

About the Book

Congressional Procedure: A Practical Guide to the Legislative Process in the U.S. Congress is a major new reference work on how Congress functions today. ***Congressional Procedure*** is written by **Richard A. Arenberg**, a scholar in legislative procedure with decades of service to the United States Senate, with a foreword by **Alan S. Frumin** Parliamentarian Emeritus of the U.S. Senate. It is published by **TheCapitol.Net**, a nonpartisan provider of legislative and executive training.

A surge in the American public's interest in civics has made it essential to provide an updated, practical guide to Congress. The Constitution is Congress' rule book but ***Congressional Procedure***, by Richard A. Arenberg, is the playbook. It explains how the Constitution has been modified through amendment and how rules changes have resulted in the way the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate function today.

Congressional Procedure goes inside the legislative factory to show how the sausage is made. There have been major changes to the rules as Congress has become more partisan in recent years. Some of the hot button issues addressed in this ground-breaking work include:

- **Judicial Nominations** used to require 60 votes in the U.S. Senate. Now they require a bare majority, thanks first to Harry Reid (D-NV), then Mitch McConnell (R-KY), invoking the "nuclear option." The author expects the judiciary to become more partisan as a result.
- **Budget Reconciliation** is being used to press policy positions that have little to do with the budget. It's a loophole legislators use to bypass the 60-vote hurdle in the Senate with a budget process that requires only a majority.
- **Impeachment and the 25th Amendment**, procedures for removing appointed and elected officials, are of great interest in a divided Congress. Richard A. Arenberg explains how difficult it will be to use either of these procedures, with examples of how Congress has handled rogue actors in the past.

Congressional Procedure is an essential reference work for high school, college and university students in American Government, Legislative Studies or Law School. Professors are encouraged to request an examination copy from the publisher, TheCapitol.Net.

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to advance or derail nominations and legislation. No Beltway office should be without a copy.

Congressional Procedure: A Practical Guide to the Legislative Process in the U.S. Congress, by Richard A. Arenberg, foreword by Alan S. Frumin, is 240 pages with illustrations, legislative flowchart, an extensive glossary and an index. It is available in hardcover (\$37), softcover (\$29) and ebook (\$15), from the publisher, TheCapitol.Net, or from your favorite bookseller. The companion website for the book is <http://CongressionalProcedure.com>

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Congressional Procedure is a major new reference work that explains in clear language how the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate operate, including the rules and how they are bent to pass major legislation, exercise Congressional oversight, and evaluate judicial and executive nominations.