

The Legislative branch is a bicameral body with committees playing a major role in the legislative process. The Constitution of the United States of America grants both expressed and implied powers to the legislative branch.

### **The two houses of Congress**

**The Senate:** 100 members, with each state having two senators

**House of Representatives:** 435 members, with representation based on the population of the state(s)

### **Congressional committees**

**Committees are organized by subject matter.**

**Because of the large volume of work, committees are essential to the legislative process**

### **Expressed powers of Congress**

**Levy taxes**

**Borrow money**

**Regulate commerce**

**Coin money**

**Implied powers** allow Congress to do all things necessary and proper to carry out its expressed powers.

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the organization and powers of the national government by  
a) examining the legislative, executive, and judicial branches.