

Lesson 18: *The House of Representatives I*

(Lesson Time 37:50)

[for Sunday, April 26, 2015]

Reading: The Making of America, pages 263-275

Chapter 11: The House of Representatives I

Pre-lesson questions for homework study and review: [*Supplemental* notes are bracketed]
[287 Constitution Provisions “principles” in text to complete textbook.]

1. WHY IS IT MORE PROPER TO REFER TO THE UNITED STATES AS A "DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC" THAN TO CALL IT A DEMOCRACY? (264)

Provision 10

Reps Elected by Qualified Voters of States

2. NAME FIVE REASONS WHY THE FOUNDERS AVOIDED A GRECIAN-TYPE DEMOCRACY. (264-65)
[5 reasons - a democracy is totally self-defeating (p264)/ quote **Alexander Taylor** pure Democracy descends to dictatorship when the populace can vote themselves from the public treasury]

- A. [__only the financially independent allowed to vote_____]
- B. __continuous meetings bored people & 6,000 to pass law; 201-2001 for jury_____
- C. __by means of neglect, govt leadership reduced to “thirty Tyrants!”_____
- D. __voting majority “soaked the rich” destroying investment capital, rich overthrew_____
- E. __so many electorates made for cumbersome disaster in emergency/war time_____]

3. NAME THE THREE KINDS OF REPUBLICS. GIVE THE REASONS WHY THE FOUNDERS REJECTED THE FIRST TWO AND CREATED THE THIRD. (265-67)

o Creates a democratic republic

o Three kinds of a republic

- unitary - England
- confederation of states
- constitutional

4. WHO WAS GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY TO DETERMINE WHICH CITIZENS ARE QUALIFIED TO VOTE FOR MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES? (267-68)

o First rule of a republic

- [Majority Rules (50+1)] majority vote is sacred (Jefferson p. 266 col1)

5. HOW DID THE FOUNDERS FEEL ABOUT VOTERS BEING REQUIRED TO OWN PROPERTY? (268)

Provision 11

Any state qualified voter can vote for federal offices

o Women?

o 18 year-olds?

o Slaves?

o Property Owners? (Quote)

o Whomever the states decide!

6. DESCRIBE THE PROCESS THE FOUNDERS WENT THROUGH TO ESTABLISH TWO-YEAR TERMS FOR REPRESENTATIVES. (269-70)

Provision 12

Representatives elected every two years.

- o Annually? (New England)
- o After no confidence vote? (England)
- o Greater the power, the shorter the Term
- o Takes a year to learn duties
- o Two Year terms decided on!

7. HOW OLD DOES A PERSON HAVE TO BE TO BECOME A U.S. REPRESENTATIVE? (270)

Provision 13

Rep must be 25 years old

- o 21 too young

8. WHY WERE CITIZENSHIP AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVES? (271- 72)

Provision 14

Citizen of US for 7 years

- o Committee on Detail said 3 years
- o Mason - need more experience
- o 7 years

9. DESCRIBE THE CONTROVERSY THAT OCCURRED OVER CHOOSING REPRESENTATIVES ON THE BASIS OF POPULATION, AND TELL HOW IT WAS FINALLY SETTLED. (273-75)

Provision 15

Must be inhabitant of state

- o In England didn't matter
- o 1842 States divided into districts (congressional)

Provision 16

Number of Reps in State According to Population

- o Small states complained
- o Based on amount of taxes paid
- o Small states must have some defense against large states
- o Roger Sherman – Connecticut Compromise
 - saved the union

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QUIZ Lesson 18 Chapter 11: *The House of Representatives I*

1. What is the "democratic" part of our Republic?

2. Name the kind of republic that exists in England.

3. Name the kind of republic under the Articles of Confederation.

4. What kind of republic do we have in the United States?

5. How did the Founders resolve the issue of qualifications for voting?

6. Why was the requirement of land ownership abandoned?

7. Why did the Founders pick such a short period of two years as the term of a Representative in Congress?

8. How old must a Representative be?

9. How long must a person have been a citizen of the United States to be elected a Representative?

10. What does the Constitution require of a Congressman with regards to residency?

11. Representatives were allotted to states according to their _____.