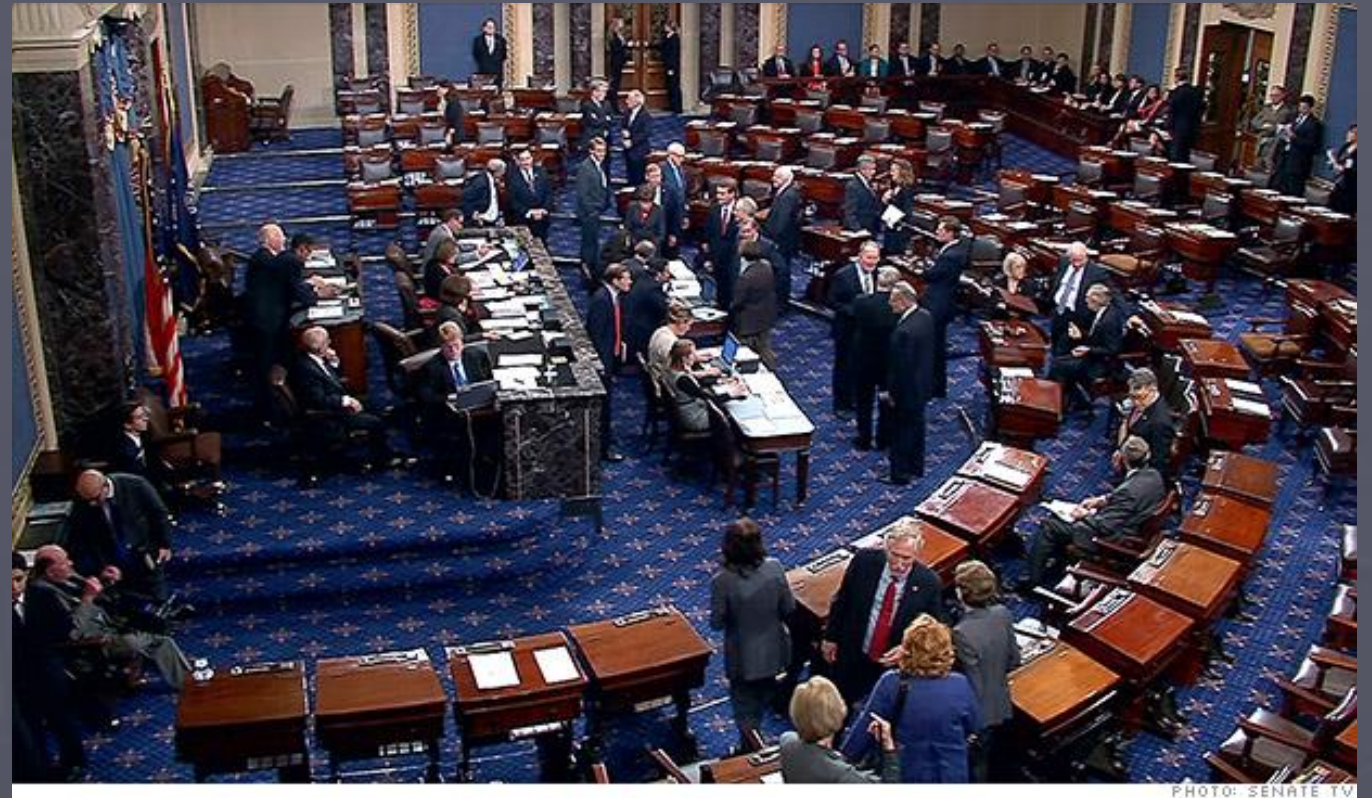


Role of the Legislative Branch

The US Senate

- Method of Selection – Election by the people
- Term of office – 6 years
- Powers reserved for Senate only
 - Confirm Presidential appointments
 - Approve/reject treaties
 - Jury for impeachment trial



The House of Representatives

- Method of Selection – Election by the people
- Term of Office – 2 years
- Powers reserved for the House only
 - Originates money bills (taxes)
 - Begins impeachment process
 - Elects President if Electoral College fails to do so



Functions and Powers

- Function:
Make the Laws
- Congressional Joint Powers
 - Levy and collect taxes
 - Raise and maintain military
 - Grant statehood
 - Control national lands
 - Regulate interstate trade
 - Naturalize citizens
 - Declare war
 - Control making of currency

Congressional Powers Expressed in Article 1, Section 8			
PEACETIME POWERS		WAR POWERS	
Clause	Provision	Clause	Provision
1	To establish and collect taxes, duties, and excises	11	To declare war; to make laws regarding captures on land and water
2	To borrow money		
3	To regulate foreign and interstate commerce	12	To raise and support armies
4	To create naturalization laws; to create bankruptcy laws		
5	To coin money and regulate its value; to regulate weights and measures	13	To provide and maintain a navy
6	To punish counterfeiters of federal money and securities		
7	To establish post offices	14	To make laws governing land and naval forces
8	To grant patents and copyrights		
9	To create courts inferior to the Supreme Court	15	To provide for summoning the militia to execute federal laws, suppress uprisings, and repel invasions
10	To define and punish crimes at sea and violations of international law		
17	To exercise exclusive jurisdiction over the District of Columbia and other federal properties	16	To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia and governing it when in the service of the Union
18	To make all laws necessary and proper to the execution of any of the other expressed powers		