FORMAT SUMMARY FOR MEMBER DATA
Variable
Congress
Office
Identification number
Name (Last, First, Middle)
District/class
State (postal abbr.)
State code (ICPSR)
Party (1 letter abbr.)
Party code
Chamber seniority
Chamber period code
Chamber status code
Notes

FORMAT SUMMARY FOR ASSIGNMENT DATA
Variable
Congress
Committee code
Identification number
Name (Last, First, Middle)
Party status code
Rank within party status
Date of assignment (mm/dd/yyyy)
Date of termination (mm/dd/yyyy)
Senior party member code
Committee seniority
Committee period of service code
Committee status code (at end of congress)
Committee continuity code (in next congress)
Appointment citation
Notes
Committee name
ICPSR state code (106th Congress onward)
District (106th Congress onward)
Postal state code (106th Congress onward)

DETAILED CODE DESCRIPTIONS FOR MEMBER DATA
Variable
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Typically, this is the member's ICPSR number. In practice, however the source for the numbers is Keith Poole's NOMINATE data sets.

For members without numbers, the following conventions were
used:

Delegates/Resident Commissioners -- start with 70X001 for each congress, where X is the last digit of the number of the congress. Members ordered by last name.

NAME

For the most part, the names are as they appear in the Congressional Directory.

DISTRICT/CLASS

| 01-59 House Congressional Districts | 79  | Delegate |
| 79  | Resident Commissioner |
| 80  | Senate, 1st Class |
| 82  | Senate, 2nd Class |
| 83  | Senate, 3rd Class |
| 85  | House At-large District |

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36 North Dakota
37 South Dakota

Solid South
41 Alabama
42 Arkansas
43 Florida
44 Georgia
45 Louisiana
46 Mississippi
47 North Carolina
48 South Carolina
49 Texas
50 Virginia

Border States
51 Kentucky
52 Maryland
53 Oklahoma
54 Tennessee
55 West Virginia

Mountain States
61 Arizona
62 Colorado
63 Idaho
64 Montana
65 Nevada
66 New Mexico
67 Utah
68 Wyoming

Pacific States
71 California
72 Oregon
73 Washington
81 Alaska
82 Hawaii

Territories/Districts
55 District of Columbia
91 Guam
92 Puerto Rico
93 Virgin Islands
94 American Samoa

party
100 Democrat
200 Republican
328 Independent
999 Unknown or minor third party
CHAMBER SENIORITY

The term served in this Congress for Representatives. The Year served for Senators. This variable represents total (not just continuous) service in the chamber and is calculated from the dates/terms of service given in the Congressional Directory.

PERIOD OF SERVICE IN CHAMBER

1  Only period of House service
2  1st Period of House service
3  2nd Period of House service
4  3rd Period of House service
5  4th Period of House service
6  Only period of Senate service
7  1st period of Senate service
8  2nd period of Senate Service

STATUS OF MEMBER IN NEXT CONGRESS

1  Continued in next congress
2  Defeated for election to next congress
3  Defeated for nomination to next congress
4  Elected to another federal post (Senate, President...)
5  Elected to a state or local post (governor, mayor...)
6  Appointed to another federal post (cabinet...)
7  Appointed to a state or local post
8  Retired from public life
9  Unsuccessful contest for another office
0  Inapplicable. Member died or left chamber before the end of this congress.

NB: 0 would be used if a member resigned midterm to accept an appointment to another post, such as a cabinet position.

DETAILED CODE DESCRIPTIONS FOR ASSIGNMENT DATA

Variable

CONGRESS

Same as member data set.

COMMITTEE CODE

See list at the end of this document for committee codes. The same set of codes was used for all congresses
under consideration. Even though jurisdictions and names of committees changed at the start of the 104th Congress, the same committee codes were used. For example, the Armed Services committee became the National Security committee, but both use the same committee code.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Same as member data set.

NAME

Same as member data set.

PARTY STATUS CODE

Original appointments
1 Majority
2 Minority
3 Other party

Members added to committees
4 Majority addition
5 Minority addition

Members replacing departed members
6 Majority replacement
7 Minority replacement

Other
8 Other party additions or replacements
0 Inapplicable; no committee assignment

RANK WITHIN PARTY STATUS

Original rankings come from the Resolution appointed the members to committee.

Additions are numbered starting after the original number of appointments. For example: a committee has 10 members and 1 member is added midterm. The additional member would be ranked 11, but still categorized as an Addition under Party Status.

Additions and replacements are also ranked according to date of assignment, then the order which they are listed on the resolution.

Sometimes the "Notes" column will record the fact that an appointment resolution specified that a newly-appointed member would rank in the middle of existing members. The ranking in this data set does not reflect these special considerations.
SENIOR PARTY MEMBER

These codes only apply to the particular congress listed for that entry. Codes for Speaker, Leaders, or Whips only apply to the committee codes 661 (House Leadership) and 662 (Senate Leadership). Otherwise, the senior party codes only apply to that particular committee.

Unless changes are made mid-term, the assignment and termination dates are January 3rd of the appropriate odd numbered year.

0 Inapplicable; either no committee assignment or the member did not reach senior party status for that committee or congress.

Committee Chairmen
11 Only Chairman
12 1st Chairman
13 2nd Chairman
14 3rd Chairman
16 Acting Chairman

Ranking Minority Members
21 Only ranking minority member
22 1st ranking minority member
23 2nd ranking minority member
24 3rd ranking minority member

Speakers of the House
31 Only Speaker
32 1st Speaker
33 2nd Speaker

Majority Leadership
41 Only Majority Leader
42 1st Majority Leader
43 2nd Majority Leader
44 3rd Majority Leader

51 Only Majority Whip
52 1st Majority Whip
53 2nd Majority Whip

Minority Leadership
61 Only Minority Leader
62 1st Minority Leader
63 2nd Minority Leader

64 Only Minority Whip
65 1st Minority Whip
66 2nd Minority Whip
Non-standing committee senior party status
81 Only Vice Chairman
82 1st Vice Chairman
83 2nd Vice Chairman
86 Co-chairman

COMMITTEE SENIORITY

For the House, this is the number of the term presently served by the member on the committee. Each time a member leaves the committee and returns, the number of terms is reset to 1.

For the Senate, the unit of measure is the year. It can best be described as the year on the committee as of the assignment date for that entry. For example, a freshman senator assigned at the beginning of a congress to committee would have this variable coded 1. Similarly, a senator assigned to a committee in October of the 2nd session would have that initial entry coded 1. If he is reappointed to the same committee at the start of the next congress, he is still coded 1 since he is still serving his first year on the committee.

COMMITTEE PERIOD OF SERVICE

1 Temporary assignment
2 Only period of service
3 First period of service
4 Second period of service
5 Third period of service
0 Inapplicable; no committee assignments

COMMITTEE STATUS AT END OF THIS CONGRESS

1 House: Remained on committee until adjournment.
   Senate: Remained on committee until next assignments announced.
2 Transferred to another committee.

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3 Left committee for no other.
4 Left committee before departing chamber.
5 Member died.
6 Resigned to hold another office.
7 Resigned to seek another office unsuccessfully.
8 Resigned, but neither held nor sought another office.
9 Member lost special election (Senate).
0 Inapplicable; no committee assignments

COMMITTEE CONTINUITY OF ASSIGNMENT IN NEXT CONGRESS

1 Continues on committee (or successor)
2 Continues in congress, but not committee
3 Continues in congress, presently unassigned
4 Committee is eliminated
0 Inapplicable; member died or does not serve in next congress.

APPOINTMENT CITATION (Beginning with 106th Congress)

The first sources consulted were the Congressional Record and the chamber Journals. Other common sources included the Congressional Directory, committee reports, and Roll Call. A citation of the form "H233" indicates Congressional Record, page 233 of the House section.

NOTES

Notes about special circumstances surrounding the appointment. Includes information about reasons for transferring and special arrangements made concerning committee seniority.

COMMITTEE NAME

ICPSR STATE CODE (Beginning with 106th Congress)

See membership dataset codings.

DISTRICT (Beginning with 106th Congress)

See membership dataset codings.

POSTAL STATE CODE (Beginning with 106th Congress)

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COMMITTEE CODES

House of Representatives

Code Committee
102 Agriculture
104 Appropriations
106 Armed Services (103rd, 109-111th)
    National Security (104th - 108th)
113 Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs (103rd)
    Banking and Financial Services (104th - 106th)
    Financial Services (106th - 111th)
115 Budget
120 District of Columbia (103rd)
124 Education and Labor (103rd, 111th)
    Economic and Educational Opportunities (104th)
    Education and the Workplace (105th - 109th)
128 Energy and Commerce (103rd, 107th - 111th)
    Commerce (104th - 106th)
134 Foreign Affairs (103rd, 110th-111th)
    International Relations (104th - 109th)
138 Government Operations (103rd)
    Government Reform and Oversight (104th - 109th)
    Oversight and Government Reform (110th-111th)
142 House Administration (103rd, 109-111th)
    House Oversight (104th - 108th)
156 Judiciary
160 Merchant Marine and Fisheries (103rd)
164 Natural Resources (103rd, 111th)
    Resources (104h - 109th)
168 Post Office and Civil Service (103rd)
173 Public Works and Transportation (103rd)
    Transportation and Infrastructure (104th - 111th)
176 Rules
182 Science, Space, and Technology (103rd)
    Science (104th - 109th)
    Science and Technology (110th-111th)
184 Small Business
186 Standards of Official Conduct
192 Veterans Affairs
196 Ways and Means
242 Intelligence (Select)
251 Homeland Security (Select 107th and 108th; Standing, 109th-111th)
252 Energy Independence and Global Warming (Select, 110th-111th)
253 Investigate the Voting Irregularities of August 2, 2007 (Select, 110th)

SENATE COMMITTEE CODES

Code Committee Name

305 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
306 Appropriations
308 Armed Services
314 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
316 Budget
321 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
JOINT COMMITTEES

500 Library
501 Printing
503 Taxation
507 Economic

Leadership

661 House Party Leadership
662 Senate Party Leadership

No assignment

770 Elected, not sworn
772 Resigned before assignment
775 Appointed, not sworn
780 Sworn, only select committee
790 Elected and sworn, not assigned
795 Appointed and sworn, not assigned

Election Results

Winning Votes
The number of votes won by the congressperson in the election

Losing Votes
The number of votes won by the 2nd place candidate

Total Votes
The total votes in the congressional election. If the winner went unopposed, then the value might be equal to 1.

Margin
The fraction of votes received by the winning candidate as a function of the total number of votes received by the 2 candidates with the highest number of votes.