

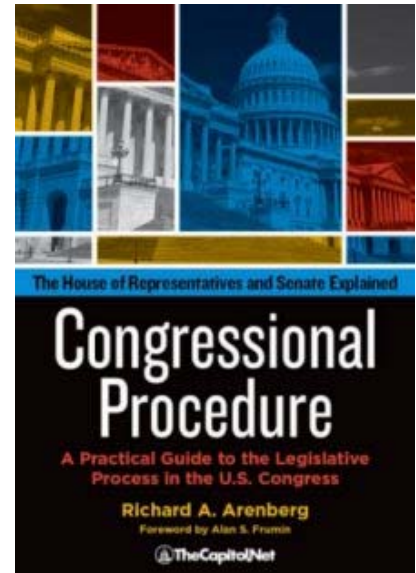
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## **Major New Reference Work Explains Congress**

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ALEXANDRIA, VA – (For Immediate Release) – TheCapitol.Net is pleased to announce the publication of a major new reference work, ***Congressional Procedure: A Practical Guide to the Legislative Process in the U.S. Congress***, by Richard A. Arenberg. If the U.S. Constitution is the rule book, this is the playbook: an insider's guide on how Congress operates and how the rules have changed.

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