



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 to three main issue areas
 - I**ntegrate committee assignment with agenda
 - N**ever give up
 - E**xcitement and passion help

- ENGAGE** 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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