

Key: Venn Diagram of Congress

Features unique to the House of Representatives (about 15):

2 years in office	minimum age of 25
7 years of citizenship	435 members due to re-apportionment
Speaker of the House must lead	“sole power of impeachment”
must “originate revenue bills”	limited debate rules
Rules Committee sets debate limits	Select the president if the E.C. can’t
allows for “Discharge Petitions”	“Rider” amendments not allowed
uses a “hopper” to introduce bills	has a “new” term every odd numbered year
elected by “district”	

Features unique to the Senate (about 18):

6 years in office	minimum age of 30
9 years of citizenship	2 per state (now a total of 100)
terms overlap or are “staggered”	is a “continuous” body
President of the Senate, can break ties	President Pro Tempore
hold trials for those impeached	treaty “advice and consent” with 2/3 rd vote
judges... “advice and consent”	ambassadors... “advice and consent”
(were selected by State Legislatures)	now elected state-wide
selects the VP if E.C. can’t	“open” debates
filibusters and cloture votes possible	“rider” amendments allowed

Features of both chambers, or Congress as a whole (about 43):

Those in *italics* are from Article 1 Section 8

must assemble each year	can judge own members
can punish and remove with 2/3 rd vote	must keep a journal and record votes
can receive and set compensation	are immune from arrest during sessions
can hold no other office	create legislation
vote to possibly override a veto	<i>lay and collect taxes</i>
<i>pay debts of the US</i>	<i>provide for common defense and welfare</i>
<i>borrow money on the credit of the US</i>	<i>regulate interstate commerce</i>
<i>deal with Native Tribes</i>	<i>set rules of naturalization</i>
<i>set rules of bankruptcy</i>	<i>coin money and regulate its value</i>
<i>fix standards of weights and measures</i>	<i>set punishment for counterfeiting</i>
<i>establish post offices and post roads</i>	<i>promote the sciences and useful arts</i>
<i>provide for patents and trademarks</i>	<i>create federal courts</i>
<i>define and set punishment for piracy</i>	<i>declare war</i>
<i>grant letters of Marque and Reprisal</i>	<i>raise and support the army and navy</i>
<i>make rules for land and sea forces</i>	<i>call forth and organize militias</i>
<i>suppress insurrections and repel invasions</i>	<i>run the national “Seat of Gov.” (DC)</i>
<i>make “all laws necessary and proper...”</i>	suspend Writs of Habeas Corpus if...
give states permission for duties...	decide when Electors will vote
declare who replaces Pres/VP if both ...	allow the Pres to have “officers” to help
determine the location of some trials	declare the punishment for treason
admit new states	make rules for federal lands and properties
guarantee states a republican gov’t.	