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Chapter 6: Legislative Productivity in Congress and Workload
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Table 6-1 House Workload, 80th-113th Congresses, 1947-2013

| Congress | Bills introduced ^a | Average no. of bills introduced per member | Bills passed | Ratio of bills passed to bills introduced | Recorded votes ^b | Time in session: Days | Time in Session: Hours ^e | Hours per day in session | Committee, subcommittee meetings ^c |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 80th (1947-1948) | 7,611 | 17.5 | 1,739 | 0.228 | 285 | 254 | 1,224 | 4.8 | n.a. |
| 81st (1949-1950) | 10,502 | 24.1 | 2,482 | 0.236 | 543 | 345 | 1,501 | 4.4 | n.a. |
| 82nd (1951-1952) | 9,065 | 20.8 | 2,008 | 0.222 | 364 | 274 | 1,163 | 4.2 | n.a. |
| 83rd (1953-1954) | 10,875 | 25.0 | 2,129 | 0.196 | 271 | 240 | 1,033 | 4.3 | n.a. |
| 84th (1955-1956) | 13,169 | 30.3 | 2,360 | 0.179 | 279 | 230 | 937 | 4.1 | 3,210 |
| 85th (1957-1958) | 14,580 | 33.5 | 2,064 | 0.142 | 415 | 276 | 1,148 | 4.2 | 3,750 |
| 86th (1959-1960) ^d | 14,112 | 32.3 | 1,636 | 0.116 | 382 | 265 | 1,039 | 3.9 | 3,059 |
| 87th (1961-1962) ^d | 14,328 | 32.8 | 1,927 | 0.134 | 524 | 304 | 1,227 | 4.0 | 3,402 |
| 88th (1963-1964) | 14,022 | 32.2 | 1,267 | 0.090 | 528 | 334 | 1,251 | 3.7 | 3,596 |
| 89th (1965-1966) | 19,874 | 45.7 | 1,565 | 0.079 | 782 | 336 | 1,548 | 4.6 | 4,367 |
| 90th (1967-1968) | 22,060 | 50.7 | 1,213 | 0.055 | 875 | 328 | 1,595 | 4.9 | 4,386 |
| 91st (1969-1971) | 21,436 | 49.3 | 1,130 | 0.053 | 812 | 350 | 1,613 | 4.6 | 5,066 |
| 92nd (1971-1972) | 18,561 | 42.7 | 970 | 0.052 | 934 | 298 | 1,429 | 4.8 | 5,114 |
| 93rd (1973-1974) | 18,872 | 43.4 | 923 | 0.049 | 1,453 | 334 | 1,603 | 4.8 | 5,888 |
| 94th (1975-1976) | 16,982 | 39.0 | 968 | 0.057 | 1,692 | 311 | 1,788 | 5.7 | 6,975 |
| 95th (1977-1978) | 15,587 | 35.8 | 1,027 | 0.066 | 1,724 | 323 | 1,898 | 5.9 | 7,896 |
| 96th (1979-1980) | 9,103 | 20.9 | 929 | 0.102 | 1,439 | 326 | 1,876 | 5.8 | 7,033 |
| 97th (1981-1982) | 8,094 | 18.6 | 704 | 0.087 | 859 | 303 | 1,420 | 4.7 | 6,078 |
| 98th (1983-1984) | 7,105 | 16.3 | 978 | 0.138 | 996 | 266 | 1,705 | 6.4 | 5,661 |
| 99th (1985-1986) | 6,499 | 14.9 | 973 | 0.150 | 970 | 281 | 1,794 | 6.4 | 5,272 |
| 100th (1987-1988) | 6,263 | 14.4 | 1,061 | 0.169 | 976 | 298 | 1,659 | 5.6 | 5,388 |
| 101st (1989-1990) | 6,664 | 15.3 | 968 | 0.145 | 915 | 281 | 1,688 | 6.0 | 5,305 |
| 102nd (1991-1992) | 6,775 | 15.6 | 932 | 0.138 | 932 | 277 | 1,796 | 6.5 | 5,152 |
| 103rd (1993-1994) | 5,739 | 13.2 | 749 | 0.131 | 1,122 | 265 | 1,887 | 7.1 | 4,304 |
| 104th (1995-1996) | 4,542 | 10.4 | 611 | 0.135 | 1,340 | 290 | 2,445 | 8.4 | 3,796 |
| 105th (1997-1998) | 5,014 | 11.5 | 710 | 0.142 | 1,187 | 251 | 2,002 | 8.0 | 3,624 |
| 106th (1999-2000) | 5,815 | 13.4 | 957 | 0.165 | 1,214 | 272 | 2,179 | 8.0 | 3,347 |
| 107th (2001-2002) | 5,892 | 13.5 | 677 | 0.115 | 996 | 265 | 1,694 | 6.4 | 2,254 |
| 108th (2003-2004) | 5,547 | 12.8 | 801 | 0.144 | 1,221 | 243 | 1,894 | 7.8 | 2,135 |
| 109th (2005-2006) | 6,540 | 15.0 | 770 | 0.118 | 1,212 | 241 | 1,918 | 8.0 | 2,492 |
| 110th (2007-2008) | 7,441 | 17.1 | 1,101 | 0.148 | 1,876 | 283 | 2,138 | 7.6 | 2,949 |
| 111th (2009-2010) | 6,677 | 15.3 | 861 | 0.129 | 1,655 | 286 | 2,127 | 7.4 | 1,384 |
| 112th (2011-2012) | 6,845 | 15.7 | 561 | 0.082 | 1,607 | 327 | 1,718 | 5.3 | n.a. |
| 113th (2013-2014) ^f | 3,809 | 8.8 | 223 | 0.059 | 341 | 160 | 768 | 4.8 | n.a. |

n.a. = not available

a. This number includes all bills and joint resolutions introduced.

b. This number includes all quorum calls, yea and nay votes, and recorded votes.

c. Figures do not include the House Appropriations Committee for the 84th to 88th Congresses. House Appropriations Committee meetings included in subsequent Congresses numbered 584 in the 89th Congress, 705 in the 90th Congress, 709 in the 91st Congress, 854 in the 99nd Congress, and 892 in the 93rd Congress.

d. The House of Representatives included 437 congressmen to reflect the addition of Alaska and Hawaii.

e. Rounded to nearest hour.

f. The data for the 113th Congress only include the first session.

Sources: *Congressional Record* (thomas.loc.gov); Office of the Clerk, US House of Representatives; "Resume of Congressional Activity,"



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Table 6-2 Senate Workload, 80th-113th Congresses, 1947-2013

| Congress | Bills introduced ^a | Average no. | Ratio of bills | | Recorded votes ^b | Time in session: Days | Time in session: Hours | Hours per day in session | Committee, subcommittee meetings ^c |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| | | of bills introduced per member | Bills passed | passed to bills introduced | | | | | |
| 80th (1947-1948) | 3,186 | 33.2 | 1,670 | 0.524 | 248 | 257 | 1,462 | 5.7 | n.a. |
| 81st (1949-1950) | 4,486 | 46.7 | 2,362 | 0.527 | 455 | 389 | 2,410 | 6.2 | n.a. |
| 82nd (1951-1952) | 3,665 | 38.2 | 1,849 | 0.505 | 331 | 287 | 1,648 | 5.7 | n.a. |
| 83rd (1953-1954) | 4,077 | 42.5 | 2,231 | 0.547 | 270 | 294 | 1,962 | 6.7 | n.a. |
| 84th (1955-1956) | 4,518 | 47.1 | 2,550 | 0.564 | 224 | 224 | 1,362 | 6.1 | 2,607 |
| 85th (1957-1958) | 4,532 | 47.2 | 2,202 | 0.486 | 313 | 271 | 1,876 | 6.9 | 2,748 |
| 86th (1959-1960) | 4,149 | 41.5 | 1,680 | 0.405 | 422 | 280 | 2,199 | 7.9 | 2,271 |
| 87th (1961-1962) | 4,048 | 40.5 | 1,953 | 0.482 | 434 | 323 | 2,164 | 6.7 | 2,532 |
| 88th (1963-1964) | 3,457 | 34.6 | 1,341 | 0.388 | 541 | 375 | 2,395 | 6.4 | 2,493 |
| 89th (1965-1966) | 4,129 | 41.3 | 1,636 | 0.396 | 497 | 345 | 1,814 | 5.3 | 2,889 |
| 90th (1967-1968) | 4,400 | 44.0 | 1,376 | 0.313 | 595 ^d | 358 | 1,961 | 5.5 | 2,892 |
| 91st (1969-1971) | 4,867 | 48.7 | 1,271 | 0.261 | 667 | 384 | 2,352 | 6.1 | 3,264 |
| 92nd (1971-1972) | 4,408 | 44.1 | 1,035 | 0.235 | 955 | 348 | 2,295 | 6.6 | 3,559 |
| 93rd (1973-1974) | 4,524 | 45.2 | 1,115 | 0.246 | 1,138 | 352 | 2,152 | 6.1 | 4,067 |
| 94th (1975-1976) | 4,115 | 41.2 | 1,038 | 0.252 | 1,311 | 320 | 2,210 | 6.9 | 4,265 |
| 95th (1977-1978) | 3,800 | 38.0 | 1,070 | 0.282 | 1,156 | 337 | 2,510 | 7.4 | 3,960 |
| 96th (1979-1980) | 3,480 | 34.8 | 976 | 0.280 | 1,055 | 333 | 2,324 | 7.0 | 3,790 |
| 97th (1981-1982) | 3,396 | 34.0 | 786 | 0.231 | 966 | 312 | 2,160 | 6.9 | 3,236 |
| 98th (1983-1984) | 3,454 | 34.5 | 936 | 0.271 | 673 | 281 | 1,951 | 6.9 | 2,471 |
| 99th (1985-1986) | 3,386 | 33.9 | 940 | 0.278 | 740 | 313 | 2,531 | 8.1 | 2,373 |
| 100th (1987-1988) | 3,325 | 33.3 | 1,002 | 0.301 | 799 | 307 | 2,342 | 7.6 | 2,493 |
| 101st (1989-1990) | 3,669 | 36.7 | 980 | 0.267 | 638 | 274 | 2,254 | 8.2 | 2,340 ^e |
| 102nd (1991-1992) | 3,738 | 37.4 | 947 | 0.253 | 550 | 287 | 2,292 | 8.0 | 2,039 |
| 103rd (1993-1994) | 2,805 | 28.1 | 682 | 0.243 | 724 | 291 | 2,514 | 8.6 | 2,043 |
| 104th (1995-1996) | 2,266 | 22.7 | 518 | 0.229 | 919 | 343 | 2,876 | 8.4 | 1,601 |
| 105th (1997-1998) | 2,718 | 27.2 | 586 | 0.216 | 612 | 296 | 2,188 | 7.4 | 1,954 |
| 106th (1999-2000) | 3,343 | 33.4 | 819 | 0.245 | 672 | 303 | 2,202 | 7.3 | 1,862 |
| 107th (2001-2002) | 3,242 | 32.4 | 554 | 0.171 | 633 | 322 | 2,280 | 7.1 | 1,605 |
| 108th (2003-2004) | 3,078 | 30.8 | 759 | 0.247 | 675 | 300 | 2,486 | 8.3 | 1,506 |
| 109th (2005-2006) | 4,163 | 41.6 | 684 | 0.164 | 645 | 297 | 2,250 | 7.6 | 1,513 |
| 110th (2007-2008) | 3,738 | 37.4 | 556 | 0.149 | 666 | 374 | 2,364 | 6.3 | 2,458 |
| 111th (2009-2010) | 4,101 | 41.0 | 176 | 0.043 | 707 | 349 | 2,495 | 7.1 | 2,374 |
| 112th (2011-2012) | 3,767 | 37.7 | 364 | 0.097 | 486 | 323 | 2,032 | 6.3 | n.a. |
| 113th (2013-2014) ^f | 1,894 | 18.9 | 356 | 0.188 | 291 | 156 | 1,095 | 7.0 | n.a. |

n.a. = not available

- a. This number includes all bills and joint resolutions introduced.
- b. This number includes all ye and nay votes.
- c. Figure includes all hearings and business meetings.
- d. This number does not include one ye and nay vote that was ruled invalid for lack of a quorum.
- e. Where final legislative calendars were not available, we compiled figures from Congressional Information Service Abstracts and the Congressional Record.
- f. The data for the 113th Congress only include the first session.

Sources: Congressional Record (thomas.loc.gov); Office of the Secretary, US Senate; Senate Daily Digest; "Resume of Congressional Activity," Congressional Record, 80th Congress - 113th Congress. *Congressional Record* (thomas.loc.gov); End of Session Committee Reports; Committee Websites.



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Table 6-3 Recorded Votes in the House and the Senate, 80th-113th Congresses, 1947-2013

| Year | House | Senate | Year | House | Senate |
|------|-------|------------------|------|-------|--------|
| 1947 | 153 | 138 | 1980 | 681 | 546 |
| 1948 | 132 | 110 | 1981 | 371 | 497 |
| 1949 | 236 | 226 | 1982 | 488 | 469 |
| 1950 | 307 | 229 | 1983 | 533 | 381 |
| 1951 | 217 | 202 | 1984 | 463 | 292 |
| 1952 | 147 | 129 | 1985 | 482 | 381 |
| 1953 | 123 | 89 | 1986 | 488 | 359 |
| 1954 | 148 | 181 | 1987 | 511 | 420 |
| 1955 | 147 | 88 | 1988 | 465 | 379 |
| 1956 | 132 | 136 | 1989 | 379 | 312 |
| 1957 | 220 | 111 | 1990 | 536 | 326 |
| 1958 | 195 | 202 | 1991 | 444 | 280 |
| 1959 | 176 | 215 | 1992 | 488 | 270 |
| 1960 | 206 | 207 | 1993 | 615 | 395 |
| 1961 | 231 | 207 | 1994 | 507 | 329 |
| 1962 | 293 | 227 | 1995 | 885 | 613 |
| 1963 | 256 | 229 | 1996 | 455 | 306 |
| 1964 | 272 | 312 | 1997 | 640 | 298 |
| 1965 | 383 | 259 | 1998 | 547 | 314 |
| 1966 | 399 | 238 | 1999 | 611 | 374 |
| 1967 | 447 | 315 | 2000 | 603 | 298 |
| 1968 | 428 | 280 ^a | 2001 | 512 | 380 |
| 1969 | 353 | 245 | 2002 | 484 | 253 |
| 1970 | 459 | 422 | 2003 | 677 | 459 |
| 1971 | 472 | 423 | 2004 | 544 | 216 |
| 1972 | 462 | 532 | 2005 | 671 | 366 |
| 1973 | 726 | 594 | 2006 | 541 | 279 |
| 1974 | 727 | 544 | 2007 | 1186 | 442 |
| 1975 | 828 | 611 | 2008 | 690 | 215 |
| 1976 | 864 | 700 | 2009 | 991 | 397 |
| 1977 | 782 | 636 | 2010 | 664 | 299 |
| 1978 | 942 | 520 | 2011 | 949 | 235 |
| 1979 | 758 | 509 | 2012 | 658 | 251 |
| | | | 2013 | 641 | 291 |

Note: House figures include the total number of quorum calls, yea and nay votes, and recorded votes, while Senate figures include only yea and nay votes.

a. This figure does not include one yea and nay vote that was ruled invalid for lack of a quorum.

Sources: "Resume of Congressional Activity," Congressional Record, 80th Congress - 113th Congress.



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Table 6-4

Congressional Workload, 80th-113th Congresses, 1947-2013

| Congress | Public Bills | | | Private bills | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| | No. of bills enacted | Total pages of statutes | Average pages per statute | No. of bills enacted | Total pages of statutes | Average pages per statute |
| 80th (1947-1948) | 906 | 2,236 | 2.5 | 458 | 182 | 0.40 |
| 81st (1949-1950) | 921 | 2,314 | 2.5 | 1,103 | 417 | 0.38 |
| 82nd (1951-1952) | 594 | 1,585 | 2.7 | 1,023 | 360 | 0.35 |
| 83rd (1953-1954) | 781 | 1,899 | 2.4 | 1,002 | 365 | 0.36 |
| 84th (1955-1956) | 1,028 | 1,848 | 1.8 | 893 | 364 | 0.41 |
| 85th (1957-1958) | 936 | 2,435 | 2.6 | 784 | 349 | 0.45 |
| 86th (1959-1960) | 800 | 1,774 | 2.2 | 492 | 201 | 0.41 |
| 87th (1961-1962) | 885 | 2,078 | 2.3 | 684 | 255 | 0.37 |
| 88th (1963-1964) | 666 | 1,975 | 3.0 | 360 | 144 | 0.40 |
| 89th (1965-1966) | 810 | 2,912 | 3.6 | 473 | 188 | 0.40 |
| 90th (1967-1968) | 640 | 2,304 | 3.6 | 362 | 128 | 0.35 |
| 91st (1969-1971) | 695 | 2,927 | 4.2 | 246 | 104 | 0.42 |
| 92nd (1971-1972) | 607 | 2,330 | 3.8 | 161 | 67 | 0.42 |
| 93rd (1973-1974) | 649 | 3,443 | 5.3 | 123 | 48 | 0.39 |
| 94th (1975-1976) | 588 | 4,121 | 7.0 | 141 | 75 | 0.53 |
| 95th (1977-1978) | 634 | 5,403 | 8.5 | 170 | 60 | 0.35 |
| 96th (1979-1980) | 613 | 4,947 | 8.1 | 123 | 63 | 0.51 |
| 97th (1981-1982) | 473 | 4,343 | 9.2 | 56 | 25 | 0.45 |
| 98th (1983-1984) | 623 | 4,893 | 7.9 | 52 | 26 | 0.50 |
| 99th (1985-1986) | 664 | 7,198 | 10.8 | 24 | 13 | 0.54 |
| 100th (1987-1988) | 713 | 4,839 | 6.8 | 48 | 29 | 0.60 |
| 101st (1989-1990) | 650 | 5,767 | 8.9 | 16 | 9 | 0.56 |
| 102nd (1991-1992) | 590 | 7,544 | 12.8 | 20 | 11 | 0.55 |
| 103rd (1993-1994) | 465 | 7,553 | 16.2 | 8 | 9 | 1.13 |
| 104th (1995-1996) | 333 | 6,369 | 19.1 | 4 | 4 | 1.00 |
| 105th (1997-1998) | 394 | 7,269 | 18.4 | 10 | 11 | 1.10 |
| 106th (1999-2000) | 580 | 5,045 | 8.7 | 24 | 35 | 1.46 |
| 107th (2001-2002) | 377 | 5,584 | 14.8 | 6 | 8 | 1.33 |
| 108th (2003-2004) | 498 | 6,923 | 13.9 | 6 | 11 | 1.83 |
| 109th (2005-2006) | 482 | 7,323 | 15.2 | 1 | 1 | 1.00 |
| 110th (2007-2008) | 460 | 7,689 | 16.72 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 111th (2009-2010) | 383 | 7,617 | 19.89 | 2 | 6 | 3.00 |
| 112th (2011-2012) | 283 | 2,495 | 8.82 | 1 | 2 | 2.00 |
| 113th (2013-2014) ^a | 72 | 1,208 | 16.78 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |

a. The data for the 113th Congress only include the first session.

Sources: *Federal Register*, Statutes Branch; The Library of Congress -- THOMAS, (<http://thomas.loc.gov>); United States Statutes at Large, Government Printing Office.



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Table 6-5 Pages in the *Federal Register*, 1936-2013

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Pages</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Pages</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1936 | 2,355 | 1990 | 53,618 |
| 1946 | 14,736 | 1991 | 67,715 |
| 1956 | 10,528 | 1992 | 62,919 |
| 1966 | 16,850 | 1993 | 69,684 |
| 1969 | 20,464 | 1994 | 68,107 |
| 1971 | 25,442 | 1995 | 68,108 |
| 1972 | 28,920 | 1996 | 69,368 |
| 1973 | 35,586 | 1997 | 68,530 |
| 1974 | 45,422 | 1998 | 72,356 |
| 1975 | 60,221 | 1999 | 73,880 |
| 1976 | 57,072 | 2000 ^a | 83,093 |
| 1977 | 63,629 | 2001 | 67,703 |
| 1978 | 61,261 | 2002 | 80,333 |
| 1979 | 77,497 | 2003 | 75,796 |
| 1980 | 87,012 | 2004 | 78,852 |
| 1981 | 63,554 | 2005 | 77,752 |
| 1982 | 58,493 | 2006 | 78,724 |
| 1983 | 57,703 | 2007 | 74,408 |
| 1984 | 50,997 | 2008 | 80,700 |
| 1985 | 53,479 | 2009 | 69,676 |
| 1986 | 47,418 | 2010 | 82,589 |
| 1987 | 49,654 | 2011 | 82,419 |
| 1988 | 53,376 | 2012 | 77,249 |
| 1989 | 53,821 | 2013 | 80,462 |

a. Although the number of pages is correctly given as 83,093, a page-numbering error on May 22, 2000 resulted in a 201-page "jump." Thus, the pages are (incorrectly) numbered up to 83,294.

Source: *Federal Register*.



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Table 6-6

Vetoes and Overrides, 80th-113th Congresses, 1947-2013

| Congress | Total no. of presidential vetoes | No. of regular vetoes | No. of pocket vetoes | Vetoes overridden | | House attempts to override vetoes | Senate attempts to override vetoes |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | | Total | Percentage of regular vetoes | | |
| 80th (1947-1948) | 75 | 42 | 33 | 6 | 14.3 | 8 | 8 |
| 81st (1949-1950) | 79 | 70 | 9 | 3 | 4.3 | 5 | 5 |
| 82nd (1951-1952) | 22 | 14 | 8 | 3 | 21.4 | 4 | 4 |
| 83rd (1953-1954) | 52 | 21 | 31 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| 84th (1955-1956) | 34 | 12 | 22 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| 85th (1957-1958) | 51 | 18 | 33 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| 86th (1959-1960) | 44 | 22 | 22 | 2 | 9.1 | 5 | 6 |
| 87th (1961-1962) | 20 | 11 | 9 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| 88th (1963-1964) | 9 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| 89th (1965-1966) | 14 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| 90th (1967-1968) | 8 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| 91st (1969-1971) | 11 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 28.6 | 4 | 4 |
| 92nd (1971-1972) | 20 | 6 | 14 | 2 | 33.3 | 3 | 4 |
| 93rd (1973-1974) | 39 | 27 | 12 | 5 | 18.5 | 12 | 10 |
| 94th (1975-1976) | 37 | 32 | 5 | 8 | 25.0 | 17 | 15 |
| 95th (1977-1978) | 19 | 6 | 13 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 |
| 96th (1979-1980) | 12 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 28.6 | 2 | 2 |
| 97th (1981-1982) | 15 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 22.2 | 4 | 3 |
| 98th (1983-1984) | 24 | 9 | 15 | 2 | 22.2 | 2 | 2 |
| 99th (1985-1986) | 20 | 13 | 7 | 2 | 15.4 | 3 | 3 |
| 100th (1987-1988) | 19 | 8 | 11 | 3 | 37.5 | 5 | 4 |
| 101st (1989-1990) | 21 | 16 | 5 | 0 | 0.0 | 9 | 5 |
| 102nd (1991-1992) ^a | 25 | 15 | 10 | 1 | 6.7 | 3 | 3 |
| 103rd (1993-1994) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 0 | 0 |
| 104th (1995-1996) | 17 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 5.9 | 6 | 1 |
| 105th (1997-1998) | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| 106th (1999-2000) | 12 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 1 |
| 107th (2000-2002) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 0 | 0 |
| 108th (2003-2004) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 0 | 0 |
| 109th (2005-2006) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| 110th (2007-2008) ^a | 11 | 11 | 0 | 4 | 36.4 | 9 | 4 |
| 111th (2009-2010) | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 |
| 112th (2011-2012) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 113th (2013-2014) ^b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Note: This table does not include line-item vetoes. After President Clinton excised several Pentagon programs from the 1998 budget, both houses of Congress, under the line-item veto law, passed legislation restoring some of the programs (H.R. 2631). President Clinton subsequently vetoed that bill, and both houses of Congress passed legislation overriding his veto. Subsequently, the Supreme Court declared the line-item veto unconstitutional.

- a. On some occasions the President has issued a protective return veto, where the bill was returned, unsigned, while Congress was in an intermin adjournment. The President has considered the bills to have been pocket vetoed while Congress considered them to have been regular vetoed. Vital Statistics counts these as regular vetoes.
- b. The data for the 113th Congress only include the first session.

Sources: "Resume of Congressional Activity," Congressional Record, 80th Congress - 113th Congress.
<http://www.senate.gov/reference/Legislation/Vetoes/vetoCounts.htm>



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Table 6-7 Attempted and Successful Cloture Votes, 66th - 113th Congress, 1919-2013

| Congress | 1st session | | 2nd session | | Total | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | attempted | successful | attempted | successful | attempted | successful |
| 66th (1919-1920) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 67th (1921-1922) | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 68th (1923-1924) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 69th (1925-1926) | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 70th (1927-1928) | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| 71st (1929-1930) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 72nd (1931-1932) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 73rd (1933-1934) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 74th (1935-1936) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 75th (1937-1938) | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 76th (1939-1940) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 77th (1941-1942) | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 78th (1943-1944) | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 79th (1945-1946) | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 80th (1947-1948) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 81st (1949-1950) | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 82nd (1951-1952) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 83rd (1953-1954) | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 84th (1955-1956) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 85th (1957-1958) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 86th (1959-1960) | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 87th (1961-1962) | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| 88th (1963-1964) | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| 89th (1965-1966) | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 1 |
| 90th (1967-1968) | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| 91st (1969-1971) | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| 92nd (1971-1972) | 10 | 2 | 10 | 2 | 20 | 4 |
| 93rd (1973-1974) | 10 | 2 | 21 | 7 | 31 | 9 |
| 94th (1975-1976) | 23 | 13 | 4 | 4 | 27 | 17 |
| 95th (1977-1978) | 5 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 13 | 3 |
| 96th (1979-1980) | 4 | 1 | 17 | 9 | 21 | 10 |
| 97th (1981-1982) | 7 | 2 | 20 | 7 | 27 | 9 |
| 98th (1983-1984) | 7 | 2 | 12 | 9 | 19 | 11 |
| 99th (1985-1986) | 9 | 1 | 14 | 9 | 23 | 10 |
| 100th (1987-1988) | 23 | 5 | 20 | 6 | 43 | 11 |
| 101st (1989-1990) | 9 | 6 | 15 | 5 | 24 | 11 |
| 102nd (1991-1992) | 20 | 9 | 27 | 13 | 47 | 22 |
| 103rd (1993-1994) ^a | 24 | 4 | 22 | 10 | 46 | 14 |
| 104th (1995-1996) | 21 | 4 | 29 | 5 | 50 | 9 |
| 105th (1997-1998) | 24 | 7 | 29 | 11 | 53 | 18 |
| 106th (1999-2000) | 36 | 11 | 22 | 17 | 58 | 28 |
| 107th (2001-2002) | 22 | 12 | 39 | 22 | 61 | 34 |
| 108th (2003-2004) | 23 | 1 | 26 | 11 | 49 | 12 |
| 109th (2005-2006) | 20 | 13 | 34 | 21 | 54 | 34 |
| 110th (2007-2008) | 62 | 31 | 50 | 30 | 112 | 61 |
| 111th (2009-2010) | 39 | 35 | 52 | 28 | 91 | 63 |
| 112th (2011-2012) | 36 | 20 | 38 | 21 | 74 | 41 |
| 113th (2013-2014) ^b | 121 | 51 | | | | |

n.a. = not available

Note 1: The number of votes required to invoke cloture was changed on March 7, 1975, from two-thirds of those present and voting to three-fifths of the total Senate membership, as Rule XXII of the standing rules of the Senate was amended.

Note 2: Unanimous Consent and "No Vote" are not counted as attempts.

Note 3: Two votes on the same bill was counted as two attempts.

a. On November 3, 1993, one vote was taken to break filibusters on five separate presidential nominees. *Vital Statistics* counts this as five attempted cloture votes.

b. The data for the 113th Congress only include the first session.

Sources: "Indicators of congressional workload and activity," Congressional Research Service; US Senate website (http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/reference/cloture_motions/clotureCounts.htm)

