

# National Intercessory Prayer

## *Corruption in Washington, D.C.*



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### **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

There are 435 men and women that make up the House of Representatives. Among those are six non-voting delegates representing District of Columbia (Washington D.C), Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Representatives and delegates are elected for two-year terms. To be a representative, a person must be at least 25 years old and been a citizen for seven years. There are no term limits.

The political climate is such that there are 221 Republicans and 212 Democrats in the House of Representatives.

### **SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**

Kevin McCarthy was the Speaker of the House until he was removed. Rep. Matt Gaetz from Florida was the ringleader that accused McCarthy of using Democrats votes to pass a temporary stop gap bill and Gaetz wanted to remove McCarthy as the speaker of the house for this deed. The majority of the Republican Representatives (213) wanted McCarthy to remain as Speaker of the House with Gaetz and seven other Republicans wanting him removed. The House Democrats voted as a group to the eight dissenting Republicans to oust McCarthy. The irony is that

Gaetz was guilty of the same thing that he accused McCarthy – colluding with the other side!

The following republicans voted with Gaetz:

- ❖ Ken Buck, Colorado
- ❖ Andy Biggs, Arizona
- ❖ Tim Burchett, Tennessee
- ❖ Eli Crane, Arizona,
- ❖ Bob Good, Virginia
- ❖ Nancy Mace, South Carolina
- ❖ Matt Rosendale, Montana

### **RESPONIBILITIES**

The Constitution places the House of Representatives in charge of initiating revenue spending bills. Once a spending bill has been approved, it goes to the senate for a vote. Once the bill is approved in both chambers, the president will either ratify or veto it. Thus, the House of Representatives controls the purse for federal spending. They are also in charge of initiating the impeachment a federal official, but the trial is held in the Senate and requires a 2/3 vote to pass.

### **SALARIES**

The annual salary of a congressman is \$174,000. The Speaker of the House earns \$223,500 per year, the majority leader of the House earns

193,400 per year, while the minority leader of the House earns \$193,400 per year.

### **RETIREMENT**

Since 1946, any member of Congress with at least five years of service or federal employment is eligible for a generous pension that pays two to three times more than pensions offered to similar salaried workers in the private sector. The value of the benefit is determined by a formula based on the initial date of election to office, the length of service, and the average of the three years of highest salary.

### **CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS**

Each representative is provided an office and the federal government pays for the salaries of the staffers. The salary rate is set by the representative. Each representative also has an office in his respective state that is funded by the federal government.

### **DAILY ROUTINE**

There are 44 committees in the House of Representatives and the chairman of each committee is a member of the majority party. The Speaker of the House is chosen from the majority party and he appoints the chairman of each committee and assigns representatives to committees.

This has created an old-boy network so that a freshman representative is dependent upon who he knows and will put in a good word for him. This is a weakness in the system since the Speaker of the House can make or break a fellow member.

There are some born again Christians in both chambers. There are also Mormons, Roman Catholics, Atheists, Muslims, Jews, Freemasons, etc. and the faith of each member determines how he will vote. Republicans don't like to be corralled, but the Democrats always vote according to party line and they seldom break rank.

The Senate and the House of Representatives are controlled by the party they belong to and their religion. Politics is brutal and most of our elected officials are trying to build their own wealth and make friends in the marketplace for when they are voted out or so they can get a good job as a lobbyist. Integrity is not a virtue of most politicians. Most of them are cutthroat in their outlook.

There is immorality among many members of both chambers; divorce is fairly common and many are hopelessly hooked on porn. Alcohol is a common drug for the unsaved members and they have lavish parties where sin is common.

### **ELECTION COST**

The cost for an election campaign for a member of the House of Representatives is high. It is estimated that a congressman needs to raise \$14,351 per day for the next election cycle. In hotly contested elections, outside sources known as Super PACs can raise millions of dollars for a candidate. George Soros is infamous for dumping millions of dollars into races where he wants a democrat to win. Mark Zuckerberg invested 400 million dollars in the last presidential election. Both men are Jewish and secretly pushing their Kabbalistic agenda.

### **LOBBYING GROUPS**

There are many lobbying groups in the United States and one of the most effective is the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). It has 100,000 members with 17 regional offices throughout the United States. It also has its own Super PAC that raises millions of dollars for the politicians who are willing to do the bidding of AIPAC.

Lobbying staffers constantly roam the offices of congressmen in the capital building and how they want lawmakers to vote. Members of congress are taken to lavish dinners, given tickets to sport events, and even receive vacations to expensive

locations. There is great pressure for members of both chambers to support the agenda of lobbyists.

### **THE DANGERS**

There are certainly dangers facing a member of congress. The following are the most prevalent today:

1. Financially compromising himself.
2. Becoming a good-old boy who drinks and dines with corrupt politicians.
3. Succumbing to women who are sent to prey on them and then pass that blackmail on to someone else who will use it to achieve compliance.

### **PRAYERS NEEDED**

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**LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY!**  
"AND IT CAME TO PASS, THAT, AS HE WAS PRAYING IN A CERTAIN PLACE, WHEN HE CEASED, ONE OF HIS DISCIPLES SAID UNTO HIM, LORD, **TEACH US TO PRAY**, AS JOHN ALSO TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES." LUKE 11:1

**PRAYER TARGET**