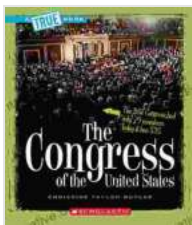


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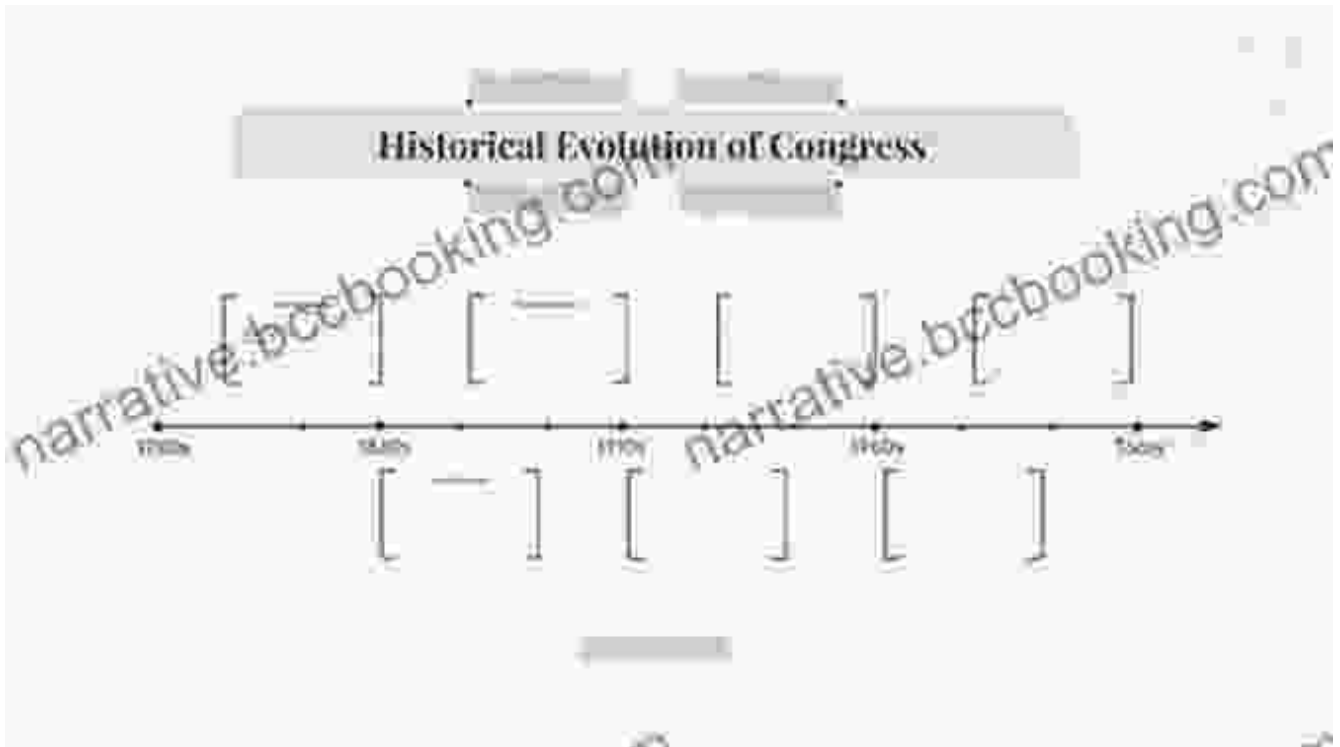
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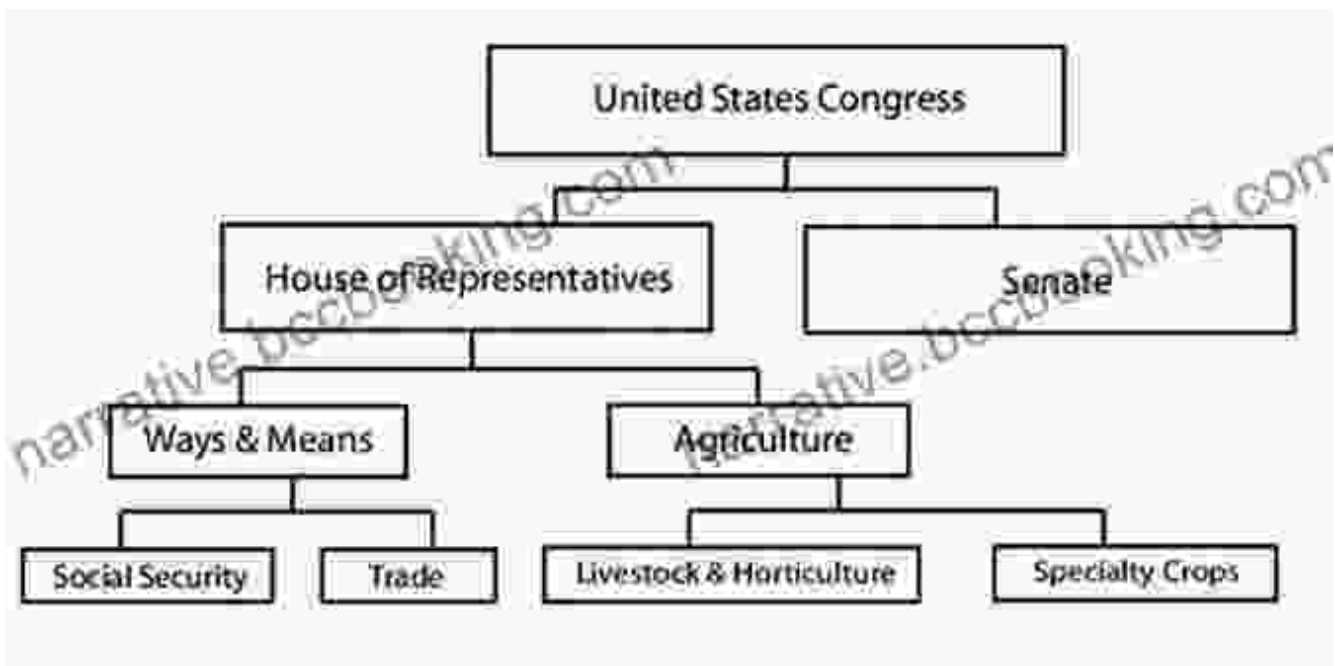


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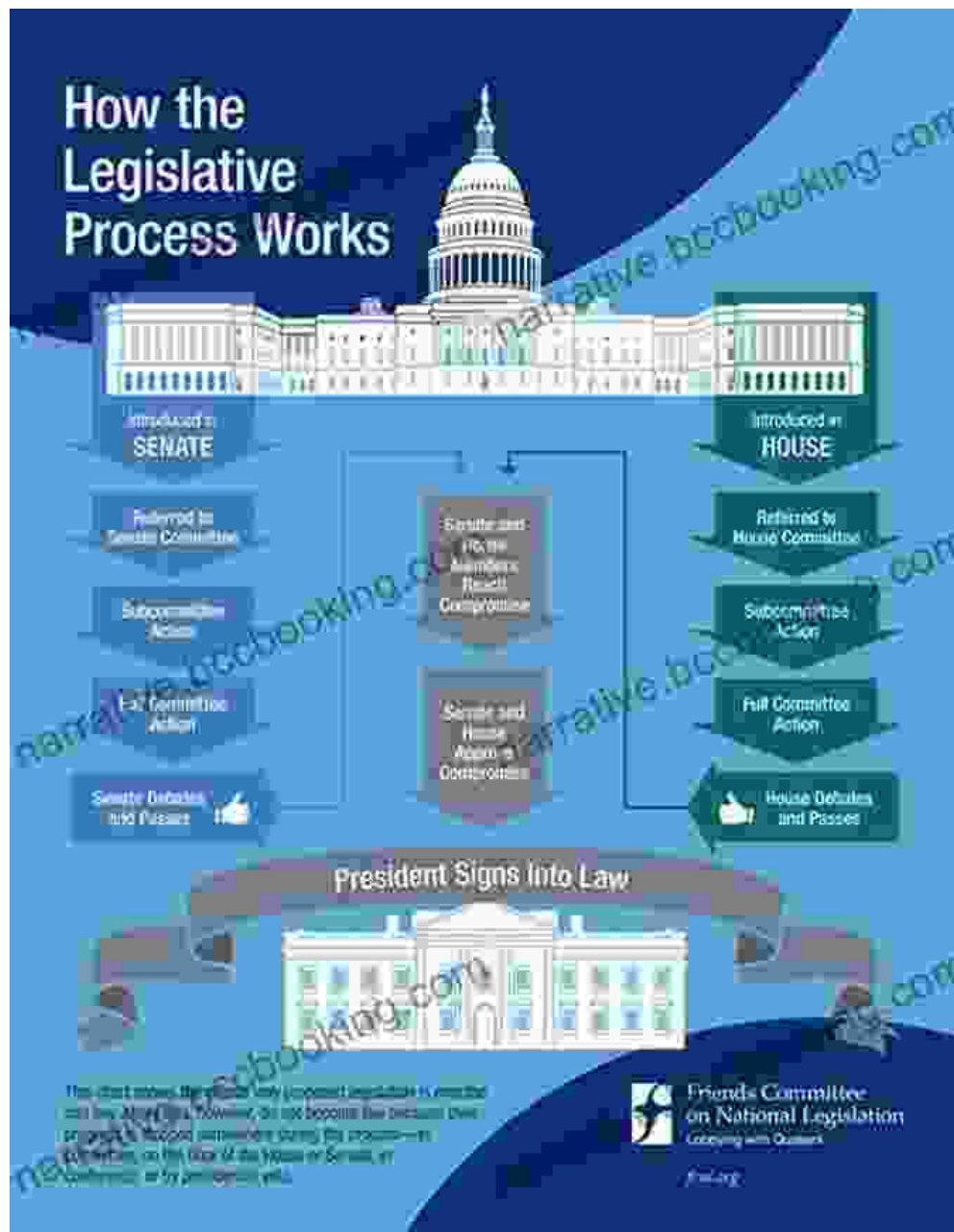
This chapter traces the genesis of the U.S. Congress from its humble beginnings in the Continental Congress to its present form. Readers discover the debates and compromises that shaped the bicameral structure of the legislative branch, ensuring a balance of power between the states and the national government.

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At the heart of Congress lies the legislative process. This chapter guides readers through the complex journey of a bill from its to its passage and eventual signing into law. Readers learn about the interplay between committees, floor debates, and the role of the president in the legislative process.

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U.S. Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson provided a paradigm for assessing presidential authority.



"When the president acts pursuant to an express or implied authorization of Congress, his authority is at its maximum, for it includes all that he possesses in his own right plus all that Congress can delegate."



"When the president acts in absence of either a congressional grant or denial of authority, he can only rely upon his own independent powers, but there is a zone of twilight in which he and Congress may have concurrent authority, or in which its distribution is uncertain."



"When the president takes measures incompatible with the expressed or implied will of Congress, his power is at its lowest ebb."

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This chapter delves into the vital role Congress plays in shaping U.S. foreign policy. Readers explore the processes by which Congress approves treaties, declares war, and provides funding for diplomatic and military initiatives.

Chapter 6: Congressional Representation and Constituent Services



Congress is not merely an abstract institution but a vital connection between citizens and their government. This chapter highlights the role of individual members of Congress in representing their constituents, providing constituent services, and addressing the concerns of their communities.

Chapter 7: The Impact of Congress on American Society



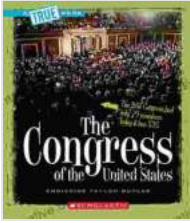
This final chapter assesses the profound impact Congress has on American society. Readers learn how the legislative branch influences education, healthcare, economic policies, and the protection of civil rights.

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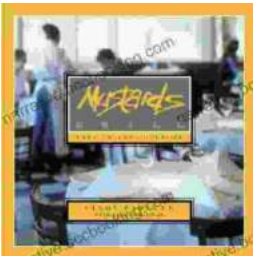
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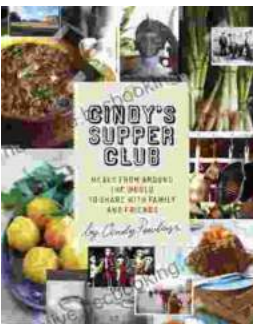


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