



How to Become an Effective Lawmaker in Congress

Based on research from the Center for Effective Lawmaking

- ☒ **Commit** to being an effective lawmaker
- ☐ **DEFINE** your lawmaking agenda
 - ☐ **D**istrict interests are crucial
 - ☐ **E**xpertise from prior experiences as starting point
 - ☐ **F**ocus agenda on your top priorities
 - ☐ **I**ntegrate committee assignment with agenda
 - ☐ **N**ever give up
 - ☐ **E**xcitement and passion help
- ☐ **ENGAGE** with your lawmaking partners
 - ☐ **E**xperienced legislative staff are essential
 - ☐ **N**egotiate with committee and floor leaders
 - ☐ **G**row bipartisan cosponsorships
 - ☐ **A**rticulate shared goals
 - ☐ **G**enerate caucus partnerships
 - ☐ **E**xpand coalition beyond own chamber

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