



## How to Become an Effective Lawmaker in Congress

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- 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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