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II. Body

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The House of Representatives has unique powers. All laws about revenue spending, or tax income spending, must start in the House. The House also is the only chamber that can impeach a U.S. official, such as president or vice president. Impeaching is the bringing of formal charges against an elected official.

The U.S. Senate is the other chamber of Congress. Two senators are elected from each state; it doesn't matter how big or small the state is, each has two senators. Since there are 50 states, there are 100 voting senators. Each senator serves for six years.

The Senate has powers that the House does not. It may agree to foreign treaties, and it may confirm, or approve, appointments by the President. If the House impeaches an official, it is the Senate that holds a trial.

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