

Congress at Work

Multiple Choice

Identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- _____ 1. Matters requiring the action of both the House and Senate, but on which a law is not needed are called
a. concurrent resolutions. c. resolutions.
b. joint resolutions. d. hearings.
- _____ 2. In the Senate this process is designated as S.1., S.2., and so on.
a. hearings c. sessions
b. first reading d. resolutions
- _____ 3. Almost all the important work on tax laws occurs in the
a. Senate chambers. c. House Ways and Means Committee.
b. appropriations bill. d. executive office.
- _____ 4. House members are unable to offer amendments to a bill from the floor because of
a. private bills. c. lobbyists.
b. appropriations. d. the closed rule.
- _____ 5. This binds the government to spending for uncontrollables.
a. the closed rule c. the Constitution
b. the legislature veto d. previous legislation
- _____ 6. Special interest groups that work to influence lawmakers are called
a. PACs. c. political leaders' committee.
b. presidential councils. d. policymakers.
- _____ 7. These congressional staffers help constituents with problems.
a. lobbyists c. political action committees
b. lawmakers d. caseworkers
- _____ 8. These are a source of federal money and jobs.
a. lobbyists c. PACs
b. federal grants and contracts d. taxes
- _____ 9. These bills deal with general matters and apply to the entire nation.
a. public bills c. authorization bills
b. private bills d. appropriations bills
- _____ 10. These bills deal with individual people or places.
a. appropriations bills c. private bills
b. public bills d. revenue bills
- _____ 11. The largest portion of the federal government's budget is spent on
a. congressional salaries. c. government grants.
b. foreign aid. d. uncontrollables.
- _____ 12. These committees have the power to cut budgets.
a. appropriations committees c. revenue committees
b. closed rule committees d. authorization committees
- _____ 13. Representatives of interest groups that work to influence Congress are called
a. Republicans. c. lobbyists.
b. party partisans. d. Democrats.
- _____ 14. Federal grants and contracts are very important to lawmakers and their districts because they bring in
a. money and jobs. c. more votes.
b. new people. d. presidential power.

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- ____ 15. Through public-works bills, Congress appropriates billions of dollars for local projects that are often called
- a. PAC legislation.
 - b. pork-barrel legislation.
 - c. logrolling.
 - d. private bills.

Matching

Match each item with the correct statement below.

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| a. H.1., H.2., and so on | f. PACs |
| b. taxes | g. programs like social security |
| c. logrolling | h. pork-barrel legislation |
| d. farm issues | i. line-item veto |
| e. hearings | j. conferees |

- ____ 16. sessions for testimony
- ____ 17. to expand presidential power
- ____ 18. conference committee managers
- ____ 19. provides government with money
- ____ 20. entitlement
- ____ 21. first reading
- ____ 22. voting along party lines
- ____ 23. special-interest groups
- ____ 24. agreements between lawmakers
- ____ 25. "bring home the bacon"

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Answer Section**

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. D
6. A
7. D
8. B
9. A
10. C
11. D
12. A
13. C
14. A
15. B

MATCHING

16. E
17. I
18. J
19. B
20. G
21. A
22. D
23. F
24. C
25. H