

*TheCapitol.Net's Executive Conference:*  
**Understanding Congress**

**Sample Agenda – see [www.UnderstandingCongress.com](http://www.UnderstandingCongress.com) for schedule**  
Washington, DC

**9:00 Welcome**  
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**9:05 Introduction to Congress and Capitol Hill**  
*Congressional expert*

- Nature of and differences between House and Senate CD 7.10, 8.150, 8.151
- Why Congress behaves the way it does CD Chapters 1,2,3,4
- The many responsibilities of members CD 1.30
- What to expect during the remainder of the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress

**10:00 Break**

**10:10 The Path of Legislation** CD Chapter 8  
*Congressional expert*

- Introduction and referral
- Committee action, hearings, reports
- Scheduling, amending, floor action
- Conference committees/Reconciling differences between the houses
- Final passage and presidential action

**11:40 Break**

**11:50 Politics and Leadership in the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress** CD Chapter 7  
*Congressional or political expert*

- The current political environment on the Hill
- Types of leadership in Congress
- Key leaders in the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress and what to expect in the 108<sup>th</sup>
- Majority and minority leadership structure in House and Senate
- Committee assignments, seniority system, party organizational meetings

**1:00 Complete Evaluations/Seminar Concludes**

\*\* If you are registered for "Congressional Dynamics and the Legislative Process" the following day,  
we recommend that you bring the *Congressional Deskbook* to the program.

CD = relevant chapters and sections in the Congressional Deskbook ( [www.CongressionalDeskbook.com](http://www.CongressionalDeskbook.com) )

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