2003</b>
Agriculture	27	43	51
Appropriations	43	57	65
Armed Services	33	51	61
Education and Workforce	25	34	49
Energy and Commerce	27	42	57
Financial Services	27	49	70
Government Reform	25	39	44
International Relations	25	42	49
Judiciary	27	35	37
Resources	25	37	52
Rules	12	13	13
Transportation & Infrastructure	27	50	75
Veterans' Affairs	27	34	31
Ways and Means	25	36	41



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**SENATE COMMITTEE SIZE**

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>1947</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>2003</b>
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	13	19	21
Appropriations	21	29	29
Armed Services	13	20	25
Banking, Housing, & Urban Affairs	13	19	21
Commerce, Science, & Transportation	13	20	23
Energy and Natural Resources	13	19	23
Environment and Public Works	13	16	19
Finance	13	20	21
Foreign Relations	13	20	19
Governmental Affairs	13	14	17
Health, Education, Labor, & Pensions	13	16	21
Judiciary	13	14	19
Rules and Administration	13	16	15



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	<u>Partisan</u>	<u>Bipartisan</u>
House only	Policy Committee assign. <u><i>Most frequent</i></u>	Benefits to state <u><i>Occasional</i></u>
House/Senate	Policy <u><i>Almost never</i></u>	Benefits to state <u><i>Rare</i></u>



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### Points at which Delay or Defeat May Occur in the House

Delay	Defeat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Committee inaction in referring to a subcommittee</li><li>•Subcommittee inaction (prolonged hearings; refusal to report)</li><li>•Committee inaction (prolonged hearings; refusal to report)</li><li>•Rules committee inaction (refusal to schedule hearings; prolonged hearings; refusal to report)</li><li>•Slowness in scheduling the bill</li><li>•Floor Action (demanding full requirements of the rules)</li><li>•Reading of the journal</li><li>•Repeated quorum calls</li><li>•Refusing unanimous consent to dispense with further proceedings under the call of the roll</li><li>•Prolonging debate</li><li>•Various points of order</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Committee Inaction</li><li>•Negative vote in committee</li><li>•Subcommittee inaction</li><li>•Negative vote in subcommittee</li><li>•Rules committee inaction</li><li>•Negative vote in Rules Committee</li><li>•Defeat of Rule on the floor</li><li>•Motion to strike enacting clause</li><li>•Motion to recommit</li><li>•Final passage</li></ul>

Source: Lewis A. Froman Jr. The Congressional Process (Little Brown, 1967) pp. 18.



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### Individual Decision Making in Congress

