Variable Codebook
Rohde/PIPC Roll Call Database
(83rd-108th Congresses)

CONG	Congress Number
SESSION	Session Number
YEAR	Year
V1	Vote Roll Call (numbered continuously within each Congress)
V1EX	Vote Roll Call (numbered within session according to CQ Roll Call Book)
VOTE	Vote Type (***see attached codebook***)
ISSUE	Issue on which vote is taken (***see attached codebook***)
PRES	Presidential Position (0 = No position; 1 = Aye; 2 = Nay)
REVOTE	Coded 1 if separate vote was requested (variable covers the 102nd - 105th Congresses)
TOTAL	Total Number of Votes
V2	Total Number of Aye Votes
V3	Total Number of Nay Votes
V4	Total Number of Democratic Aye Votes
V5	Total Number of Democratic Nay Votes
V6	Total Number of Republican Aye Votes
V7	Total Number of Republican Nay Votes
V8	Total Number of Northern Democratic Aye Votes
V9	Total Number of Northern Democratic Nay Votes
V10	Total Number of Southern Democratic Aye Votes
V11	Total Number of Southern Democratic Nay Votes
V12	Total Number of Northern Republican Aye Votes
V13	Total Number of Northern Republican Nay Votes
V14	Total Number of Southern Republican Aye Votes
V15	Total Number of Southern Republican Nay Votes
V16	Presence of a Party Unity Vote (majority of one party opposing a majority of the other)
V17	Presence of a Conservative Coalition Vote (majority of Republicans and a majority of southern Democrats opposing a majority of northern Democrats)
V18	Presence of a Near Unanimous Vote (90% or more voting one way)
V19	Presence of a ND/R Vote (majority of northern Democrats opposing a majority of Republicans)

Vote Type Codebook
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1 Amendments to the Constitution (usually titled a Joint Resolution)

11 Final Passage/Adoption of a *Bill*
12 Final Passage/Adoption of *Conference Report*
13 Final Passage/Adoption of *Resolution*
14 Final Passage/Adoption of *Joint Resolution*
15 Passage/Adoption of a *Bill* under Suspension of the Rules
16 Passage/Adoption of a *Joint Resolution* under Suspension of the Rules
17 Final Passage/Adoption of *Concurrent Resolution*
18 Passage/Adoption of a *Concurrent Resolution* under Suspension of the Rules
19 Passage/Adoption of a *Resolution* under Suspension of the Rules

21 Straight Amendments (includes en bloc & amendments in the nature of a substitute)
22 Amendments to Amendments
23 Substitute (to an amendment)
24 Motion to Table Amendment
25 Amendment to Amendment to Substitute
26 Perfecting Amendment
27 Amendment to Substitute
28 Perfecting Amendment to Substitute
29 Suspension of Rules to Amend Bill

30 Passage over Presidential Veto
31 Adoption of First Part of Resolution
32 Adoption of Second Part of Resolution
33 Suspension of Rules for Conference Report
34 Treaty Ratification

52 Judgment of the Senate
53 Motion to Instruct Sergeant at Arms
54 Motion to Suspend Senate Rules*
55 Motion to Extend Debate
56 Motion to Discharge
57 Point of Order
58 Motion to Go into Executive Committee
59 Unanimous Consent Motion to Table

60 Motion to Waive Gramm-Rudman Requirements*
61 Budget Waivers*
62 Motion to Invoke Cloture*
63 Motion to Reconsider
64 Motion to Waive
65 Confirmation
66 Motion to Proceed
67 Appeal of the Chair's Ruling

68 Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur
69 Miscellaneous

72 Motion to Recommit to Conference
73 Motion to Agree
74 Motion to Postpone
75 Motion to Delete
76 Motion to End Debate
77 Motion to Rise from the Committee of the Whole
79 Motion to Disagree

80 Amendment to Special Rule
81 Passage of Rules (Special Rule)
82 Motion to Recede
83 Motion to Commit
84 Motion to Consider
85 Demand for a Second
86 Motion to Permit to Read from Record
87 Motion to Refer
88 Motion to Order Previous Question (Note: Previous Question on Special Rule is 99)
89 Election of Speaker

90 Motion to Strike
91 Motion to Approve House Journal
92 Motion to Adjourn
93 Motion to Recommit (Note: Recommit to Conference is 72)
94 Motion to Resolve into the Committee of the Whole
95 Motion to Instruct Conferees
96 Motion to Table
97 Motion to Recede and Concur (also includes motion to concur)
98 Dispense with Further Proceedings under the Quorum Call
99 Previous Question on Special Rules

Issue Type Codebook
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(83rd-105th Congresses)

000's	Symbolic, Internal, and Procedural
100's & 200's	Appropriations
300's	Defense
400's	Foreign Policy
500's	Economy, Taxes, and Budget
600's	Energy and Environment
700's	Government Operations, Civil Rights, and Justice
800's	Welfare and Human Services
900's	Miscellaneous Domestic

000's		**Symbolic, Internal, and Procedural**		
0	0		0	Purely Procedural
0			1	Election of the Speaker
0	1		0	Indiana House Seat
0			1	Protest Procedural Votes
0			2	Committee Funding
0			3	Congressional Staff
0			4	Committee Issues
0			5	Contested Elections
0	2		0	Congressional Misdeeds
0			1	Contempt of Congress
0			2	Congressional Ethics
0			3	Congress Allowances/ Pay Raises
0			4	Impeachment
0			5	Buildings and Offices
0			6	House Post Office Scandal
0	30's	Confirmations		
0	3		0	Vice-president
0			1	Cabinet
0			2	Supreme Court
0			3	Ambassadors
0			4	Agency/ Bureau Heads, etc.
0			6	House Bank Scandal
0	80's	Other		
0	8		0	Line Item Veto/ Rescissions
0			1	Unfunded Mandates
0			2	Regulatory Moratorium
0	90's	Miscellaneous		
0	9		0	House Rules (e.g., beginning of session)
0			1	House Powers (vis-à-vis President & Senate)
0			2	Senate Rules
0			9	Symbolic Miscellaneous

100 and 200's **Appropriations**

1	00's Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary, and Related Issues			
1	0		0	Final Passage
1			1	Foreign Economic Aid
1			2	Foreign Military Aid
1			3	Abortion
1			4	Commerce
1			5	Justice
1			6	State
1			7	Judiciary
1			8	Civil Rights
1			9	Miscellaneous
1	10's	Defense (cont'd in 240's)		
1	1		0	Final Passage
1			1	Weapons General
1			2	MX Missile
1			3	VA
1			4	Army
1			5	Navy
1			6	Air Force
1			7	B1
1			8	Reserve Call-up
1			9	Miscellaneous
1	20's	District of Columbia		
1	2		0	Final Passage
1			1	Abortion
1			9	Miscellaneous
1	30's	Energy and Water Development		
1	3		0	Final Passage
1			1	Public Works Related
1			2	Energy
1			3	Environment
1			4	Energy Subsidies for Poor
1			5	Nuclear Energy
1			9	Miscellaneous
1	40's	Foreign Operations		
1	4		0	Final Passage
1			1	Foreign Economic Aid
1			2	General Aid
1			3	International Organizations
1			5	Foreign Military Aid
1			9	Miscellaneous
1	50's	HUD and Independent Agencies (and VA since 101st)		
1	5		0	Final Passage
1			1	Housing
1			2	NASA
1			3	AEC
1			4	Urban Aid
1			5	EPA/ Pollution

1			6	VA (Switched from DOD in 101st)
1			9	Miscellaneous
1	60's	Interior and Related		
1	6		0	Final Passage
1			1	Energy
1			2	Disaster Relief
1			3	Environmental
1			4	NEA/ Art & Indecency
1			9	Miscellaneous
1	70's	Labor, Health, Human Services, and Education		
1	7		0	Final Passage
1			1	Labor
1			2	Health
1			3	Human Services-Welfare
1			4	Education
1			5	Health-Social Issues (AIDS/ Abortion)
1			6	Civil Rights/ Segregation
1			9	Miscellaneous
1	80's	Legislative		
1	8		0	Final Passage
1			1	Office Buildings
1			2	Staff Funding
1			3	Committee Funding
1			4	Congressional Pay
1			9	Miscellaneous
1	90's	Military Construction		
1	9		0	Final Passage
1			9	Miscellaneous
2	00's	Rural Development and Agriculture		
2	0		0	Final Passage
2			1	Agricultural Subsidies
2			2	Farm Credit
2			3	Soil Conservation
2			4	Non-Agricultural Loans
2			5	Food Stamps
2			9	Miscellaneous
2	10's	Transportation (& Treasury as of 108th Congress)		
2	1		0	Final Passage
2			1	Amtrak/Public Rail
2			2	Mass Transit
2			3	Highway Funding
2			4	Airport Development
2			5	Air Regulations
2			9	Miscellaneous
2	20's	Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government		
2	2		0	Final Passage
2			1	Treasury
2			2	Postal Service
2			3	General Government
2			4	Executive Offices

2			5	Salaries
2			6	War on Drugs
2			9	Miscellaneous
2				
2	3		0	Spending Deferrals and Impoundment
2				
2	40's	Defense (cont'd from 110's)		
2	4		1	Vietnam Military
2			2	Troop Levels
2			3	SDI/ABM
2			4	Deployment
2			5	B2
2			6	Military War on Drugs
2	50s	Homeland Security		
2	5		0	Final Passage
2			9	Miscellaneous
2				
2	6		0	Aggregate Deferrals/ Rescissions
2			1	Appropriations Procedures
2	70's	Continuing Appropriations		
2	7		0	Final Passage
2			9	Miscellaneous
2	80's	Omnibus		
2	8		0	Omnibus Final Passage
2			9	Omnibus Miscellaneous
2	90's	Supplemental		
2	9		0	Supplemental Final Passage
2			9	Supplemental Miscellaneous
300's		**Defense**		
3	00's	Miscellaneous Defense		
3	0		0	Coast Guard
3			1	Selective Service
3			2	National Guard
3			9	Miscellaneous
3	10's	Budget		
3	1		0	General Budget
3			1	Military Pay
3			2	Civilian Defense Pay
3			3	Procurement Budget
3			4	NATO/ Japan Burden-sharing
3			5	Vietnam
3			6	Defense and Energy
3			9	Miscellaneous
3	20's & 30's	Weapons Systems		
3	2		0	MX Missile
3			1	Trident II
3			2	Chemical Weapons
3			3	SDI/ ABM

3		4	ASAT
3		5	B1
3		6	B2
3		7	Midgetman
3	3	0	Land Warfare
3		1	Aircraft
3		2	Naval Forces
3		3	General Weapons
3		9	Miscellaneous
3	40's Veteran's Issues		
3	4	0	Benefits
3		1	VA Mortgages
3		2	Military Retirement
3		7	POW Issues
3		8	Symbolic
3		9	Miscellaneous
3	50's Pentagon Bureaucracy		
3	5	4	Military Base Closures
3		5	Defense Organization and Reorganization
3		6	Espionage
3		7	Security and Civil Liberties
3		8	Military Construction/ Bases
3		9	Miscellaneous
3	60's Intelligence		
3	6	0	Authorization
3		1	Covert Action
3		2	Oversight
3		8	Symbolic
3		9	Miscellaneous
3	70's Procurement Procedures		
3	7	0	Waste/ Mismanagement
3		1	Contracting
3		9	Miscellaneous
3	80's War Powers		
3	8	0	Committing U.S. Troops to Specific Locations
3		1	General Issue of Committing Troops
3		2	War Powers Act
3		3	Drug Interdiction
3		4	Military Assistance
3		5	Persian Gulf War
3		7	Troop Levels
3		8	Reserve Call-up
3		9	Miscellaneous
3	90's NASA & AEC		
3	9	0	NASA Shuttle and Space Transportation
3		1	Overall NASA Spending
3		2	Department of Energy Nuclear
3		7	Nuclear Testing and Arms Control
3		8	General AEC/ IAEA
3		9	Miscellaneous

400's **Foreign Policy**

4	0		0	Immigration
4			1	Embassy Regulations and Diplomatic Immunity
4			2	Foreign Loans
4			8	Central American Military Activity
4			9	Miscellaneous
4	10's	Foreign Aid		
4	1		0	General Foreign Aid
4			1	Foreign Economic Aid
4			2	Economic Aid to Non-governmental Groups
4			3	Foreign Aid and Family Planning
4			4	Food for Peace
4			5	Foreign Military Aid
4			6	Military Aid to Non-governmental Groups
4			7	Peace Corps
4			8	Foreign Military Sales
4			9	Miscellaneous
4	20's	Human Rights		
4	2		0	Soviet Human Rights
4			1	Apartheid (Human Rights)
4			2	Rhodesia/ Zimbabwe
4			3	Economic Sanctions (Any nation)
4			8	Symbolic Human Rights
4			9	Miscellaneous Human Rights with Substantive Concerns
4	30's	State Department and Other Funding		
4	3		0	State Department General Funding
4			1	UN Funding
4			2	International Financial Institutions (IMF)
4			3	USIA/ Radio Marti
4			9	Miscellaneous
4	40's	Soviet Union/ Warsaw Pact		
4	4		1	Economic Sanctions
4			2	Immigration
4			3	MFN Status
4			9	Miscellaneous
4				
4	5		0	Nuclear Technology Transfer
4			1	Military Technology Transfer
4			2	Arms Trade
4	60's	Arms Control		
4	6		0	Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
4			2	SALT 2 Non-treaty
4			3	INF Treaty
4			4	Nuclear Safety (misc. nuclear)
4			5	SALT 2
4			6	Nuclear Non-proliferation
4			7	Peace Treaties

4		8	Arms Control Symbolic
4		9	Miscellaneous
4			
4	7	0	Terrorism
4		1	Hijacking
4		2	International War on Drugs
4			
4	8	0	Israel
4		1	Hostages
4		2	China/ Taiwan Relations
4		3	Iraq/ Kuwait
4			
4	9	0	Vietnam
4		1	Panama Canal
4		8	Miscellaneous Symbolic Foreign Policy

500's **Economy, Taxes, and Budget Issues**

5	00's	Taxes	
5	0	0	Tax Overhaul
5		1	Tax Cuts
5		2	Tax Increase
5		3	Depletion Allowances
5		5	Windfall Profits Tax
5		6	Gas Tax
5		7	Excise Taxes
5		8	Symbolic Taxes
5		9	Miscellaneous Taxes
5	1	0	Capital Gains Tax
5	20's	Budget	
5	2	0	Final Passage Budget Resolution
5		3	Budget Procedures
5		4	Budget Reconciliation
5		5	Deficit Reduction/ Balanced Budget
5		6	Gramm-Rudman (mechanisms)
5		7	Balanced Budget Amendment
5		9	Miscellaneous
5	30's	Budget	
5	3	0	Budget—Defense
5		1	Budget—Domestic
5		2	Budget—Foreign Policy
5		3	Budget—Taxes
5		4	Budget Authority/ Target—General
5		5	Budget—Procedural
5	40's	Economy-Foreign Trade	
5	4	0	Japanese Trade
5		2	Federal Trade Commission
5		3	Unfair Trading Practices (non-Japanese)
5		4	Export Controls
5		5	Compensation to U.S. Businesses and Workers

5			6	Export-Import Bank (later U.S. Export Bank)
5			7	Tariff Negotiations
5			8	Import Quotas-Tariffs
5			9	Miscellaneous
5	50's	Domestic Trade		
5	5		0	American Shipping
5			1	Commerce Regulation
5			2	SBA Programs
5			3	Business Subsidies
5			4	Foreign Businesses in U.S.
5			9	Miscellaneous
5	60's	General Economy and Debt		
5	6		0	Debt Limit
5			1	Wage and Price Control
5			2	Full Employment Legislation
5	70's	Financial Regulation (including Stock Market)		
5	7		0	Banking Regulation
5			1	Credit Regulation
5			2	Anti-Trust Issues
5			3	Wage and Price Control
5			4	Securities Regulation
5			5	Commodities Regulation
5			6	Dollar Devaluation/ Monetary Policy
5			7	Pensions
5			8	Federal Reserve
5			9	Miscellaneous
5				
5	8		0	Electronic Communication Regulations
5				and Operations
5	9		0	American Investments Abroad
5			1	International Fishing and Mining
5			2	International Market Stabilization

600's **Energy and Environment**

600-649 Energy

6	00's	Government Controls		
6	0		0	Natural Gas/Petrol. Pricing, Allocations/Emerg.
6			1	Natural Gas/Petroleum Marketing
6			2	Energy Regulations
6			3	National Energy Policy
6			4	Offshore Oil
6			5	Exploration and Distribution
6			6	Strategic Petroleum Reserve
6			7	Alaska Pipeline
6			8	Oil Import Fee
6			9	Miscellaneous

6 10's Energy Subsidies

6	1		0	Consumption Subsidies for Poor and Elderly
6	2		0	Mileage Regulations
6			1	FEA—general
6	4		0	Research and Development & Demonstration
650-699		Environment		
6	50's	Industrial Pollution		
6	5		0	Industrial Waste
6			1	Superfund
6			2	Business Liability for Pollution/Oil Spill
6			3	Hazardous Substances
6			9	Miscellaneous
6	60's	Major Environmental Programs		
6	6		0	Clean Water Act & Water Quality
6			1	Water Projects (Public Works)
6			2	Nuclear Waste
6			3	Nuclear Power
6			4	Clean Air Act & Air Quality
6			5	Timber and Forestry
6			6	Solid & Hazardous Waste
6			7	Strip/Surface Mining
6			8	EPA
6			9	Miscellaneous
6	70's	Parks & Wildlife and Seashores		
6	7		0	National Parks and Seashores
6			1	Fish & Wildlife Administration
6			2	Businesses on Public Land
6			3	Transfer of Public Lands
6			9	Miscellaneous
6	8		0	Endangered Species
6	90's	Major Environmental Programs (cont'd from 660's)		
6	9		0	Noise Pollution
6			1	Vehicle Emissions
6			2	Land Use
700's		**Government Operations, Civil Rights, and Justice**		
7	0		0	D.C. Governance
7			1	Government Reorganization
7			2	Govt. Employee Pay
7			3	Govt. Employee Retirement
7			4	Govt. Employee Benefits
7			5	Govt. Employee Regulation (Hatch Act)
7			6	Civil Service & Reform
7			8	Public Construction
7			9	Miscellaneous
7	10's	Operations within Executive, Judiciary		
7	1		0	Maritime

7			1	Sunshine Regulations
7			2	Post Office
7			8	Judiciary
7			9	Miscellaneous
7	20's & 30's	Civil Rights		
7	2		0	Pay Equity
7			1	Voting Rights Act
7			2	School Desegregation
7			3	Civil Rights Commission
7			4	Age Discrimination
7			5	Poll Tax
7			6	General Civil Rights
7			7	Busing
7			8	Civil Rights Act
7			9	Race Discrimination in Employment
7	3		0	Domestic Radicals and Unrest
7			1	Criminal Procedures
7			2	Internal Security/HUAC
7			3	Free Speech/Flag Burning
7			4	MLK Holiday
7			5	Gay Rights
7			6	Race Discrimination in Federal Grants
7			7	Quotas
7			8	Fair Housing
7			9	Miscellaneous
7	40's	Campaigns & Elections		
7	4		0	Campaign Finance
7			1	Election Procedures
7			2	Federal Election Commission
7			3	Equal Time/Fairness
7			4	Voter Registration
7			5	Redistricting
7			6	Congressional Term Limits
7			9	Miscellaneous
7	50's	Crime & Criminal Justice		
7	5		0	Gun Control
7			1	Pornography
7			2	Organized Crime
7			3	Drug Control
7			4	Law Enforcement Asst. Act/other State Aid
7			5	Death Penalty
7			6	Domestic Violence
7			7	Drug Testing/Lie Detection
7			8	Criminal Procedures
7			9	Miscellaneous
7	6		0	Indian Issues
7			1	Handicapper Issues & Programs
7	70's	Ethics in Government		
7	7		0	Lobbying
7			1	Independent Counsel

7			2	Watergate
7			3	Ethics in Government Act
800's		**Welfare and Human Services**		
8	00's	Social Security & Medicare		
8	0		0	Social Security Benefits
8			1	Social Security Financing
8			2	Medicare
8			3	Disability
8			9	Miscellaneous (fraud)
8	10's	Social Welfare		
8	1		0	Job Bills
8			1	Welfare Benefits/ Social Services
8			2	Community Services
8			3	Legal Services Corporation
8			4	Medicaid
8			5	CETA
8			6	Job Training
8			9	Miscellaneous
8	20's	Medical (see also 940's)		
8	2		0	Medical Construction
8			1	Cigarettes
8			2	Drug Abuse/ Education
8			3	Other Health Insurance
8			4	HMOs
8			5	AIDS
8			9	Miscellaneous
8	30's	Poverty		
8	3		0	Economic Development/ Appalachia
8			1	Nutrition Programs (poverty-oriented)
8			2	Family Assistance
8			3	Office of Economic Opportunity
8			4	VISTA/ ACTION
8			5	Homeless
8			9	Miscellaneous
8	40's	Middle Class Assistance		
8	4		0	General School Lunch
8			1	Home Mortgages
8			2	Older Americans Programs
8			3	Child Care
8			4	Medical Leave
8			9	Miscellaneous
8	50's	Education		
8	5		0	Handicapped Education
8			1	Higher Education
8			2	Secondary & Elementary
8			3	Vocational Education
8			4	Federally Impacted Areas Education
8			5	School Construction

8			6	Tuition Tax Credit
8			7	School Prayer
8			8	Department of Education
8			9	Miscellaneous
8	60's	Housing and Urban Development		
8	6		0	General Budget
8			1	HUD Programs
8			2	Public Construction
8			3	UDAG
8			4	Housing and Rent Subsidies
8			5	Demonstration Cities
8			9	Miscellaneous

900's **Miscellaneous Domestic**

9	00's	Federalism		
9	0		0	Countercyclical Aid
9			1	Revenue Sharing
9			2	New York City Aid
9			3	Federal Tax Compensation
9			9	Miscellaneous
9	10's	Agriculture		
9	1		1	Agricultural Subsidies/ Price Supports
9			2	Farm Credit
9			3	Production Controls
9			4	Soil Programs and Land Use
9			5	Food Stamps
9			6	Farm Labor
9			7	Emergency Aid
9			8	Agricultural & Rural Development
9			9	Miscellaneous
9	20's	Transportation		
9	2		0	Highway Funds
9			1	Rail Safety
9			2	Amtrak/ Public Rail
9			3	Airport & Airway Development
9			4	Highway Regulations
9			5	Mass Transit
9			6	Airline Regulation
9			7	Rail Regulations
9			9	Miscellaneous
9	30's	Women's Issues		
9	3		0	Equal Pay
9			1	ERA
9			2	Employment Discrimination
9			8	Symbolic Women's Issues
9			9	Miscellaneous
9	40's	Health & Human Services		
9	4		3	Hospital Costs
9			4	Public Health Service

9			5	Health Care for the Poor
9			6	Mental Health
9			7	Family Planning
9			8	Abortion
9			9	Miscellaneous (including NIH)
9	50’s	Arts & Public T.V. (953-958 Science Research)		
9	5		0	Arts and Humanities
9			1	PBS
9			7	National Science Foundation
9			8	Miscellaneous Science Research
9			9	Miscellaneous
9	60’s	Labor		
9	6		0	Railroad Retirement Act
9			1	Labor Safety (OSHA)
9			2	Unemployment Assistance
9			3	Taft-Hartley
9			4	Right to Work
9			5	Davis-Bacon
9			6	Minimum Wage
9			7	Picketing and Striking
9			8	Labor Relations
9			9	Miscellaneous
9	70’s	Consumer Issues		
9	7		0	Consumer Safety
9			1	Agency for Consumer Protection
9			2	Truth in Marketing/ Advertising
9			3	Product Liability
9	90’s	Miscellaneous		
9	9		0	Hispanic Issues
9			1	Language Issues
9			8	Interstate Compacts
9			9	Miscellaneous Domestic

Notes: This data is collected from the CQ Roll Call books listing all recorded teller votes (not including quorum calls). A few points on coding philosophy are worth mentioning. First, if a vote appeared to be viable in two or more issue categories, we attempt to determine where it falls in the larger context. For instance, a vote on abortion taken up in the context of the Defense Appropriations bill is categorized in the relevant appropriations category (119) rather than that of abortion. This holds whenever such language relates only to the specific area in question, without rewriting the law outside of the area under consideration (i.e., defense). If the language of the bill would set abortion policy in areas extending beyond defense, the issue code would then be abortion (948). Second, a small number of issue and vote type codes have been added over the course of the dataset. However, this has been done only when new issues have been introduced into the political spectrum. We have attempted to avoid introducing new codes which cover issues coded differently in previous congresses.

In the 108th Congress, the House reorganized the appropriations sub-committees to include the Department of Homeland Security. These votes are coded in the 250s. Also, the Transportation and Treasury subcommittees were combined. For consistency, we continue to code votes other than non-final passage for the new sub-committees the same, however, final passage for this "new" subcommittee will be 210 and 220 should no longer be used.

One recurring issue is that of differentiating amendment types. In line with Oleszek (1996: 178), we distinguish between substitute amendments (coded 23) and amendments in the nature of a substitute (coded 21). The former act as a substitute for an existing amendment affecting part of a bill, while the latter offer new language for an entire bill. We consider substitute amendments a secondary attempt to alter an amendment, and amendments in the nature of a substitute a first-degree attempt to change the bill. Note that in recent Congresses, the language employed in the CQ Roll Call books has varied for these types of amendments and it has often become necessary to look at Thomas to ascertain which type of amendment is being considered.

According to our coding scheme, southern states include: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. Additionally, members classified as independents are coded as members of the party with which they most closely identify. For instance, Bernie Sanders (VT) caucuses with the Democratic Party, so he is coded as such, while Virgil Goode (VA) is coded as a Republican. Aggregate vote marginals are computed based on individual level roll call data supplied by Keith Poole (available at: http://voteview.uh.edu/).

The **REVOTE** variable identifies cases in which a separate vote was requested in the House on an amendment previously adopted in the Committee of the Whole.

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