

Comparative Data, U.S. House of Representatives, 103rd-113th Congresses (1993-2014)

| <i>Item</i> | <i>103rd</i> | <i>104th</i> | <i>105th</i> | <i>106th</i> | <i>107th</i> | <i>108th</i> | <i>109th</i> | <i>110th</i> | <i>111th</i> | <i>112th</i> | <i>113th</i> |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Days in session | 265 | 289 | 248 | 272 | 265 | 243 | 242 | 282 | 286 | 327 | 281 |
| Hours in session | 1,887 | 2,445 | 1,979 | 2,179 | 1,694 | 1,893 | 1,917 | 2,368 | 2,127 | 1,718 | 1,427 |
| Av. hours/day | 7.1 | 8.5 | 7.9 | 8 | 6.4 | 7.8 | 7.9 | 8.4 | 7.4 | 5.3 | 51 |
| Public measures introduced | 5,739 | 4,542 | 5,012 | 5,815 | 5,892 | 5,557 | 6,540 | 7,441 | 6,669 | 6,845 | 5,840 |
| Public measures reported | 544 | 518 | 511 | 654 | 510 | 572 | 428 | 627 | 435 | 500 | 519 |
| Public measures passed | 757 | 611 | 710 | 917 | 587 | 801 | 770 | 1,101 | 859 | 584 | 655 |
| Unreported public measures passed | 291 | 165 | 282 | 392 | 203 | 346 | 382 | 577 | 474 | 260 | 482 |
| Unreported public passed as % of total | 38% | 27% | 40% | 43% | 35% | 43% | 50% | 52% | 55% | 45% | 74% |
| Total public laws | 465 | 333 | 394 | 580 | 377 | 498 | 482 | 416 | 383 | 283 | 296 |
| Commemoratives enacted | 81 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Substantive laws (minus commemoratives) | 384 | 333 | 394 | 580 | 376 | 497 | 482 | 416 | 380 | 283 | 296 |
| Total roll call votes | 1,094 | 1,321 | 1,157 | 1,209 | 990 | 1,218 | 1,212 | 1,865 | 1,647 | 1,603 | 1,173 |
| Party unity votes: Number. (% of total) | 698 (64%) | 891 (67%) | 615 (53%) | 547 (45%) | 413 (42%) | 604 (47%) | 623 (56%) | 990(55%) | 766 (47%) | 628(69%) | 847 (87%) |
| Measures passed under suspension of rules | 420 | 343 | 461 | 669 | 464 | 594 | 612 | 568 | 475 | 421 | 514 |
| Suspensions as % of all passed | 56% | 56% | 66% | 73% | 79% | 74% | 79% | 52% | 54% | 71% | 78% |
| Suspensions enacted | 227 | 194 | 258 | 437 | 255 | 388 | 374 | 371 | 330 | 223 | 244 |
| Suspensions as % of all laws | 50% | 58% | 65% | 75% | 68% | 78% | 76% | 81% | 86% | 79%) | 82% |
| Open/modified open rules: Number (%) | 46 (44%) | 83 (58%) | 74 (53%) | 91 (51%) | 40 (37%) | 24 (26%) | 24 (19%) | 23 (14%) | 0 (0%) | 25 (18%) | 12 (8%) |
| Structured rules: Number (%) | 40 (38%) | 20 (14%) | 6 (4%) | 32 (18%) | 20 (19%) | 34 (26%) | 52 (42%) | 71 (44%) | 61 (54%) | 58 (41%) | 60 (41%) |
| Modified closed rules: Number (%) | 9 (9%) | 20 (14%) | 36 (26%) | 17 (9%) | 24 (22%) | 28 (21%) | 9 (7%) | 10 (6%) | 12 (11%) | 7 (5%) | 5 (3%) |
| Closed rules: Number (%) | 9 (9%) | 19 (14%) | 24 (17%) | 39 (22%) | 23 (22%) | 37 (28%) | 40 (32%) | 59 (36%) | 38 (34%) | 50 (36%) | 71 (48%) |
| Self-executing rules: Number (%) | 30 (22%) | 38 (25%) | 46 (32%) | 40 (22%) | 42 (37%) | 30 (22%) | 28 (22%) | 44 (28%) | 40 (36%) | 36 (26%) | 54 (36%) |
| Committees/subcommittees | 23/118 | 20/86 | 20/83 | 20/87 | 20/93 | 20/92 | 21/97 | 21/103 | 21/102 | 21/104 | 21/98 |
| Committee staff | 1,800 | 1,171 | 1,265 | 1,205 | 1,366 | 1,383 | 1,363 | 1,344 | 1,324 | 1,272 | 1,206 |

Sources: "Resume of Congressional Activity," Daily Digest, *Congressional Record*; "Survey of Activities," Committee on Rules; Congressional Research Service Reports on "Committee Numbers, Sizes, Assignments and Staff," and "Legislative Branch Appropriations;" House Calendars; Rules Committee Calendars & Website; and THOMAS.

Notes: "Public measures" refers only to bills and joint resolutions and not simple or concurrent resolutions; "all measures" includes bills, joint, concurrent and simple resolutions. Suspension measures are those relatively non-controversial bills and joint resolutions considered under the suspension of the rules procedure on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays which allows for just 40-minutes of debate, no amendments, and requires a two-thirds vote for passage.

