The American Congress Reader
Synopsis

The American Congress Reader provides a supplement to the popular and newly updated American Congress undergraduate textbook. By the same authors who drew upon Capitol Hill experience and nationally recognized scholarship to present a crisp introduction and analysis of Congress’s inner mechanics, the Reader compiles the best relevant scholarship on party and committee systems, leadership, voting, and floor activity to broaden and illuminate the key features of the text.

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Customer Reviews

Back in graduate school (many years ago!) a couple of the most useful textbooks for me were edited volumes, with a collection of important articles on the US House of Representatives and the US Senate. I used those books as a resource for quite awhile as a teacher. This edited volume is also a fine contribution, pulling works together covering a large array of resources. Indeed, next time I teach a graduate course on Legislative Politics, I will be sorely tempted to assign this volume. The book is divided into several sections, each featuring three to six pieces. The sections are labeled: Modern Trends in the American Congress; Representation and Lawmaking; Congressional elections and policy alignments; Members, goals, resources and strategies; Parties and leaders; Standing committees; Rules of the legislative game; The floor and voting; Congress and the President; Congress and the courts; Congress and the budget; Congress, lobbyists, and interest groups; and a Miscellaneous section. Included are classics such as Richard Fenno’s essay on US House members in their districts, Federalist # 10 and # 51, Gary Jacobson on US House elections,
Kingdon on models of legislative voting, Wright on legislative lobbying, Rohde on political ambition in the US House of Representatives, and so on. All in all, a volume that will introduce students to important works bearing on the legislative process over the years. A fine teaching resource. Also, a welcome resource for citizens who want to get a sense of research on Congress.

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Great

Was exactly what it was supposed to be and on time.

Exactly as described, used for school.

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