FORMAT SUMMARY FOR MEMBER DATA
Variable

Congress
Office
Identification number
Name (Last, First, Middle)
District/class
State (postal abbr.)
State code (ICPSR)
Party (1 letter abbr.)
Party code
Chamber seniority
Chamber period code
Chamber status code
Notes

FORMAT SUMMARY FOR ASSIGNMENT DATA

Variable

Congress
Committee code
Identification number
Name (Last, First, Middle)
Party status code
Rank within party status
Date of assignment (mm/dd/yyyy)
Date of termination (mm/dd/yyyy)
Senior party member code
Committee seniority
Committee period of service code
Committee status code (at end of congress)
Committee continuity code (in next congress)
Appointment citation
Notes
Committee name
ICPSR state code (106th Congress onward)
District (106th Congress onward)
Postal state code (106th Congress onward)

DETAILED CODE DESCRIPTIONS FOR MEMBER DATA

Variable

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Typically, this is the member's ICPSR number. In practice,
however the source for the numbers is Keith Poole's NOMINATE
data sets.

For members without numbers, the following conventions were

used:

Delegates/Resident Commissioners -- start with 70X001
for each congress, where X is the last digit of the
number of the congress. Members ordered by last name.

NAME

For the most part, the names are as they appear in the
Congressional Directory.

DISTRICT/CLASS

01-59 House Congressional Districts
79   Delegate
80   Resident Commissioner
81   Senate, 1st Class
82   Senate, 2nd Class
83   Senate, 3rd Class
85   House At-large District

statename

Two letter postal abbreviation.

state

            New England
            01   Connecticut
            02   Maine
            03   Massachusetts
            04   New Hampshire
            05   Rhode Island
            06   Vermont

            Middle Atlantic
            11   Delaware
            12   New Jersey
            13   New York
            14   Pennsylvania

            East North Central
            21   Illinois
            22   Indiana
            23   Michigan
            24   Ohio
            25   Wisconsin

            West North Central
            31   Iowa
            32   Kansas
            33   Minnesota
            34   Missouri

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35     Nebraska
36     North Dakota
37     South Dakota

Solid South
41     Alabama
42     Arkansas
43     Florida
44     Georgia
45     Louisiana
46     Mississippi
47     North Carolina
48     South Carolina
49     Texas
40     Virginia

Border States
51     Kentucky
52     Maryland
53     Oklahoma
54     Tennessee
56     West Virginia

Mountain States
61     Arizona
62     Colorado
63     Idaho
64     Montana
65     Nevada
66     New Mexico
67     Utah
68     Wyoming

Pacific States
71     California
72     Oregon
73     Washington
81     Alaska
82     Hawaii

Territories/Districts
55     District of Columbia
91     Guam
92     Puerto Rico
93     Virgin Islands
94     American Samoa


party

100   Democrat
200   Republican
328   Independent
999  Unknown or minor third party
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CHAMBER SENIORITY

The term served in this Congress for Representatives. The
Year served for Senators. This variable represents total
(not just continuous) service in the chamber and is
calculated from the dates/terms of service given in the
Congressional Directory.

PERIOD OF SERVICE IN CHAMBER

        1   Only period of House service
        2   1st Period of House service
        3   2nd Period of House service
        4   3rd Period of House service
        5   4th Period of House service

        6   Only period of Senate service
        7   1st period of Senate service
        8   2nd period of Senate Service

STATUS OF MEMBER IN NEXT CONGRESS

        1   Continued in next congress
        2   Defeated for election to next congress
        3   Defeated for nomination to next congress
        4   Elected to another federal post (Senate, President...)
        5   Elected to a state or local post (governor, mayor...)
        6   Appointed to another federal post (cabinet...)
        7   Appointed to a state or local post
        8   Retired from public life
        9   Unsuccessful contest for another office
        0   Inapplicable. Member died or left chamber before the

        end of this congress.

NB: 0 would be used if a member resigned midterm to accept
an appointment to another post, such as a cabinet
position.

DETAILED CODE DESCRIPTIONS FOR ASSIGNMENT DATA

Variable

CONGRESS

Same as member data set.

COMMITTEE CODE

See list at the end of this document for committee codes.
The same set of codes was used for all congresses

under consideration. Even though jurisdictions and names of committees changed at the start of the 104th Congress, the same committee codes were used. For example, the Armed Services committee became the National Security committee, but both use the same committee code.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Same as member data set.

NAME

Same as member data set.

PARTY STATUS CODE

> Original appointments
> 1   Majority
> 2   Minority
> 3   Other party
>
> Members added to committees
> 4   Majority addition
> 5   Minority addition
>
> Members replacing departed members
> 6   Majority replacement
> 7   Minority replacement
>
> Other
> 8   Other party additions or replacemnts
> 0   Inapplicable; no committee assignment

RANK WITHIN PARTY STATUS

Original rankings come from the Resolution appointed the members to committee.

Additions are numbered starting after the original number of appointments. For example: a committee has 10 members and 1 member is added midterm. The additional member would be ranked 11, but still categorized as an Addition under Party Status.

Additions and replacements are also ranked according to date of assignment, then the order which they are listed on the resolution.

Sometimes the "Notes" column will record the fact that an appointment resolution specified that a newly-appointed member would rank in the middle of existing members. The ranking in this data set does not reflect these special considerations.

SENIOR PARTY MEMBER

These codes only apply to the particular congress listed for
that entry. Codes for Speaker, Leaders, or Whips only apply
to the committee codes 661 (House Leadership) and 662
(Senate Leadership). Otherwise, the senior party codes only
apply to that particular committee.

Unless changes are made mid-term, the assignment and
termination dates are January 3rd of the appropriate odd
numbered year.

     0   Inapplicable; either no committee assignment or the
           member did not reach senior party status for that
           committee or congress.

Committee Chairmen
11   Only Chairman
12   1st Chairman
13   2nd Chairman
14   3rd Chairman
16   Acting Chairman

Ranking Minority Members
21   Only ranking minority member
22   1st ranking minority member
23   2nd ranking minority member
24   3rd ranking minority member

Speakers of the House
31   Only Speaker
32   1st Speaker
33   2nd Speaker

Majority Leadership
41   Only Majority Leader
42   1st Majority Leader
43   2nd Majority Leader
    44   3rd Majority Leader

51   Only Majority Whip
52   1st Majority Whip
53   2nd Majority Whip

Minority Leadership
61   Only Minority Leader
62   1st Minority Leader
63   2nd Minority Leader

64   Only Minority Whip
65   1st Minority Whip
66   2nd Minority Whip

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                Non-standing committee senior party status
        81      Only Vice Chairman
        82      1st Vice Chairman
        83      2nd Vice Chairman
        86      Co-chairman
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COMMITTEE SENIORITY

For the House, this is the number of the term presently
served by the member on the committee. Each time a member
leaves the committee and returns, the number of terms is
reset to 1.

For the Senate, the unit of measure is the year. It can best
be described as the year on the committee as of the
assignment date for that entry. For example, a freshman
senator assigned at the beginning of a congress to committee
would have this variable coded 1. Similarly, a senator
assigned to a committee in October of the 2nd session would
have that initial entry coded 1. If he is reappointed to the
same committee at the start of the next congress, he is
still coded 1 since he is still serving his first year on
the committee.

COMMITTEE PERIOD OF SERVICE

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        1       Temporary assignment
        2       Only period of service
        3       First period of service
        4       Second period of service
        5       Third period of service
        0       Inapplicable; no committee assignments
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COMMITTEE STATUS AT END OF THIS CONGRESS

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        1       House: Remained on committee until adjournment.
                Senate: Remained on committee until next assignments
                announced.
        2       Transferred to another committee.
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             3         Left committee for no other.
             4         Left committee before departing chamber.
             5         Member died.
             6         Resigned to hold another office.
             7         Resigned to seek another office unsuccessfully.
             8         Resigned, but neither held nor sought another office.
             9         Member lost special election (Senate).
             0         Inapplicable; no committee assignments
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COMMITTEE CONTINUITY OF ASSIGNMENT IN NEXT CONGRESS

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             1         Continues on committee (or successor)
             2         Continues in congress, but not committee
             3         Continues in congress, presently unassigned
             4         Committee is eliminated
             0         Inapplicable; member died or does not serve in next
                       congress.
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APPOINTMENT CITATION (Beginning with 106th Congress)

The first sources consulted were the Congressional Record and the chamber
Journals. Other common sources included the Congressional
Directory, committee reports, and Roll Call. A citation
of the form "H233" indicates Congressional Record, page
233 of the House section.

NOTES

Notes about special circumstances surrounding the appointment.
Includes information about reasons for transferring and
special arrangements made concerning committee seniority.

COMMITTEE NAME

ICPSR STATE CODE (Beginning with 106th Congress)

See membership dataset codings.

DISTRICT (Beginning with 106th Congress)

See membership dataset codings.

POSTAL STATE CODE (Beginning with 106th Congress)

COMMITTEE CODES

House of Representatives

Code Committee

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102   Agriculture
104   Appropriations
106   Armed Services (103rd, 109-111th)
      National Security (104th - 108th)
113   Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs (103rd)
      Banking and Financial Services (104th - 106th)
      Financial Services (106th - 111th)
115   Budget
120   District of Columbia (103rd)
124   Education and Labor (103rd, 111th)
      Economic and Educational Opportunities (104th)
      Education and the Workplace (105th - 109th)
128   Energy and Commerce (103rd, 107th - 111th)
      Commerce (104th - 106th)
134   Foreign Affairs (103rd, 110th-111th)
      International Relations (104th - 109th)
138   Government Operations (103rd)
      Government Reform and Oversight (104th - 109th)
      Oversight and Government Reform (110th-111th)
142   House Administration (103rd, 109-111th)
      House Oversight (104th - 108th)
156   Judiciary
160   Merchant Marine and Fisheries (103rd)
164   Natural Resources (103rd, 111th)
      Resources (104h - 109th)
168   Post Office and Civil Service (103rd)
173   Public Works and Transportation (103rd)
      Transportation and Infrastructure (104th - 111th)
176   Rules
182   Science, Space, and Technology (103rd)
      Science (104th - 109th)
      Science and Technology (110th-111th)
184   Small Business
186   Standards of Official Conduct
192   Veterans Affairs
196   Ways and Means
242   Intelligence (Select)
251   Homeland Security (Select 107th and 108th; Standing, 109th-111th)
252   Energy Independence and Global Warming (Select, 110th-111th)
253   Investigate the Voting Irregularities of August 2, 2007 (Select,
110th)


SENATE COMMITTEE CODES

Code  Committee Name

305   Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
306   Appropriations
308   Armed Services
314   Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
316   Budget
321   Commerce, Science, and Transportation
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330   Energy and Natural Resources
332   Environment and Public Works
336   Finance
338   Foreign Relations
344   Governmental Affairs (103rd to 108th)
        Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (109th)
358   Judiciary
362   Labor and Human Resources (103rd to 106th)
        Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (107th to 109th)
380   Rules and Administration
381   Small Business (103rd to 107th)
        Small Business and Entrepreneurship (108th and 109th)
388   Veterans Affairs
419   Aging (Special)
432   Intelligence (Select)
434   Ethics (Select)
435   Indian Affairs (Select)

JOINT COMMITTEES

500   Library
501   Printing
503   Taxation
507   Economic

Leadership

661   House Party Leadership
662   Senate Party Leadership

No assignment

770   Elected, not sworn
772   Resigned before assignment
775   Appointed, not sworn
780   Sworn, only select committee
790   Elected and sworn, not assigned
795   Appointed and sworn, not assigned

Election Results

Winning Votes
The number of votes won by the congressperson in the election

Losing Votes
The number of votes won by the 2nd place candidate

Total Votes

The total votes in the congressional election. If the winner went unopposed, then the value might be equal to 1.

Margin
The fraction of votes received by the winning candidate as a function of the total number of votes received by the 2 candidates with the highest number of votes.

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