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Letter	Congressional Action	Number	Document
C	Declares War	17	Senate Joint Resolution 116, Declaring War Against Japan, December 8, 1941; Joint Resolutions (SEN 77A-B2); 77th Congress; Records of the U.S. Senate, Record Group 46; National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. NAID 4477429
O	Appropriates Money	10	Senate Journal showing a vote on the First Supplemental National Defense Appropriation Act of 1943, July 16, 1942 (SEN 77A-A4); 77th Congress, 2nd Session, Volume 8, p. 1917; Records of the U.S. Senate, Record Group 46; National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. NAID 1148007
N	Exercises Oversight	12	Testimony of Patty Duke, Report of Proceedings: Hearings held before Special Subcommittee on Legislative Oversight, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, Television Quiz Show Programs, November 3, 1959; Committee on Interstate and Foreign Affairs; 86th Congress; Records of the U.S. House of Representatives, Record Group 233; National Archives Building, Washington, D.C.
G	Regulates Commerce	16	S. 1, the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, May 13, 1890; Committee papers of the Committee on the Judiciary (SEN 51A-F16); 51st Congress, Records of the U.S. Senate, Record Group 46; National Archives Building, Washington, D.C.
R	Creates Rules for Naturalization	8	S. 2508, a bill to authorize the naturalization of certain resident alien World War veterans, 1935; Bills and Resolutions (SEN 74A-B6); 74th Congress; Records of the U.S. Senate, Record Group 46; National Archives Building, Washington, D.C.

E	Proposes Bills	1	H.R. 5056 Prohibiting Discrimination in Pay on Account of Sex, June 19, 1944; Bills and Resolutions (HR 78A-B1); 78th Congress; Records of the U.S. House of Representatives, Record Group 233; National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. NAID 4397822
S	Researches Issues	18	Letter from Attorney General Nicholas deB Katzenbach to Chairman James Eastland regarding voting statistics, March 27, 1965; Accompanying Papers (SEN 89A-E12, S. 1564); 89th Congress; Records of the U.S. Senate, Record Group 46; National Archives Building, Washington, D.C.
S	Amends Bills	15	Engrossing copy of H.R. 7152, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, February 10, 1964; Records of the Enrolling Clerk; Records of the U.S. House of Representatives, Record Group 233; National Archives Building, Washington, D.C.
R	Uses Impeachment Powers	5	Oaths of Senators for the Impeachment Trial of President William Jefferson Clinton, January 7, 1999; Records of the U.S. Senate, Record Group 46; National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. NAID 1157606
E	Confirms Presidential Nominations	20	Message of President Abraham Lincoln Nominating Ulysses S. Grant to Be Lieutenant General of the Army, February 29, 1864; McCook Collection; Records of the U.S. Senate, Record Group 46; National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. NAID 306310
P	Ratifies Treaties	1	Message of President George Washington Requesting that the Senate Meet to Advise Him on the Terms of the Treaty to Be Negotiated with the Southern Indians, August 21, 1789; McCook Collection, 1st Congress; Records of the U.S. Senate, Record Group 46; National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. NAID 306283

R	Considers Bills from Other Chamber	6	Appointment of House managers to conference committee, May 26, 1933; Engrossed House Bills (HR 73A-B10, HR 5661); 73rd Congress; Records of the U.S. House of Representatives, Record Group 233; National Archives Building, Washington, D.C.
E	Responds to Vetoes	2	Statement by President Gerald R. Ford Concerning Senate Sustaining Veto of H.R. 5247, February 9, 1976; Gerald R. Ford Library, Ann Arbor, MI. NAID 7342625
S	Helps Constituents Access Government	19	Letter from Congressman Sereno E. Payne to George Ray, Chairman of the Committee on Invalid Pensions, on behalf of the claim of Harriet Tubman that she was employed as a nurse, cook, and a spy, February 5, 1898; Accompanying Papers of the 55th Congress (HR 55A-D1); Records of the U.S. House of Representatives, Record Group 233; National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. NAID 306574
E	Advocated Local Concerns	13	Speech of Carrie Meek on the Everglades Restoration Plan, February 15, 2000; Congressional Record, 106th Congress, 2nd Session, 2000, p. H379.
N	Supports Constituents	7	Letter from John F. Kennedy to Harry Byrd regarding the nomination of Elliott Richardson to be Assistant Secretary of Health Education and Welfare, February 6, 1957; Papers pertaining to executive nominations (SEN85B-A3); 85th Congress; Records of the U.S. Senate, Record Group 46; National Archives Building, Washington, D.C.
T	Corresponds with Constituents	14	Letter from Mrs. E. Jackson regarding voting rights, March 8, 1965; Judiciary Committee, Legislative Files, House bills, H.R. 6400; 89th Congress; Records of the U.S. House of Representatives, Record Group 233; National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. NAID 2173239

S	Informs Constituents about Issues	11	Ford Newsletter, July 7, 1965; Gerald R. Ford Congressional Papers; Gerald R. Ford Library, Ann Arbor, MI. NAID 4525468
U	Advocates for Bills	9	Statement of Congressman John Conyers, Jr. on H.R. 6400, the Voting Rights Act, April 1, 1965, pages 1-2; Judiciary Committee, Legislative Files, House Bills, H.R. 6400, 89th Congress; Records of the U.S. House of Representatives, Record Group 233; National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. NAID 1991065
S	Debates Proposals	4	Congressional Record Showing Debate of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, May 11, 1965; Judiciary Committee, Legislative Files, House Bills, H.R. 6400, 89th Congress; Records of the U.S. House of Representatives, Record Group 233; National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. NAID 6037291

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