

Members of Congress and their Jobs

Directions: Indicate whether the following items refer to the Senate, the House, both houses of Congress, or neither house of Congress. Write the proper letter--S for Senate; H for House; B for Both; and N for Neither.

- _____ 1. members are elected to two-year terms.
- _____ 2. members were once chosen by the state legislatures
- _____ 3. members can be sued for statements made while attending a session
- _____ 4. the number of members per state is based on population
- _____ 5. the chamber intended to "cool" legislation
- _____ 6. cannot adjourn without the consent of the other house
- _____ 7. members are paid a yearly salary of \$100,000
- _____ 8. elections for members are held on the same day in every state
- _____ 9. more flexible rules with possibly unlimited debate
- _____ 10. a person must be a U.S. citizen for at least 9 years to become a member
- _____ 11. minimum age for members is 25-years old
- _____ 12. a majority members are men
- _____ 13. has over a dozen women as members
- _____ 14. meets in the Capitol
- _____ 15. has 435 members
- _____ 16. members are elected to four-year terms
- _____ 17. must assemble at least once a year
- _____ 18. its membership exactly represents the diversity of America's population
- _____ 19. members can fix their own salaries
- _____ 20. members are elected to 6-year terms
- _____ 21. members get free plane trips, free office mail, and tax breaks for 2nd homes
- _____ 22. states are represented as co-equal members
- _____ 23. the boundaries of members' districts can be changed every 10 years
- _____ 24. members of this chamber serve constituents
- _____ 25. only 1/3 of its members are up for election at a time

Directions: Write in the blank spaces whether the following statements are true or false.

- _____ 26. The House has more racial and gender diversity than the Senate.
- _____ 27. Members of Congress concentrate entirely on evaluating legislation.
- _____ 28. Senators and Representatives give themselves yearly pay increases.
- _____ 29. Congressional districts in Texas all have equal areas.
- _____ 30. "Legislative immunity" applies only to floor debates in Congress.
- _____ 31. The party controlling the presidency historically wins seats in off-year elections.
- _____ 32. Many states in the midwest lost representatives after the 2000 Census.
- _____ 33. Compared to the House, the Senate does more legislative work in committees.
- _____ 34. *Trustees* vote as they see best.
- _____ 35. *Delegates* votes as their constituents see best.
- _____ 36. *Partisans* vote based on their party allegiance