



# U.S. Congress

"All Legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives."

(Article I, Section 1, of the United States Constitution)

"The chief function of Congress is the making of laws. ... The Senate is composed of 100 Members -- two from each state, regardless of population or area -- elected by the people in accordance with the 17th Amendment to the Constitution. As constituted in the 106th Congress, the House of Representatives is composed of 435 Members elected every two years from among the 50 states, apportioned to their total populations."

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