



Understanding Congress

Get a crash course in Congress in just half a day.

At our custom version of our popular introductory ½ day program, your staff will:

- Review key leadership in the Congress
- Learn about the (sometimes baffling) structure of the legislative branch
- Hear how power politics is played in the hallways and cloakrooms
- Review how a bill becomes law from introduction and referral of legislation through presidential action

“Program provides attendee a broad understanding of all facets of Congress. **Excellent!**” *Captain, Air Combat Command, Financial Analysis*

Sample Agenda

9:00 Introduction to Congress and Capitol Hill

- Nature of and differences between House and Senate
- Why Congress behaves the way it does
- The many different responsibilities of members
- Unique qualities of the current Congress

10:00 Break

10:10 Congressional Leadership

- Types of leadership in Congress
- Committee assignments and seniority system
- Key leaders in Congress
- Majority and minority leadership structure in House and Senate

11:20 Break

11:30 The Path of Legislation

- Introduction and Referral
- Committee action/hearings, etc.
- Scheduling, Amending, Floor Action
- Conference Committees/Reconciling Differences Between the Houses
- Final Passage and Presidential Action

1:00 Complete Evaluations/Seminar Concludes

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Sample Agendas: See how others have used our training. Selected sample agendas from actual programs designed for previous clients are on our web site at www.SampleAgendas.com

Faculty: Our primary instructors for this course have more than ten year's experience observing and working on the Hill.

When: The complete course requires four hours, although selected topics can be combined with other program topics for a shorter or longer program.

Course Fee: Inside the Washington, DC metropolitan area, when the course is offered on the client's site, this course is cost-effective with as few as twenty attendees.

Customization provides confidentiality and allows agency-specific issues to be addressed by the faculty.

Questions: For more information and to get a custom program quote and date availability, call 202-678-1600.

