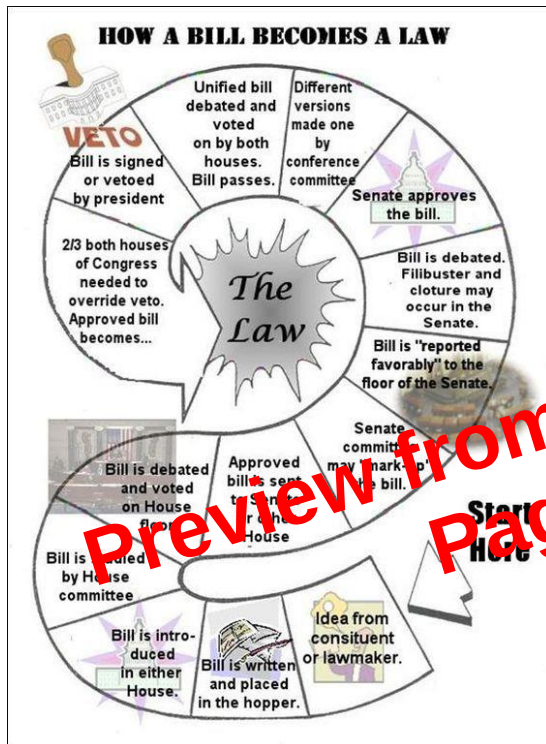


IV. Functions of Congress

- Representation: trustee model or instructed delegate model (serving constituents; ex: casework)
- Pork barrel and earmarks
- Oversight
- Policy making (central responsibility)
- Running for re-election

V. Legislative process:



Committees → specialized subcommittees

- Chairs are members of majority party and majority of each committee are of that party
- Standing Committees: permanent with defined legislative jurisdiction (ex: appropriations)
- Select committees: consider specific policy issue
- Conference committee
- Joint committee

VI. Leadership in Congress:

- House: Speaker of the House (Paul Ryan, R) is chosen by majority caucus, and majority/minority whips, and majority/minority leaders
- Senate: VP is in charge of Senate (constitutionality) → President pro tempore (Orrin Hatch), seniority of majority party; majority party is in charge (there is also minority leader and party whips)