



Terms Used in Congress

Instructions: Match all the terms to the definitions

1. _____ Whips
 2. _____ Seniority
 3. _____ Chairman
 4. _____ Germane
 5. _____ Constituents
 6. _____ Chaplain
 7. _____ Clean bill
- A. Relevant or closely related for an amendment on a subject of a pending bill or other business.
 - B. Status given senators according to their length of service. This entitles a senator to preferential treatment, for example committee assignments.
 - C. Voters represented by an elected official living in his/her state or district.
 - D. Assistants to the floor leaders responsible for gathering votes within their parties on major issues. In the absence of a party floor leader, the whip often serves as acting floor leader.
 - E. After a committee has amended legislation, the chairman may be authorized by the panel to assemble the changes and what remains unchanged from the original bill and then reintroduce everything. This _____ bill may expedite Senate action avoiding separate floor consideration of each committee amendment.
 - F. Presiding officer of a committee or subcommittee. In the Senate, this position is based on seniority, but a senator can only chair one standing committee at a time.
 - G. A clergyman elected by the Senate to open its daily sessions with prayer.

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