

The Job

What Congress
Does on a Daily
Basis and other
Assorted Bits of
Information



The Job – What do they do?

1. Legislate

- Write, debate, and vote on bills to make laws
- Very little of this work happens on the floor.
- Most happens in committee/subcommittee

2. Serve on Committees

- Screen proposed bills and hear testimony from experts and interest groups
- Oversee executive agencies – the “Congressional oversight function”
- More on committees later...

The Job – What do they do?

3. Serve/represent constituents
 - Reflect the interests of the people back home (constituents)
 - Help constituents solve problems they may have with the bureaucracy
4. Support their Party's agenda
 - But they weigh delegate, trustee, partisan obligations
5. Get re-elected. 😊 Raise funds.

Compensation and Perks

Pay

- Speaker -- \$223,500
- Minority/Majority Leaders -- \$193,400
- President Pro Tempore -- \$193,400
- House/Senate members -- \$174,000

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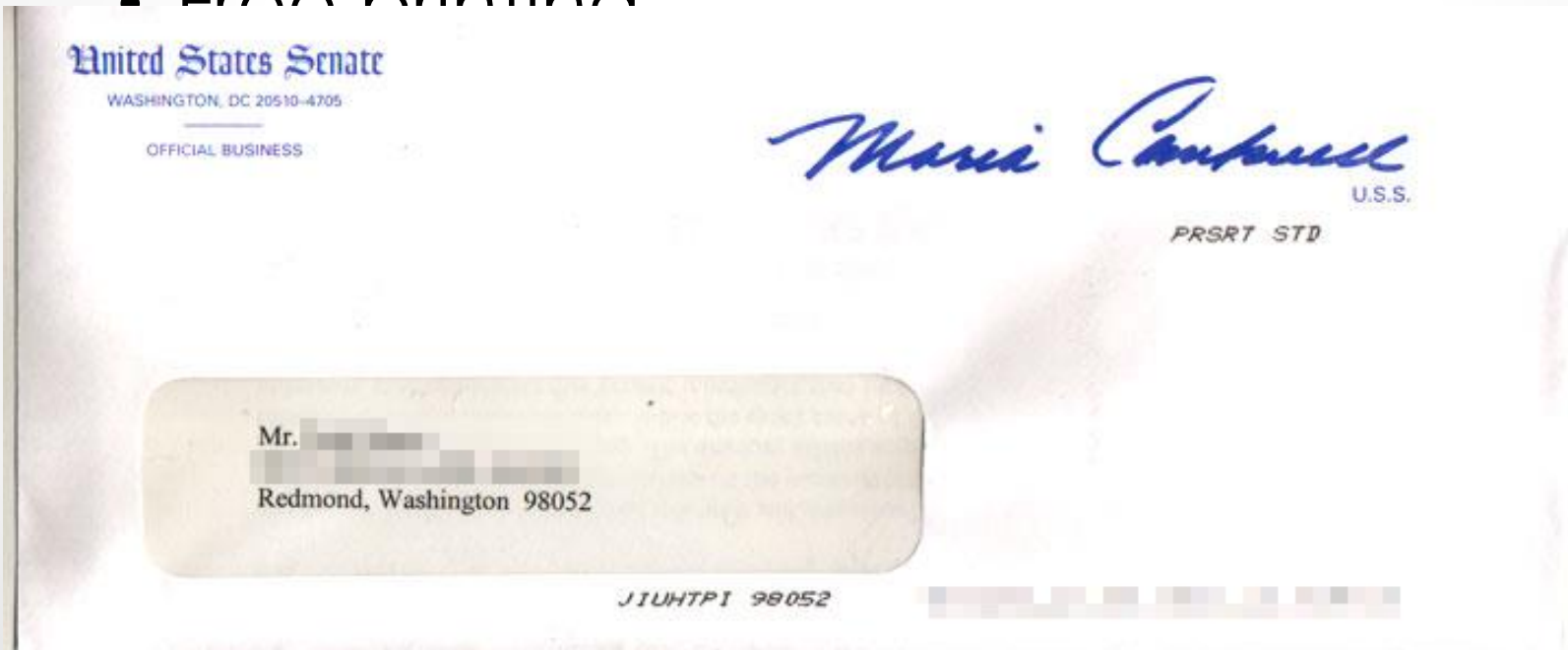
Perks

- Travel allowance to go back to home district
- Great Medical Plan
- Office space in DC and allowance for office space back home
- Staff allowance
- Free parking at the Capitol and major airports

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Perks Continued

- Free printing



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