

**Phase I: Introduction to the National E-Congress**

**Study Guide**

**Structure (1)**

1) Congress is the law-making, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ branch of government.

2) The U.S. Congress has two houses, the Senate and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Another word for a two house legislature is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Structure (2)**

3) The House of Representatives has \_\_\_\_\_ members. There are \_\_\_\_\_ representatives from my state.

4) This is the \_\_\_\_\_th session of Congress.

**Structure (3)**

5) The Speaker of the House of Representatives is elected by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ party.

6) The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Party has the most seats in the House of Representatives.

7) The donkey in the political cartoon on this page represents the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Party.

8) What is the cartoonist’s point about political parties in this session of Congress?

**Structure (4)**

9) Permanent committees in Congress are also called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ committees.

**Responsibilities (1)**

10) The people that an elected official represents are called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Responsibilities (2)**

11) Your personal beliefs about government are known as your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Responsibilities (3)**

12) Representatives have many responsibilities. Two examples are:

 a)

 b)

**Responsibilities (4)**

13) Members of Congress are less diverse, more likely to be male, richer, older and better educated than the rest of the United States. Should this concern us? Why or why not?

**Creation of Laws (1)**

14) A bill is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Creation of Laws (2)**

15) Most bills never make it out of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

16) A change to a bill is also called an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Creation of Laws (3)**

17) To become law, a bill must be approved by the House of Representatives, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the

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