

Table 1. Comparative Legislative Data for the House of Representatives: 103rd-112th Congresses (1993-2012)

Item	103 rd	104 th	105 th	106 th	107 th	108 th	109 th	110 th	111 th	112 th
Days in Session	265	289	248	272	265	243	242	282	286	327
Hours in Session	1,887	2,445	1,979	2,179	1,694	1,893	1,917	2,368	2,127	1,718
Average Hours Per Day	7.1	8.5	7.9	8	6.4	7.8	7.9	8.4	7.4	5.3
Public Measures Introduced	5,739	4,542	5,012	5,815	5,892	5,557	6,540	7,441	6,669	6,845
Public Measures Reported	544	518	511	654	510	572	428	627	435	500
Public Measures Passed	757	611	710	917	587	801	770	1,101	859	584
Unreported Public Measures Passed	291	165	282	392	203	346	382	577	474	260
Unreported Passed as % of Total	38%	27%	40%	43%	35%	43%	50%	52%	55%	45%
Total Public Laws Enacted	465	333	394	580	377	498	482	416	383	283
Commemoratives Enacted	81	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0
Substantive Laws (minus commemoratives)	384	333	394	580	376	497	482	416	380	283
Total Roll Call Votes	1,094	1,321	1,157	1,209	990	1,218	1,212	1,865	1,647	1,603
Party Unity Votes: No. (% of all votes)	698 (64%)	891 (67%)	615 (53%)	547 (45%)	413 (42%)	604 (47%)	623 (56%)	990(55 %)	766 (47%)	628 (69%)
Measures Passed Under Suspension	420	343	461	669	464	594	612	568	475	421
Suspensions as % of All Passed	56%	56%	66%	73%	79%	74%	79%	52%	54%	71%
Suspension Measures Enacted	227	194	258	437	255	388	374	371	330	223
Suspensions as % of All Laws	50%	58%	65%	75%	68%	78%	76%	81%	86%	79%
Open/Modified Open Rules: No. (%)	46 (44%)	83 (58%)	74 (53%)	91 (51%)	40 (37%)	24 (26%)	24 (19%)	23 (14%)	1 (1%)	25 (18%)
Structured Rules: No. (%)	40 (38%)	20 (14%)	6 (4%)	32 (18%)	20 (19%)	34 (26%)	52 (42%)	71 (44%)	60 (54%)	58 (41%)
Modified Closed Rules: No. (%)	9 (9%)	20 (14%)	36 (26%)	17 (9%)	24 (22%)	28 (21%)	9 (7%)	10 (6%)	12 (11%)	7 (5%)
Closed Rules: No. (%)	9 (9%)	19 (14%)	24 (17%)	39 (22%)	23 (22%)	37 (28%)	40 (32%)	59 (36%)	38 (34%)	50 (36%)
Self-Executing Rules: No.: (%)	30 (22%)	38 (25%)	46 (32%)	40 (22%)	42 (37%)	30 (22%)	28 (22%)	44 (28%)	40 (36%)	36 (26%)
Committees/Subcommittees	23/118	20/86	20/83	20/87	20/93	20/92	21/97	21/103	21/102	21/104
Committee Staff	1,800	1,171	1,265	1,205	1,366	1,383	1,363	1,344	1,324	1,272

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.