

Vocabulary – Chapter 11

constituent	A person who lives in an electoral district and is represented by an elected official.
pork	Publicly funded projects secured by legislators to benefit their home districts or states. The funds for such projects are said to come from the "pork barre l" - the state or national treasury.
standing committee	A permanent committee of legislators from either the House or Senate responsible for specific policy areas, such as foreign affairs or agriculture.
joint committee	A permanent committee of legislators from both the House and Senate that deals with matters of common interest, such as economic policy.
conference committee	A temporary committee of legislators from both the House and Senate created to work out differences in bills passed by both houses of Congress.
appropriations	Funds allocated by a legislature for a stated purpose as part of a budget or spending bill.
joint resolution	An official statement issued by both houses of Congress. Once signed by the president, a joint resolution has the force of law.
casework	Personal services provided by members of Congress to their constituents, often to help their constituents with problems they are having with the federal bureaucracy.