

Basics of the US Congress ([Chapter 11](#))

1. What are two principal duties of Congress found in the Constitution? Explain them.
2. What is another major duty of members of Congress that most members put the majority of their staff on and helps them in their reelection bids? Give an example of it.
3. Fill in the chart below with differences between the House and the Senate

House of Representatives	US Senate
Two Year Terms	Approval of presidential appointees

4. What are three reasons why members of the House of Representatives have a higher reelection rate than the US Senate?
5. What are earmarks?
6. What is a filibuster? How does one end one and what is this called?
7. What is legislative oversight? Give three examples.
8. What are legislative hearings? Give me a link to one and tell me what it is about.
9. What is the Government Accountability Office?
10. What is the Congressional Research Service?
11. What are 'incumbent advantages?' Identify and Explain 4
12. What is the role of the press in regards to Congress?