## **UNIT 2: INTERACTIONS AMONG BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT - CONGRESS**

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ARTICLE I BICAMERAL LEGISLATURE: Two "houses" or "chambers" of Congress		MISCELLANEOUS	WORDS YOU SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH AND ARE ON THE TEST IN CONTEXT
House of Representatives  435 # based on population of state: represents people Elected by district 2 year term - Debate more formal, more rules - chamber too big Impeachment Speaker of the House  Rules Committee Committee of the Whole Discharge petition  Congressional district Census Apportionment Redistricting Gerrymandering - favors political party in power	Senate 100 2 senators per state: represent states equally Elected by whole state 6 year term - Debate less formal Trial for impeachment -Approves presidential appointments -Approves treaties -Approves Supreme Court nominations Senate power over Supreme Court rulings Vice President President Pro Tempore Filibuster Cloture Hold Unanimous Consent	Incumbent Incumbency advantage Constituents Fourteenth Amendment: Equal Protection Clause Baker v Carr(1962) "One person, one vote" Shaw v Reno(1993) "No-racial-gerrymandering"  Models of Representation: (accountability in each chamber) Politico Trustee Delegate  Types of Democracies: Participatory Pluralism Elite  Federalism	-Unicameral -Federal,Unitary, Confederate -Seniority -Referendum -Department of Veteran Affairs -Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 -Federal Election Commission -Income tax deduction -Concurrent resolution -Ninth amendment -Tenth Amendment -Ethic Rules -patronage -Socialism
	REFERS TO E	L BOTH HOUSES	
Enumerated powers: Declares war Necessary and Proper Clause: Implied powers Commerce Clause  Federal Budget: Raising Revenue Mandatory Spending: (Entitlement Programs) Discretionary Spending: (Military/Defense Spending) *As entitlement \$pending increases, discretionary \$pending decreases unless tax revenues increase or budget deficit increases	Congressional Leadership: Majority leader Majority whip Majority Caucus or Conference Chair Minority leader Minority whip Minority Caucus or Conference Chair  Political parties Policy platform Partisan Non-Partisan Bipartisan Moderate Polarization	Committee system:  Standing Committee: bills begin  Joint Committee: both houses investigate, study broad areas of public policy issues  Conference Committee: reconcile differences in bills passed by both House/Senate  Select/Special Committee: temporary for specific	Policy-making process: How a bill becomes a law: Sponsor, co-sponsor (must be Representative or Senator) slow, deliberate process  Veto  Pocket veto - 10 days+Congress adjourns  2/3 vote Overrides veto  Pork-barrel legislation
increases	Gridlock	purpose	Logrolling

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**War Powers Resolution** 

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