

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## “LOWER HOUSE”

- I. Membership
  - A. Qualifications - Terms
  - B. Apportionment
    - 1929 “Reapportionment Act”
    - 700,000 constituents per Rep.
    - “Congressional District”
    - Gerrymandering?
    - Wesberry vs. Sanders

- II. Characteristics
- A. Background
- mid-50's
- gender?
- race?
- married?
- profession?

- B. Compensation
- \$165,200 – member (per year)
- \$183,500 - floor leaders (per year)
- \$212,100 – Speaker (per year)
- “perks”
- travel allowance
- pension
- office, supplies, staff
- health care
- franking privilege
- junkets

- C. Immunity
  - arrest
  - slander
- D. Discipline
  - reprimand
  - censure
  - expulsion
  - 2/3 majority
  - exclusion
  - “Powell vs. McCormack”

- III. Structure
- A. Speaker
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> in succession to presidency
  - presides over House
  - can assign bills to committee
  - comes from majority party
- B. Majority/Minority Floor Leaders
- C. Majority/Minority Party Whips

- D. Committees
- Standing (20)
- Agriculture
- Armed Services
- Appropriation
- etc.
- Special
- select
- joint
- conference

- IV. Legislation
  - Resolutions
    - simple
    - concurrent
    - joint
  - Bills
    - private
    - public

- V. Exclusive Duties
  - A. Impeachment
  - B. Revenue Bills