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# “What is Regular Order Worth? Partisan Lawmaking and Congressional Processes”

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## 1. Introduction

This ReadMe file contains information about the data files, variables, and programs used to execute the analyses included in the manuscript and in the supplemental appendix.

All data files were saved as both .dta files for use in STATA and as .csv files for use in other programs. All the analyses were run using STATA. As such, an executable .do file and a STATA log of the analyses are also included.

Further information about how each variable was collected and coded is found in the manuscript.

## 2. Data file & variable descriptions

Data File: currylee-JOP-data.dta (currylee-JOP-data.csv)

Description: This is a data file of the 621 important laws analyzed in the manuscript. It includes all of the variables used in all of the analyses in the manuscript, as well as those included in the supplemental appendix.

Variables:

| **variable** | **description** |
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| cong | Congress |
| billid | Unique bill id |
| approps | Dichotomous indicator if a bill was an appropriations measure (=1) |
| hcomm_index | House bill development index |
| hfloor_index | House bill management index |
| scomm_index | Senate bill development index |
| sfloor_index | Senate bill management index |
| allcomm_index | All bill development index |
| allfloor_index | All bill management index |
| chamber | Bill originated in House (=0) or Senate (=1) |
| major | Policy Agendas Project major policy area indictor |
| num_committees | Indicator of the number of committees a the bill was referred to |
| house1_percdem | The percent of voting Democrats supporting initial passage in the House |
| house1_percgop | The percent of voting Republicans supporting initial passage in the House |
| senate1_percdem | The percent of voting Democrats supporting initial passage in the Senate |
| senate1_percgop | The percent of voting Republicans supporting initial passage in the Senate |
| senatef_percdem | The percent of voting Democrats supporting final passage in the House |
| senatef_percgop | The percent of voting Republicans supporting final passage in the House |
| housef_percdem | The percent of voting Democrats supporting final passage in the Senate |
| housef_percgop | The percent of voting Republicans supporting final passage in the Senate |
| house1_percmin | The percent of voting minority party members supporting initial passage in the House |
| housef_percmin | The percent of voting minority party members supporting final passage in the House |

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| senate1_percmin | The percent of voting minority party members supporting initial passage in the Senate |
| senatef_percmin | The percent of voting minority party members supporting final passage in the Senate |
| house1_pv50 | Dichotomous indicator if the initial passage vote in the House was a 50% party vote (=1) |
| senate1_pv50 | Dichotomous indicator if the initial passage vote in the Senate was a 50% party vote (=1) |
| housef_pv50 | Dichotomous indicator if the final passage vote in the House was a 50% party vote (=1) |
| senatef_pv50 | Dichotomous indicator if the final passage vote in the Senate was a 50% party vote (=1) |
| bothf_pv50 | Dichotomous indicator if the final passage vote in both the Hosue and Senate were 50% party votes (=1) |
| house1_pv90 | Dichotomous indicator if the initial passage vote in the House was a 90% party vote (=1) |
| senate1_pv90 | Dichotomous indicator if the initial passage vote in the Senate was a 90% party vote (=1) |
| housef_pv90 | Dichotomous indicator if the final passage vote in the House was a 90% party vote (=1) |
| senatef_pv90 | Dichotomous indicator if the final passage vote in the Senate was a 90% party vote (=1) |
| h_nocommhearings | Dichotomous indicator if there were no committee hearings on the law in the House (=1) |
| h_nocommreport | Dichotomous indicator if there was no committee report on the law in the House (=1) |
| houseruleclosed | Dichotomous indicator if there the law was considered under a closed rule in the House (=1) |
| hrule_closeormod | Dichotomous indicator if there the law was considered under a closed or modified closed rule in the House (=1) |
| h_rule_res | The special rule (or otherwise) that the law was considered under in the House |
| h_layover72 | Dichotomous indicator if the law laid over in the House for less than 72 hours (=1) |
| h_postcommadj | Dichotomous indicator if there were late stage adjustements made to the law in the House (=1) |
| s_nocommhearings | Dichotomous indicator if there were no committee hearings on the law in the Senate (=1) |
| s_nocommreport | Dichotomous indicator if there was no committee report on the law in the Senate (=1) |
| s_filltree | Dichotomous indicator if the amendment tree was filled on the law in the Senate (=1) |
| s_clotureinvoked | Dichotomous indicator if cloture was invoked on the law in the Senate (=1) |
| s_postcommadj | Dichotomous indicator if there were late stage adjustements made to the law in the Senate (=1) |
| no_conference | Dichotomous indicator if there was no conference report filed on the law (=1) |
| irt_billdev_1pl | IRT bill development latent indicator |
| irt_billman_1pl | IRT bill management latent indicator |
| hfloor_index_2 | House bill management index with modified special rules included in the calculations |

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| allfloor_index_2 | All bill management index with modified special rules included in the calculations |
| anyhcommunorth | Dichotomous indicator if any unorthodox bill development indicators were =1 in the House |
| anyhfloorunorth | Dichotomous indicator if any unorthodox bill management indicators were =1 in the House |
| anyscommunorth | Dichotomous indicator if any unorthodox bill development indicators were =1 in the Senate |
| anysfloorunorth | Dichotomous indicator if any unorthodox bill management indicators were =1 in the Senate |
| anycommunorth | Dichotomous indicator if any unorthodox bill development indicators were =1 in either chamber |
| anyfloorunorth | Dichotomous indicator if any unorthodox bill management indicators were =1 in either chamber |
| dividedgov | Dichotomous indicator if there was divided government (=1) |
| dividedchambers | Dichotomous indicator if there was split party control of the House and Senate (=1) |
| house_maj_seat | The number of seats held by the majority party in the House |
| senate_maj_seat | The number of seats held by the majority party in the Senate |
| housepolar | First dimension DW-NOMINATE difference between the party medians in the House |
| senatepolar | First dimension DW-NOMINATE difference between the party medians in the Senate |