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***Anotace: The worksheets can be used when learning about the political system of the United States. The material examines the functions of the US Congress and offers possibility for discussion as well. The worksheet revises information required in English Department curriculum and Social Studies. Questions focus on listening comprehension, speaking skills, and formulating personal opinions.***

## USA Political System – Legislative Branch



I. Based on information provided in lectures, be prepared to answer and discuss the following questions about the **Legislative Branch** of the US government.

1. What is the official name of the legislative branch? What does it mean that it is „bicameral“?
2. How many members are there in the House of Representatives? How long do they serve, and how are they apportioned?
3. What does the power of the purse mean?
4. How many members are there in the Senate? How long do they serve, and how are they apportioned?
5. In many matters, the Senate has the right to advise and consent. What does this mean? Give an example.
6. What is the age requirement for someone to be elected Representative or Senator? Do you agree with these particular ages? Are they too old or young, in your opinion?
7. The House has relatively short terms while the Senate has relatively long terms? Why is this? Is this a good idea in practice or not?
8. For years now, many citizens have been calling for term limits? What do you think of this idea?
9. The Congress has the power to override a presidential veto. In your opinion, is this fair?
10. In the US, the Senate is seen as the more prestigious body. Why is this?

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## The United States Congress

The Legislative Branch is bicameral, consisting of the House of Representatives and the Senate, which together form the United States Congress.

The Constitution grants Congress the sole authority to enact legislation and declare war.

Congress has the right to confirm or reject many Presidential appointments.

### House of Representatives

Consists of 435 elected members, divided among the 50 states in proportion to their total population

Members of the House are elected every two years

must be 25 years of age

must be a U.S. citizen for at least seven years, and a resident of the state they represent

have the “power of the purse”

### U.S. Senate

The Senate is composed of 100 Senators, 2 for each state.



Senators are elected to six-year terms.

Senators must be at least 30 years of age.

Senators must be U.S. citizens for at least nine years, and residents of the state they represent.

The Senate has the sole power to confirm the President's appointments that require consent.

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