

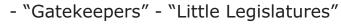


## POINTS OF INFLUENCE

## Leadership + Committees

## Introduction

Referral to Standing Committee



- Seniority System
  Majority=Chair, Minority = Ranking
  1970s "Bill of Rights"
  Republicans = 6 year terms
- House = policy specialists
- Senate = policy generalists

Calendar/ Scheduling

> Floor Action

 Speaker's Power = personal prestige, charisma, knowledge

 Majority/Minority Leaders = foster party unity, chief spokespersons

Whips = communication, polling, pressure - i.e. "Catch & Release"

Conference Committee

President Sign or Veto

## Voting Influences

- Personal Opinion
  - Party Loyalty
- Views of ConstituencyPresidential Support or Opposition
  - Interest Groups