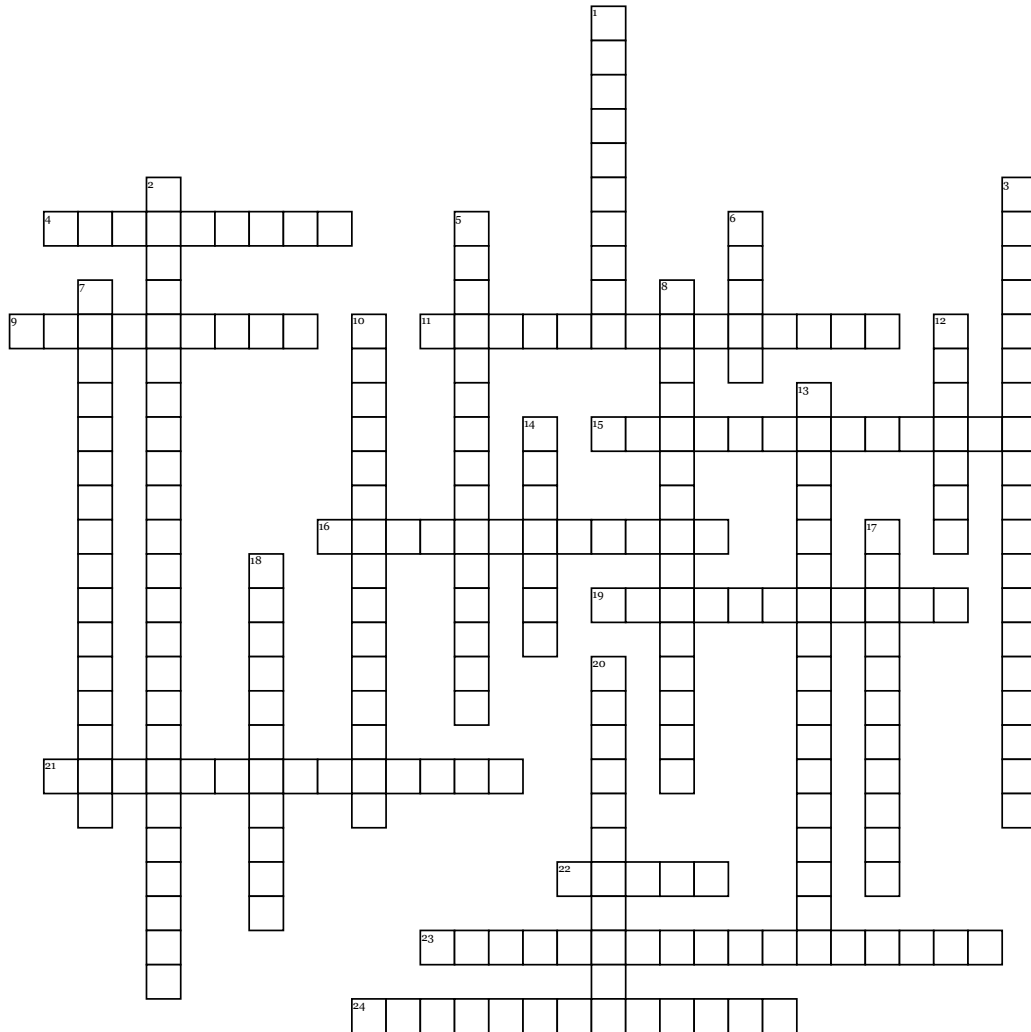


# The Legislative Branch



## Across

- 4.** A tax an individual pays directly to the gov.  
**9.** When Congress uses its broad powers to review how the executive branch is operating and to make sure it is following the laws Congress has passed  
**11.** Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the constitution, which states that the federal government has the right to regulate interstate commerce  
**15.** A bill that sets aside funds for a specific purpose  
**16.** The people who live within the particular geographic area a member of Congress represents  
**19.** Elected member of the majority or minority party who helps manage the actions and strategy of the party in the HOR  
**21.** The practice of drawing district boundaries for political advantage  
**22.** Elected members of the majority or minority party who encourage fellow party members to vote as the party leadership wants  
**23.** The most powerful member and the presiding officer of the house of representative's

- 24.** Tradition that says the most senior majority senator on a committee becomes committee chair

## Down

- 1.** When opponents take control of the Senate floor and refuse to stop talking in an effort to prevent the Measure from coming up for a vote  
**2.** Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the constitution, which states Congress's implied powers; also called the elastic clause  
**3.** The person who presides over the senate in the absence of the president of the Senate  
**5.** Laws that criminalize an action that took place in the past and was legal at the time  
**6.** Proposed laws  
**7.** Committees, typically temporary, they carry out specific task not already covered by existing committees  
**8.** The process in which seats are re-distributed among the states based on the results census  
**10.** Committees formed with senate members that address broad issues affecting both chambers

- 12.** When the federal government is not generating enough income to meet its expenses  
**13.** Position assigned to the vice President of the US by the constitution that allows the vice President to preside over debates and break tie votes  
**14.** And End to debate  
**17.** A tax levied on one person but passed on to another for payment to the government  
**18.** A meeting of all the HR's members from a particular party  
**20.** When Congress charges an official in the executive or judicial branch with wrongdoing and brings them to trial

## Word Bank

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Speaker of the house | Necessary and proper clause | Indirect tax        | Filibuster            |
| Impeachment          | ex post facto laws          | Seniority rule      | President pro tempore |
| Oversight            | Appropriation               | President of Senate | Direct tax            |
| Whips                | Select committees           | Cloture             | Floor leader          |
| Constituents         | Party Caucus                | Reapportionment     | Joint committees      |
| Gerrymandering       | Deficit                     | Commerce clause     | Bills                 |