

## **STRUCTURE OF CONGRESS**

### **Study Questions**

1. Which party controlled the Senate before the elections? How many seats did each party have?
2. How many seats does each party currently have in the Senate?
3. How did the elections change the balance of power in the Senate? Which party now selects the Senate Majority Leader and all the Senate committee chairs?
4. Which party controlled the House before the elections? How many seats did this party have? How many seats are needed to control the House?
5. Which party has a majority in the House after the elections? Did they gain or lose seats in this election?
6. What is the significance of one party controlling both houses of Congress and the White House?

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**Fill in the Blank Activity:** Fill in the blanks below.

**Section A**--Provide the names, party affiliation, and state for each member in the Congress. Identify the role of each leadership position listed.

\*Speaker of the House - \_\_\_\_\_

Role:

\*House Majority Leader - \_\_\_\_\_

Role:

\*House Majority Whip - \_\_\_\_\_

Role:

\*House Minority Leader - \_\_\_\_\_

Role:

House Minority Whip - \_\_\_\_\_

Role:

Senate Majority Leader - \_\_\_\_\_

Role:

Senate Majority Whip - \_\_\_\_\_

Role:

Senate Minority Leader - \_\_\_\_\_

Role:

Senate Minority Whip - \_\_\_\_\_

Role:

**Section B**--Congressional Committees and Other Policy-Making Groups-Define and explain the significance of each of the following congressional policy-making groups.

Standing committees -

Joint committees -

Conference committees -

Select committees -

Caucuses -

Political parties -