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## Summary

Informal congressional groups and Member organizations are voluntary associations of Members of Congress that operate without direct recognition in chamber rules or line item appropriations (unlike formal leadership and party groups). These informal groups and organizations are often collectively referred to as congressional caucuses. Some groups have chosen names containing words such as coalition, ad hoc committee, task force, working group, or study group.

Approximately 417 informal groups and congressional Member organizations were operating during the second session of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress. Of those groups, 282 were registered with the Committee on House Administration as congressional Member organizations (CMOs) as of the last update to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress Congressional Member Organizations (CMOs) Website dated May 5, 2005, available at [<http://cha.house.gov/oversight/109cmo.htm>]. In the House of Representatives, the term *congressional Member organization* refers to House and bicameral informal groups that meet registration requirements set forth in regulations adopted by the Committee on House Administration. Registration with the Committee is required in order for an informal group of House Members to be recognized as a CMO. The Senate has no comparable registration requirement or recognition for its informal groups.

This report lists the following data for each group: leaders (e.g., officers or coordinators), approximate number of members (when readily available from sources consulted), and year organized (when readily available from sources consulted).

Questions regarding the status, operations, organization, and regulation of informal groups should be directed to the following committees: Committee on House Administration (202 225-8281); House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct (202 225-7103); Senate Committee on Rules and Administration (202 224-6352); and Senate Select Committee on Ethics (202 224-2981).

This report will be updated annually. A related product, CRS Report RL30301, *Informal Congressional Groups and Member Organizations: Selected Questions and Responses*, by Sula P. Richardson, provides information on the purposes, organization, operations, funding, staffing, and regulation of informal congressional groups and Member organizations.

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## Introduction

Approximately 417 informal congressional groups and Member organizations operated in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress.<sup>1</sup> Over the years, these unofficial Member organizations have also been known as caucuses, coalitions, or ad hoc task forces.<sup>2</sup> Of the known House, Senate, and bicameral groups identified, 282 House and bicameral groups were registered as congressional Member organizations, as of May 2005.<sup>3</sup> According to the Committee on House Administration, the term *congressional Member organization* (CMO) refers solely to those House and bicameral informal groups that have registered with the committee. This list was prepared by consulting the list of registered CMOs and by making telephone calls to each CMO listed to obtain figures and dates. This list of CMOs is more

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<sup>1</sup> The non-official status and informal nature of some groups make it virtually impossible to know exactly how many groups actually exist. Sometimes founding members formally announce a group's establishment in a press release, in an interview for a news article, in a newsletter, or in the *Congressional Record*. A group may function for some time, however, before its existence is known to those outside its own membership. By the same token, the abolition of a group may not be announced or readily determined.

<sup>2</sup> Prior to the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress (1995-1997), the terms *congressional Member organizations* (CMOs), *informal groups*, and *congressional caucuses* were virtually synonymous, referring to *all* informal groups. Currently, however, in the House of Representatives, "congressional Member organization" refers solely to an informal group that registers with the Committee on House Administration and that meets the reporting requirements set forth in the committee's regulations.

From 1979 through 1994 (96<sup>th</sup> through 103<sup>rd</sup> Congresses), informal groups could gain recognition as legislative service organizations (LSOs), with special administrative arrangements accorded groups on that basis. On Jan. 4, 1995, the House adopted rules that included a prohibition of the establishment or continuation of LSOs as defined and authorized in the 103<sup>rd</sup> Congress (1993-1994) ("Rules of the House, H.Res. 6, Abolition of Legislative Service Organizations," *Congressional Record*, vol. 141, Jan. 4, 1995, p. 469). Former LSOs were allowed to convert their operations into informal groups, and they could choose to become CMOs by registering with the Committee on House Oversight (now named Committee on House Administration).

<sup>3</sup> Data are based upon an online listing of CMOs which was last updated on May 5, 2005, by the Committee on House Administration. The number of CMOs is subject to frequent change. Updated lists may be obtained online from the committee; see *Members' Congressional Handbook*, at Committee on House Administration, Publications, Directories, Congressional Member Organizations, 108<sup>th</sup> Congress, "Members (CMOs)," [<http://cha.house.gov/services/memberhandbook.htm#161>], visited October 2, 2006.

comprehensive than that prepared by the Committee on House Administration. At least 135 informal groups are not registered as CMOs. Thirty-nine of that number are Senate entities; the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration has no comparable recognition or registration requirement for Senate informal groups. Registration with the Committee on House Administration is not necessary, but the House leadership recommends it.

Therefore, data for this compilation were obtained from several sources: directly from the staffs of the various groups; materials supplied by the groups; the Committee on House Administration's website at [<http://cha.house.gov/oversight/109cmo.htm>]; and Leadership Directories, Inc.'s *Congressional Yellow Book, Spring 2006*. Note that in the following tables, informal groups registered as congressional Member organizations with the Committee on House Administration, as of May 2005, 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> session, are identified by a "Y" in the column with the heading "CMO."

The Committee on House Administration has promulgated the requirements for registration as a CMO, and other provisions related to CMO funding, resources, and communications, in regulations set forth in the *Members' Congressional Handbook*.<sup>4</sup> Under the regulations, CMOs must register with the Committee on House Administration each Congress and provide the group's name, statement of purpose, officers, and employee(s) designated to work on issues related to the CMO. Further, the regulations stipulate that CMOs:

- have no separate corporate or legal identity;
- are not employing authorities;
- may not be assigned separate office space;
- may not use the frank (nor may a Member lend his or her frank to CMOs);
- may not have independent Web pages (but Members may use part of their official website for CMO issues);
- may not accept goods, funds, or services from private organizations or individuals to support the CMOs;
- may not use official funds to print or pay for CMO stationery; and
- may not be directly supported (as independent entities) from the Members' representational allowance (MRA).<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> See *Members' Congressional Handbook* [<http://cha.house.gov/services/memberhandbook.htm#161>], visited October 2, 2006.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

## How to Use This Compilation

This compilation of congressional Member organizations comprises three tables of information about the following currently active groups: (1) House informal groups; (2) bicameral informal groups; and (3) Senate informal groups. The tables of Member organizations present the following information for each group:

- name;
- leader(s) (e.g., chair, president, coordinator, sponsor, etc., as appropriate);
- approximate number of members (if available); and
- year organized (if available at the time).

Several groups have more than one leader. In some instances, the tables list the leadership and sponsors through whose offices the group's business is coordinated. The organizations in each house are listed alphabetically. A keyword arrangement was used for listing the groups in the tables and index to assist the reader in identifying organizations by subject matter and recognizing similar or parallel groups in the two houses of Congress. Therefore, groups have been listed so that certain first words in a group's name (e.g., congressional, House, Senate, ad hoc committee, bipartisan, and bicameral) are preceded by the rest of the group's name and a comma. For example, the House Army Caucus is listed as, "Army Caucus, House." Similarly, the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues is listed as, "Women's Issues, Congressional Caucus for."

The abbreviation NA (not available) has been used to indicate instances when information was not readily available (e.g., data could not be determined from electronic or printed sources consulted, data could not be confirmed by group staff at this time, the group is relatively new and information is not available at this time, or the informal nature of the group is such that the group does not have the data). Explanatory notes and a key to abbreviations and symbols appear at the end of each table.

**Table 1. House Informal Groups and Congressional Member Organizations**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Leader(s)/Officers/Coordinators</b>	<b>CMO<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Number of Members<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Year Formed</b>
4-H Caucus	Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH) Rep. Richard Pombo (R-CA)	Y	55	2004
9/11 Commission Caucus	Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) Rep. Christopher Shays (R-CT)	Y	NA	NA
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Health Care Caucus	Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) Rep. Tim Murphy (R-PA)	Y	43	2004
2015 Caucus <sup>3</sup>	Rep. Collin C. Peterson (DFL-MN) Rep. E. Clay Shaw Jr. (R-FL)	Y	35	2003
Addiction, Treatment and Recovery Caucus	Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) Rep. Jim Ramstad (R-MN)	Y	NA	2005
Adopt a Country Caucus	Rep. Mike McIntyre (D-NC) Rep. Donald Payne (D-NJ) Rep. Joseph Pitts (R-PA) Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL)	Y	NA	NA
Aerospace and Space Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Norman D. Dicks (D-WA) Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) Rep. Dave Weldon (R-FL)	Y	NA	NA

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African Trade and Investment Caucus	Rep. William Jefferson (D-LA) Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY) Rep. Edward Royce (R-CA) Rep. E. Clay Shaw Jr. (R-FL)	Y	NA	NA
Afterschool Caucus	Reo. Nita Lowey (D-NY) Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL)	Y	NA	NA
Agriculture Energy Users Caucus, House	Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO) Rep. Steve King (R-IA) Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-ND)	Y	NA	NA
Air Force Caucus	Rep. Sam Johnson (R-TX) Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-FL)	Y	67	1998
Air Medical Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Tom Allen (D-ME) Rep. J.D. Hayworth (R-AZ)	Y	NA	NA
Air Power Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Norman D. Dicks (D-WA)	—	30	1997
Airport Noise Caucus <sup>4</sup>	Rep. Nita M. Lowey (D-NY)	—	28	1996
Albanian Issues Caucus	Rep. Eliot L. Engel (D-NY) Rep. Sue W. Kelly (R-NY) Rep. Mark Steven Kirk (R-IL) Rep. John W. Olver (D-MA)	—	20	1991

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Alzheimer's Disease, Congressional Task Force on	Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-MA) Rep. Christopher H. Smith (R-NJ)	Y	208	1999
American Heritage Rivers Caucus <sup>4</sup>	Rep. Paul E. Kanjorski (D-PA)	—	NA	NA
Andean Region Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Joseph Crowley (D-NY) Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R-FL)	—	11	2001
Animals, Congressional Friends of	Rep. Tom Lantos (D-CA) Rep. Christopher Shays (R-CT)	—	22	1989
Anti-Semitism, Congressional Task Force Against <sup>5</sup>	Rep. Mark Steven Kirk (R-IL) Rep. Tom Lantos (D-CA) Rep. John Lewis (D-GA) Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA)	—	100	NA
Anti-Terrorist Finance Task Force, Congressional	Rep. Luis Gutierrez (R-NY) Rep. Sue Kelly (R-NY) Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY) Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) Rep. Rick Renzi (R-AZ) Rep. Edward Royce (R-CA)	Y	NA	NA
Anti-Value Added Tax Caucus (Anti-VAT Caucus)	Rep. Wally Herger (R-CA)	Y	63	1995
Arab Boycott, Congressional Task Force to End the <sup>4</sup>	Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL)	—	NA	1991

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Armenian Issues, Congressional Caucus on	Rep. Joe Knollenberg (R-MI) Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (D-NJ)	Y	148	1995
Army Caucus, House	Rep. Chet Edwards (D-TX) Rep. John M. McHugh (R-NY)	Y	104	1987
Army Corps Modernization Caucus ( <i>also known as the Army Corps Reform Caucus</i> )	Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) Rep. Wayne T. Gilchrest (R-MD) Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) Rep. Thomas G. Tancredo (R-CO) Rep. Ellen O. Tauscher (D-CA)	Y	16	2001
Arts Caucus, Congressional ( <i>formerly Congressional Member Organization for the Arts</i> )	Rep. Christopher Shays (R-CT) Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-NY)	Y	190	1981
Asian Pacific American Caucus, Congressional	Del. Madeleine Bordallo (D-GU) Rep. Ed Case (D-HI) Del. Eni F. H. Faleomavaega (D-AS) Rep. Michael Honda (D-CA)	Y	113	1994
Autism Research and Education, Coalition on (CARE)	Rep. Michael F. Doyle (D-PA) Rep. Christopher H. Smith (R-NJ)	Y	180	2001
Automotive Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Dale E. Kildee (D-MI) Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI)	Y	67	1981

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Aviation and Space Caucus, Congressional ( <i>formerly known as the Congressional Space Caucus</i> )	Rep. Dennis J. Kucinich (D-OH) Rep. Dave Weldon (R-FL)	—	48	1981
Azerbaijan Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Solomon Ortiz (D-TX) Rep. Curt Weldon (R-PA)	Y	14	2004
Baltic Caucus, House	Rep. Dennis J. Kucinich (D-OH) Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL)	Y	69	1997
Bangladesh Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Joseph Crowley (D-NY) Rep. Peter T. King (D-NY) Rep. Mark Steven Kirk (R-IL)	—	30	2001
Battlefield Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Bart Gordon (D-TN) Rep. Gil Gutknecht (R-MN) Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY) Rep. Gary Miller (R-CA)	Y	NA	NA
Bearing Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Nancy L. Johnson (R-CT) Rep. John M. Spratt Jr. (D-SC)	—	NA	1986
Beef Caucus, House	Rep. Bob Beauprez (R-CO) Rep. Dennis Cardoza (D-CA)	Y	NA	NA
Bike ( <i>Bicycle</i> ) Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)	Y	124	1997

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Biofuels Caucus, House <sup>6</sup> ( <i>formerly bipartisan, bicameral Congressional Alcohol Fuels Caucus</i> ); <i>see also Biofuels Caucus, Senate</i>	Rep. Lane Evans (D-IL) Rep. Dennis Moore (D-KS) Rep. Tom Osborne (R-NE) Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL)	Y	NA	1979
Biomedical Research Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY) Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA) Rep. Michael N. Castle (R-DE) Rep. Rush D. Holt (D-NJ)	Y	45	1991
Biotechnology Caucus, House	Rep. Robert W. “Bob” Goodlatte (R-VA) Rep. Bobby L. Rush (D-IL) Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL)	Y	105	1991
Blue Dog Coalition ( <i>also known as the Blue Dog Democrats</i> )	Rep. Dennis Cardoza (D-CA) Rep. Jim Cooper (D-TN) Rep. Jim Matheson (D-UT) Rep. Mike Ross (D-AR)	Y	37	1995
Border Caucus, Congressional <sup>7</sup>	Rep. Solomon P. Ortiz (D-TX)	Y	11	NA
Brazil Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX) Rep. Jim Davis (D-FL) Rep. Phil English (R-PA) Rep. William J. Jefferson (D-LA)	Y	48	1999

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Budget Group, Democratic	Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-ND) Rep. David E. Price (D-NC)	Y	NA	1983
Building a Better America Caucus <sup>8</sup>	Rep. Gary G. Miller (R-CA)	Y	20	2000
Bulgaria Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Ellen O. Tauscher (D-CA) Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC)	—	15	2002
Canada Caucus, Congressional Friends of	Rep. Henry E. Brown (R-SC) Rep. Don Manzullo (R-IL) Rep. Michael Michaud (D-ME) Rep. James Oberstar (DFL-MN)	Y	84	2006
Cancer Caucus, House ( <i>formerly House Cancer Awareness Working Group</i> )	Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA) Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY) Rep. Sue Wilkins Myrick (R-NC) Rep. Deborah Pryce (R-OH)	—	77	1997
Caribbean Caucus	Rep. Robert W. Ney (R-OH) Rep. Donald M. Payne (D-NJ)	Y	18	2003
Cement Caucus	Rep. Spencer Bachus (R-AL) Rep. Bart Stupak (D-MI)	Y	44	2000
Center Aisle Caucus, House <sup>9</sup>	Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY) Rep. Tim Johnson (R-IL)	Y	54	2005

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Central America, Congressional Caucus on	Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL)	Y	NA	NA
Central and Eastern Europe, Congressional Caucus on (formerly <i>Congressional Caucus on Central Europe</i> )	Rep. Daniel Lipinski (D-IL) Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter (R-MI)	Y	26	1999
Chesapeake Bay Watershed Task Force	Rep. Tom Davis (R-VA) Rep. Wayne Gilchrest (D-MD) Rep. Robert Scott (D-VA) Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)	Y	20	2001
Children's Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX)	Y	80	1996
Children's Environmental Health Caucus	Rep. Rush Holt (D-NJ) Rep. Jim Saxton (R-NJ)	Y	17	2004
China Caucus, Congressional	Rep. J. Randy Forbes (R-VA) Rep. Ike Skelton (D-MO)	Y	36	2005
Climate Change Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Wayne T. Gilchrest (R-MD) Rep. John W. Olver (D-MA)	Y	76	2001
Coastal Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (D-NJ) Rep. E. Clay Shaw Jr. (R-FL)	Y	77	1995
Community College Caucus	Rep. Michael N. Castle (R-DE) Rep. Brad Miller (D-NC) Rep. David Wu (D-OR)	Y	117	2005

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Community Health Care Centers, Congressional Caucus on	Rep. Michael Bilirakis (R-FL) Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX) Rep. Michael E. Capuano (D-MA) Rep. Danny K. Davis (D-IL)	Y	113	NA
Community Solutions and Initiatives Caucus	Rep. Harold Ford (D-TN) Rep. Mark Green (R-WI)	Y	27	2004
Commuter Caucus, House	Rep. Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY) Rep. John W. Olver (D-MA)	—	NA	1996
Conservative Opportunity Society	Rep. Steve King (R-IA)	—	100	1984
Constitution Caucus, Congressional <sup>4</sup>	Rep. J. D. Hayworth (R-AZ)	—	NA	1995
Correctional Officers Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Mark Green (R-WI) Rep. Tim Holden (D-PA) Rep. Ted Strickland (D-OH) Rep. John E. Sweeney (R-NY)	Y	40	1999
Côte d'Ivoire Congressional Caucus	Rep. John Boozman (R-AZ) Rep. G. K. Butterfield Jr. (D-NC)	Y	10	2006
Croatian Caucus, Congressional	Rep. George Radanovich (R-CA) Rep. Peter Viscloskey (D-IN)	Y	52	2005

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Cystic Fibrosis Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Edward Markey (D-MA) Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-FL)	Y	88	2006
Defense Industrial Base Caucus	Rep. Donald A. Manzullo (R-IL) Rep. Timothy J. Ryan (D-OH)	—	20	2003
Defense Study Group	Rep. Vic Snyder (D-AR) Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX)	—	100	1997
Delaware River Basin Task Force	Rep. Michael Fitzpatrick (R-PA)	Y	NA	NA
Denmark, Congressional Friends of	Rep. Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) Rep. Tom Lantos (R-CA) Rep. Jim Nussle (R-IA)	Y	NA	NA
Department of Energy Facilities Caucus	Rep. Michael F. Doyle (D-PA) Rep. Ellen O. Tauscher (D-CA) Rep. Zach Wamp (R-TN)	—	NA	NA
Diabetes Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-CA) Rep. Michael N. Castle (R-DE) Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO) Rep. Curt Weldon (R-PA)	Y	278	1996

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Dietary Supplement Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Dan Burton (R-IN) Rep. Chris Cannon (R-UT) Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (D-NJ) Rep. Edolphus Towns (D-NY)	Y	12	NA
Digestive Diseases Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Sue W. Kelly (R-NY) Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (D-NJ) Rep. Vic Snyder (D-AR) Rep. Mark Steven Kirk (R-IL)	—	NA	2003
Disabilities Caucus, Bipartisan	Rep. Nancy L. Johnson (R-CT) Rep. James R. Langevin (D-RI) Rep. Major R. Owens (D-NY) Rep. Jim Ramstad (R-MN)	Y	47	2001
Disaster Recovery and Response, Bipartisan Working Group on	Rep. William Lacy Clay (D-MO) Rep. Bob Ney (R-OH)	—	10	2005
Distributed Energy, Congressional Caucus on <sup>11</sup>	Rep. Michael F. Doyle (D-PA) Rep. Lee Terry (R-NE)	—	20	2003
Duma - Congress Study Group	Rep. Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) Rep. Curt Weldon (R-PA)	Y	NA	1996
E-Waste Working Group <sup>11</sup>	Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-NY) Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA)	Y	NA	NA

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Economic Competitiveness Caucus	Rep. Todd Tiahrt (R-KS)	Y	NA	NA
Education Caucus, House	Rep. Timothy H. Bishop (D-NY)	—	NA	1997
Electronic Warfare Working Group	Rep. Norman D. Dicks (D-WA) Rep. Mark Steven Kirk (R-IL) Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA) Rep. Joseph R. Pitts (R-PA)	Y	23	2000
Empowered Communities Caucus	Rep. Michael E. Capuano (D-MA)	—	NA	NA
Entertainment Industries Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Diane E. Watson (D-CA)	Y	35	2003
Ethiopia and Ethiopian - Americans, Congressional Caucus on	Rep. Michael M. Honda (D-CA) Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)	—	18	NA
Everglades Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL) Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL)	Y	9	2006
Fair Alliance for Intermodal Reinvestment (FAIR)	Rep. Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY)	—	35	2003
Fatherhood Promotion, Congressional Task Force on	Rep. Robert B. Aderholt (R-AL) Rep. Mike McIntyre (D-NC) Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) Rep. Joseph R. Pitts (R-PA) Rep. John Sullivan (R-OK)	—	45	1997
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Caucus	Rep. Jim Ramstad (R-MN)	Y	42	2005

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Financial and Economic Literacy Caucus	Rep. Judy Biggert (R-IL) Rep. Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX)	Y	79	2005
Fitness Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Mark Udall (D-CO) Rep. Zach Wamp (R-TN)	Y	85	2003
Food Safety Caucus	Rep. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) Rep. Rosa L. DeLauro (D-CT)	—	29	2003
Forest Task Force, Congressional	Rep. Robert W. “Bob” Goodlatte (R-VA) Rep. Collin Peterson (DFL-MN) Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA) Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR)	Y	100	NA
Former Mayors Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Michael E. Capuano (D-MA) Rep. Michael Turner (R-OH)	Y		
Fraternal Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH) Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX)	Y	29	2003
Freedom of the Press, Congressional Caucus for	Rep. Mike Pence (R-IN) Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA)	Y	NA	NA
Frozen Food Caucus	Rep. David Nunes (R-CA) Rep. Collin Peterson (DFL-MN)	—	21	2003

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Furnishings Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Howard Coble (R-NC) Rep. Melvin L. Watt (D-NC)	—	26	2003
Future of American Media Caucus	Rep. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) Rep. Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) Rep. Jay Inslee (D-WA) Rep. David Price (D-NC) Rep. Barnard Sanders (I-VT)	Y	NA	NA
Gaming Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Shelley Berkley (D-NV) Rep. Jim Gibbons (R-NV) Rep. Frank A. LoBiondo (D-NJ)	Y	23	1995
Generic Drug Equity Caucus	Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA) Rep. Alan B. Mollohan (D-WV)	Y	34	1999
Global Health Caucus, Congressional	Del. Donna Christensen (D-VI) Rep. Wayne Gilchrest (D-MD) Rep. Betty McCollum (DFL-MN) Rep. Joe Schwarz (R-MI) Rep. Vic Snyder (D-AR)	—	22	2005
Global Road Safety, Congressional Caucus on	Rep. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) Rep. Robert Wexler (D-FL)	Y	NA	NA
Goods Movement Caucus	Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA) Rep. David G. Reichert (R-WA)	Y	31	2003

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Grains Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Jerry Moran (R-KS) Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-ND)	Y	NA	NA
Great Lakes Task Force	Rep. John Dingell (D-MI) Rep. Vernon Ehlers (R-MI) Rep. Mark Steven Kirk (R-IL) Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-NY)	Y	25	1987
Green Scissors Caucus ( <i>formerly known as the Green Scissors Coalition</i> ) <sup>12</sup>	Rep. Robert E. Andrews (D-NJ) Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH) Rep. Christopher Shays (R-CT)	Y	19	1996
Gulf Coast Rebuilding and Recovery Caucus	Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-MS)	Y	9	2006
Hazards Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Jo Bonner (R-AL) Rep. Wayne Gilchrest (R-MD) Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) Rep. Dennis Moore(D-KS)	—	40	2005
Hellenic Issues, Congressional Caucus on	Rep. Michael Bilirakis (R-FL) Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY)	Y	139	1996
Hispanic Conference, Congressional	Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL) Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL)	Y	6	2003

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Historic Preservation Caucus	Rep. Brad Miller (D-NC) Rep. Michael R. Turner (R-OH)	Y	93	2003
Homeland Security Caucus	Rep. Norman D. Dicks (D-WA) Rep. Curt Weldon (R-PA)	—	48	2003
Horse Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Ben Chandler (D-KY) Rep. John E. Sweeney (R-NY)	Y	62	2001
HUBZone Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) Rep. Alan Mollohan (D-WV)	Y	NA	NA
Hudson River Caucus	Rep. Nita M. Lowey (D-NY) Rep. John E. Sweeney (R-NY)	Y	13	2003
Humanities Caucus, Congressional	Rep. James A. Leach (R-IA) Rep. David Price (D-NC)	Y	71	2004
Hungarian American Caucus	Rep. Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) Rep. Ernest J. Istook, Jr. (R-OK) Rep. Tom Lantos (D-CA) Rep. Christopher Shays (R-CT)	Y	13	2003

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Hunger Caucus, House	Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO) Rep. Ray LaHood (R-IL) Rep. James McGovern (D-WA) Rep. Tom Osborne (R-NE) Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-ND) Rep. Hilda Solis (D-CA)	Y	NA	NA
Hydrogen Fuel Cell Caucus	Rep. Charles Dent (R-PA) Rep. Bob Inglis (R-SC) Rep. John Larson (D-CT) Rep. Albert Wynn (D-MD)	Y	49	2005
Immigration Reform Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Thomas G. Tancredo (R-CO)	Y	102	1999
Impact Aid Coalition	Rep. Norman D. Dicks (D-WA) Rep. Chet Edwards (D-TX) Rep. Robin Hayes (R-NC) Rep. J.D. Hayworth (R-AZ) Rep. Patrick J. Kennedy (D-RI) Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-ND) Rep. Jim Saxton (R-NJ) Rep. Ike Skelton (D-MO) Rep. Lee Terry (R-NE)	—	131	1995
India and Indian Americans, Congressional Caucus on	Rep. Gary L. Ackerman (D-NY) Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL)	Y	185	1993

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Insurance Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Dan Burton (R-IN)	Y	6	2005
Intellectual Property Promotion and Piracy Prevention, Congressional Caucus on	Rep. Mary Bono (R-CA) Rep. Tom Feeney (R-FL) Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA) Rep. Robert Wexler (D-FL)	—	36	2003
Intelligent Transportation Systems Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Mike Rogers (R-MI) Rep. Ellen O. Tauscher (D-CA)	Y	53	2001
International HIV/AIDS, Congressional Task Force on	Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA)	Y	64	1990
International Conservation Caucus	Rep. Edward R. Royce (R-CA) Rep. E. Clay Shaw Jr. (R-FL) Rep. John S. Tanner (D-TN) Rep. Tom Udall (D-NM)	Y	127	2003
International Worker's Rights Caucus	Rep. Lane Evans (D-IL) Rep. George Miller (D-CA)	Y	59	NA
Interstate 69 Mid-Continent Highway Caucus ( <i>also known as the I-69 Caucus</i> )	Rep. Roger F. Wicker (R-MS)	Y	30	1995
Iran Human Rights and Democracy Caucus	Rep. Bob Filner (D-CA) Rep. Tom Tancredo (R-CO)	Y	5	2004

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Iran Working Group	Rep. Robert Andrews (D-NJ) Rep. Mark Steven Kirk (R-IL)	Y	30	2002
Iraqi Women's Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX) Rep. Tom Osborne (R-NE) Rep. Ellen O. Tauscher (D-CA)	Y	15	2003
Irish Affairs, Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for	Rep. Joseph Crowley (D-NY) Rep. Peter T. King (R-NY) Rep. Richard E. Neal (D-MA)	—	NA	1977
Israel Caucus, House Republican <sup>13</sup>	Rep. Roy Blunt (R-MO) Rep. Eric Cantor (R-VA) Rep. Tom Davis (R-VA) Rep. Thomas M. Reynolds (R-NY) Rep. Jerry Weller (R-IL)	Y	63	1995
Israel Working Group, Democratic	Rep. Gene Green (D-TX) Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL) Rep. Linda T. Sanchez (D-CA) Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D-CA)	Y	89	2003
Jobs and Fair Trade Caucus, Congressional, <sup>4, 14</sup>	Rep. Duncan L. Hunter (R-CA) Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)	—	120	1992
Judicial Accountability, House Working Group on	Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH) Rep. Lamar S. Smith (R-TX)	—	13	2003

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Judicial Branch, Congressional Caucus on the	Rep. Judy Biggert (R-IL) Rep. Adam B. Schiff (D-CA)	Y	46	2003
Kashmir Forum	Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX) Rep. Joseph R. Pitts (R-PA)	Y	3	2002
Kenya Caucus	Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-NY) Rep. Tom Tancredo (R-CO)	Y	2	2005
Kidney Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Mark Steven Kirk (R-IL) Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA)	Y	68	2002
Korea, Congressional Caucus on	Rep. Dan Burton (R-IN) Rep. Michael E. Capuano (D-MA) Rep. Vito Fossella (R-NY) Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D-NY)	Y	70	2003
Labor and Working Families Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Stephen F. Lynch (D-MA) Rep. Michael H. Michaud (D-ME) Rep. Linda T. Sanchez (D-CA)	Y	60	2003
Land Trust Caucus, House	Rep. Jim Gerlach (R-PA) Rep. Tim Holden (D-PA)	Y	NA	NA
Law Enforcement Caucus	Rep. Jim Ramstad (R-MN) Rep. Bart Stupak (D-MI)	Y	100	1994

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Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Caucus, House	Rep. Brian Baird (D-WA) Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)	—	NA	1998
Liberty Caucus	Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX)	—	24	1998
Life Insurance Caucus	Rep. Nancy L. Johnson (R-CT) Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-ND)	—	NA	2003
Livable Communities Task Force <sup>15</sup>	Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) Rep. Jim Davis (D-FL) Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA)	—	73	1996
Long Island Sound Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY) Rep. Rob Simmons (R-CT)	Y	13	1987
Long-Term Care Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Tom Allen (D-ME) Rep. Shelly Moore Capito (R-WV) Rep. Nancy Johnson (R-CT) Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-ND)	Y	20	2006
Lyme Disease Caucus	Rep. Sue Kelly (R-NY)	Y	13	2005
Malaysia Trade, Security, and Economic Cooperation Caucus	Rep. Gregory W. Meeks (D-NY) Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX)	Y	13	2002
Management Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Todd Russell Platts (R-PA)	Y	NA	NA

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Manufacturing Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Donald A. Manzullo (R-IL) Rep. Timothy J. Ryan (D-OH)	Y	88	2003
Manufacturing, Congressional Task Force on	Rep. Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY) Rep. Mike Doyle (D-PA) Rep. Steve LaTourette (R-OH) Rep. Martin T. Meehan (D-MA)	Y	92	1992
Medical and Dental Doctors in Congress Caucus	Rep. Phil Gingrey (R-GA) Rep. Vic Snyder (D-AR)	Y	14	2005
Medical Malpractice Crisis Task Force	Rep. Allen Boyd (D-FL) Rep. Ginny Brown-Waite (R-FL)	Y	32	2004
Medical Technology Caucus	Rep. Anna G. Eshoo (D-CA) Rep. Jim Ramstad (R-MN)	Y	43	1993
Mental Health Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Peter A. DeFazio (D-OR) Rep. Tim Murphy (R-PA) Rep. Grace F. Napolitano (D-CA)	Y	96	1991
Mentoring Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Susan A. Davis (D-CA) Rep. Ric Keller (R-FL) Rep. Betty McCollum (DFL-MN) Rep. Tom Osborne (R-NE)	Y	19	2002

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Methamphetamine, Congressional Caucus to Fight and Control	Rep. Leonard L. Boswell (D-IA) Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA) Rep. Chris Cannon (R-UT) Rep. Rick Larsen(D-WA)	Y	142	2001
Metro Congestion Caucus	Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) Rep. John L. Mica (R-FL)	Y	5	2005
Middle East Economic Partnership Caucus	Rep. Ben Chandler (D-KY) Rep. Phil English (R-PA) Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA) Rep. William Jefferson (D-LA) Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-NY) Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI)	Y	6	2005
Military Depot and Industrial Facilities Caucus, House <sup>16</sup>	Rep. Walter Jones (R-NC) Rep. Solomon Ortiz (D-TX)	Y	73	1986
Military Veterans Caucus	Rep. Michael Bilirakis (R-FL) Rep. Charlie Norwood (R-GA) Rep. Collin C. Peterson (DFL-MN) Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA)	Y	90	2001
Mine Warfare Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Solomon Ortiz (D-TX)	Y	23	NA
Mining Caucus, Congressional <sup>17</sup>	Rep. Jim Gibbons (R-NV) Rep. Jim Matheson (D-UT)	Y	60	1997

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Missing and Exploited Children's Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Robert E. (Bud) Cramer Jr. (D-AL)	Y	140	1997
Mississippi River Caucus	Rep. Lane Evans (D-IL) Rep. Kenny Hulshof (R-MO)	—	35	1997
Mississippi River Delta Caucus	Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO) Rep. Harold Ford Jr. (D-TN)	Y	NA	NA
Modeling and Simulation Training Caucus	Rep. J. Randy Forbes (R-VA)	Y	28	2005
Morocco Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R-FL) Rep. Phil English (R-PA) Rep. Steven R. Rothman (D-NJ)	Y	40	2003
National Guard and Reserve Components Caucus	Rep. Steve Buyer (R-IN) Rep. Howard Coble (R-NC) Del. Eni F. H. Faleomavaega (D-AS) Rep. Ralph M. Hall (R-TX) Rep. John S. Tanner (D-TN) Rep. Gene Taylor (D-MS)	Y	161	1996
National Landscape Conservation System Caucus	Rep. Mary Bono (R-CA) Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva (D-AZ) Rep. James P. Moran (D-VA) Rep. Rick Renzi (R-AZ)	Y	NA	NA

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National Marine Sanctuary Caucus	Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA) Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL)	Y	17	2006
National Parks Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Brian Baird (D-WA) Rep. Mark E. Souder (R-IN)	Y	39	2003
National Security, Democratic Study Group on	Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY) Rep. Adam B. Schiff (D-CA) Rep. David Scott (D-GA)	—	NA	2003
National Service Congressional Caucus	Rep. Harold Ford Jr. (D-TN) Rep. Tom Osborne (R-NE) Rep. David Price (D-NC) Rep. Christopher Shays (R-CT)	Y	38	2005
Native American Caucus, Congressional	Rep. J. D. Hayworth (R-AZ) Rep. Dale E. Kildee (D-MI)	Y	111	1997
Naval Network Working Group Caucus	Rep. Ander Crenshaw (R-FL) Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY) Rep. Mark Steven Kirk (R-IL) Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA)	Y	4	2006
Navy/Marine Corps Caucus	Rep. Susan A. Davis (D-CA) Rep. J. Randy Forbes (R-VA)	Y	91	2002

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Netherlands, Congressional Caucus on	Rep. Pete Hoekstra (R-MI) Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)	Y	29	2006
New Democrat Coalition	Rep. Artur Davis (D-AL) Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA) Rep. Ellen O. Tauscher (D-CA)	Y	45	1997
Nigeria, Congressional Caucus on	Rep. William J. Jefferson (D-LA) Rep. Edward R. Royce (R-CA)	—	17	1999
North America's Super Corridor Caucus <sup>18</sup>	Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO) Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)	Y	10	2001
Northeast Agriculture Caucus	Rep. Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY) Rep. Tim Holden (D-PA)	—	NA	1986
Northeast-Midwest Congressional Coalition	Rep. Steven LaTourette R-OH) Rep. Martin T. Meehan (D-MA)	Y	44	1976
Northern Border Caucus, <sup>19</sup>	Rep. Bart Stupak (D-MI) Rep. John Sweeney (R-NY)	Y	52	1994
Northwest Energy Caucus	Rep. Peter A. DeFazio (D-OR) Rep. Doc Hastings (R-WA)	—	17	1997

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Norway Caucus, Friends of	Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-ND) Rep. Jim Ramstad (R-MN) Rep. Martin Olav Sabo (DFL-MN)	Y	54	1999
Nuclear Issues Caucus	Rep. Joe Knollenberg (R-MI) Rep. John M. Spratt Jr. (D-SC)	Y	18	NA
Nuclear Cleanup Caucus <sup>20</sup>	Rep. Doc Hastings (R-WA)	—	25	2000
Nursing Caucus, House	Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA) Rep. Steve LaTourette (R-OH)	Y	97	2003
Oceans Caucus, House	Rep. Thomas H. Allen (D-ME) Rep. Sam Farr (D-CA) Rep. Wayne Gilchrest (R-MD) Rep. Jay Inslee (D-WA) Rep. Jim Saxton (R-NJ) Rep. Curt Weldon (R-PA)	Y	64	1999
Oil and National Security Caucus	Rep. Eliot L. Engel (D-NY) Rep. Jim Saxton (R-NJ)	Y	20	2005
Older Americans Caucus	Rep. Shelley Berkley (D-NV) Rep. William D. Delahunt (D-MA) Rep. Ralph Regula (R-OH)	—	100	1994

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Open Space Caucus	Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) Rep. Mike Fitzpatrick (R-PA) Rep. Rob Simmons (R-CT) Rep. Mark Udall (D-CO)	Y	12	2005
Oral Health Caucus	Rep. John Linder (R-GA) Rep. Charlie Norwood (R-GA) Rep. Michael K. Simpson (R-ID)	Y	3	2002
Organic Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR) Rep. Sam Farr (D-OR) Rep. Wayne Gilchrest (R-MD) Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) Rep. James Walsh (R-NY)	Y	49	2003
Out of Iraq Caucus	Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA)	—	72	2006
POW/MIA Caucus	Rep. Neil Abercrombie (D-HI) Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL)	Y	50	2005
Pakistan Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Dan Burton (R-IN) Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX)	Y	72	2004
Panama, Trade, Security, and Economic Cooperation Caucus	Rep. Jim Matheson (D-UT) Rep. Jerry Weller (R-IL)	Y	7	2005

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Paraguay Caucus, Friends of	Rep. Dan Burton (R-IN) Rep. Robert Wexler (D-FL)	Y	NA	NA
Parkinson's Disease, Congressional Working Group on	Rep. Lane Evans (D-IL) Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY)	Y	NA	NA
Passenger Rail Caucus	Rep. Rob Andrews (D-NJ) Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) Rep. Michael N. Castle (R-DE) Rep. Mike Fitzpatrick (R-PA)	Y	40	2005
Patriot Act Reform Caucus	Rep. Jeff Flake (R-AZ) Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX) Rep. Bernie Sanders (I-VT)	Y	NA	NA
Peak Oil Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) Rep. Tom Udall (D-NM)	Y	13	2006
Peanut Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Sanford D. Bishop (D-GA) Rep. Terry Everett (R-AL)	—	10	1993
Pell Grant Caucus	Rep. Ric Keller (R-FL)	Y	17	2001
Philatelic Caucus	Rep. Gary L. Ackerman (D-NY) Rep. Joseph R. Pitts (R-PA)	—	30	1991

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Poland Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Daniel Lipinski (D-IL) Rep. Christopher H. Smith (R-NJ)	Y	7	2006
Porkbusters Coalition	Rep. Peter A. DeFazio (D-OR) Rep. Edward R. Royce (R-CA)	—	NA	1991
Portuguese American Caucus, House	Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) Rep. Richard W. Pombo (R-CA)	—	30	NA
Prayer Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Randy Forbes (R-VA)	Y	22	2005
Prescription Drug Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Thomas H. Allen (D-ME) Rep. Marion Berry (D-AR)	—	22	2005
Pro-Choice Caucus, Bipartisan <sup>21</sup>	Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO) Rep. Nancy L. Johnson (R-CT) Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-NY)	Y	NA	1995
Property Rights Task Force	Rep. C.L. “Butch” Otter (R-ID)	—	10	2005
Public Broadcasting Caucus	Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) Rep. Paul Gillmor (R-OH) Rep. Joe Schwartz (R-MI)	Y	113	2001
Public Pension Reform Caucus	Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-AZ)	—	70	1995
Public Private Partnerships Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Chris Cannon (R-UT)	Y	28	2003

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Qatari-American Economic, Strategic Defense, Cultural and Educational Partnership Caucus	Rep. Nick J. Rahall, II (D-WV)	Y	35	2002
Reading Caucus, House	Rep. Anne M. Northup (R-KY)	Y	32	1998
Real Estate Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Richard E. Neal (D-MA)	Y	106	1998
Recording Arts and Sciences Congressional Caucus	Rep. Mary Bono (R-CA) Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD)	Y	20	2004
Recycling Caucus, House	Rep. Paul Gillmor (R-OH) Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ)	Y	57	2006
Refugee Caucus, Bipartisan Congressional	Rep. John Conyers Jr. (D-MI) Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) Rep. Christopher H. Smith (R-NJ)	Y	58	2003
Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus, House	Rep. Mark Udall (D-CO) Rep. Zach Wamp (R-TN)	Y	218	1996
Republican Study Committee (RSC) <sup>22</sup> <i>(formerly known as the Conservative Action Team [CATS])</i>	Rep. Mike Pence (R-IN)	Y	100	1995
Research and Development Caucus	Rep. Judy Biggert (R-IL) Rep. Rush D. Holt (D-NJ)	Y	40	2004

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Results Caucus <sup>4, 23</sup>	Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX)	Y	8	1997
River of Trade Corridor Congressional Caucus	Rep. Ralph Hall (R-TX)	Y	10	2005
Rural Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Allen Boyd (D-FL) Rep. Tom Osborne (R-NE) Rep. John Peterson (R-PA)	Y	140	NA
Rural Health Care Coalition, House	Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-ND) Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR)	Y	23	1987
Rural Housing Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Artur Davis (D-AL) Rep. Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX)	Y	27	2003
Rural Working Group	Rep. Bob Etheridge (D-NC) Rep. Stephanie Herseth (D-SD)	—	28	2003
Russia Democracy Caucus, Congressional <i>(The Russia Democracy Caucus is affiliated with the Congressional Human Rights Caucus)</i>	Rep. Tom Lantos (D-CA)	—	NA	2003
Saudi Arabia Study Group	Rep. Bob Ney (R-OH) Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV)	Y	NA	NA

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Savings and Ownership Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Chris Chocola (R-IN) Rep. Jim Cooper (D-TN) Rep. Phil English (R-PA) Rep. Harold Ford Jr. (D-TN)	Y	NA	NA
School Health and Safety Caucus, Bipartisan Congressional	Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA) Rep. Phil English (R-PA)	Y	49	2000
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education Caucus, House	Rep. Vernon Ehlers (R-MI) Rep. Mark Udall (D-CO)	Y	110	2004
Scotland Caucus, Friends of	Rep. John Duncan (R-TN) Rep. Mike McIntyre (D-NC)	Y	NA	NA
Scouting Caucus, Congressional	Rep. W. Todd Akin (R-MO) Rep. Ike Skelton (D-MO)	Y	38	2000
Second Amendment Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Virgil Goode (R-VA) Rep. Marilyn Musgrave (R-CO)	Y	NA	NA
Serbian Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Dan Burton (R-IN) Rep. Rahm Emmanuel (D-IL)	Y	NA	NA
Sex and Violence in the Media Caucus	Rep. Joe Baca (D-CA) Rep. Tom Osborne (R-NE)	Y	18	2003

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Sexual Assault Violence Elimination (SAVE) Task Force	Rep. Paul Gillmor (R-OH) Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-ND)	Y	NA	NA
Shellfish Caucus	Rep. Brian Baird (D-WA) Rep. Henry Brown (R-SC) Rep. Thelma Drake (R-VA) Rep. Bobby Jindal (R-LA) Rep. John Larson (D-CT) Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA)	Y	23	2005
Shipbuilding Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Jo Ann Davis (R-VA) Rep. Gene Taylor (D-MS)	Y	NA	NA
Singapore Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Solomon P. Ortiz (D-TX) Rep. Curt Weldon (R-PA)	Y	60	2002
Ski and Snowboard Caucus, Congressional	Rep. John E. Sweeney (R-NY) Rep. Mark Udall (D-CO)	Y	20	2003
Soccer Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Sherwood L. Boehlert (R-NY) Rep. Mary Bono (R-CA) Rep. George Miller (D-CA) Rep. Mark Udall (D-CO)	—	40	2006
Soils Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA)	Y	19	2006
Sound Science Caucus	Rep. Chris Cannon (R-UT)	—	NA	2003

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Spain Caucus, Congressional Friends of	Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-CA) Rep. Luis Fortuño (R-PR)	Y	14	2006
Special Operations Forces Caucus	Rep. Jim Davis (D-FL) Rep. Robin Hayes (R-NC) Rep. Mike McIntyre (D-NC) Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL)	Y	55	2002
Specialty Crops Caucus, House	Rep. Allen Boyd (D-FL) Rep. Dennis Cardoza (D-CA) Rep. Richard Pombo (R-CA) Rep. Adam Putnam (R-FL)	Y	NA	NA
Spina Bifida Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Christopher H. Smith (R-NJ) Rep. Bart Stupak (D-MI)	Y	20	2003
Sri Lanka and Sri Lankan Americans, Congressional Caucus on	Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (D-NJ) Rep. Jerry Weller (R-IL)	Y	25	1999
State Maritime Academy Caucus	Rep. Dave Camp (R-MI) Rep. William D. Delahunt (D-MA)	Y	12	2003
Steel Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Phil English (R-PA) Rep. Peter J. Visclosky (D-IN)	Y	106	1977
Stop DUI, Congressional Caucus to	Rep. Shelley Berkley (D-NV) Rep. Jon Christopher Porter Sr. (R-NV)	Y	28	2004

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Strengthening the Mid-Atlantic Region for Tomorrow (SMART) Caucus	Rep. Robert E. Andrews (D-NJ) Rep. Michael N. Castle (R-DE) Rep. Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) Rep. Curt Weldon (R-PA)	—	41	2001
Students to Citizens Caucus	Rep. Michael N. Castle (R-DE) Rep. Dale Kildee (D-MI)	Y	NA	2005
Study Group on Germany, Congressional	Rep. Gil Gutknecht (R-MN)	—	NA	NA
Submarine Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Jim Langevin (D-RI) Rep. Rob Simmons (R-CT)	Y	NA	NA
Suburban Agenda Caucus	Rep. Mark Steven Kirk (R-IL)	Y	NA	NA
Sudan Caucus	Rep. Michael E. Capuano (D-MA) Rep. Donald Payne (D-NJ) Rep. Tom Tancredo(R-CO) Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA)	Y	50	2005
Sugar Caucus, House	Rep. Michael K. Simpson (R-ID)	—	NA	NA
Sustainable Development Caucus <sup>24</sup>	Rep. Wayne T. Gilchrest (R-MD) Rep. Martin T. Meehan (D-MA)	—	36	1997
Switzerland Caucus, Friends of	Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) Rep. Melissa A. Hart (R-PA)	Y	35	2003

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TRIO Caucus, Congressional <sup>25</sup>	Rep. Donald Payne (D-NJ) Rep. Michael K. Simpson (R-ID)	Y	20	2004
Taiwan Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH)	Y	112	2002
Teen Pregnancy, Congressional Advisory Panel to the National Campaign to Reduce ( <i>formerly known as the Congressional Advisory Panel to Reduce Teen Pregnancy</i> )	Rep. Michael N. Castle (R-DE) Rep. Nita M. Lowey (D-NY)	—	15	1996
Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare, Task Force on	Rep. Eric Cantor (R-VA) Rep. Geoff Davis (R-KY)	Y	2	NA
Testing and Evaluation Caucus <sup>4</sup>	Rep. Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL)	—	35	2002
Tobacco and Health, Congressional Task Force on	Rep. Martin T. Meehan (D-MA) Rep. Todd Russell Platts (R-PA)	—	69	1989
Trails Caucus, House	Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)	Y	46	1997
Travel and Tourism Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Sam Farr (D-CA)	Y	102	1979
Tri-Caucus, Congressional <sup>26</sup>	Rep. Michael Honda (D-CA) Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA) Rep. Melvin Watt (D-NC)	Y	NA	NA

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Tuesday Group ( <i>formerly known as the Tuesday Lunch Bunch</i> ) <sup>27</sup>	Rep. Charles F. Bass (R-NH) Rep. Mark Steven Kirk (R-IL)	—	40	1993
Turkey and Turkish Americans, Congressional Caucus on	Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX) Rep. Robert Wexler (D-FL) Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-KY)	Y	70	2001
U.S.- Afghan Caucus	Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX) Rep. Robert W. Ney (R-OH)	Y	18	2003
U.S. - India Investment and Trade Relations, Congressional Task Force on	Rep. Chris Cannon (R-UT) Del. Eni F.H. Faleomavega	Y	NA	NA
U.S./Israel Security Caucus, House	Rep. Robert E. Andrews (D-NJ) Rep. Jim Saxton (R-NJ)	—	50	2003
U.S.- Mexico Congressional Caucus	Rep. Howard L. Berman (D-CA) Rep. Chris Cannon (R-UT) Rep. Tom Davis (R-VA) Rep. David Dreier (R-CA) Rep. Grace F. Napolitano (D-CA)	—	24	2003
U.S. - Mongolia Friendship Caucus	Rep. Joseph Pitts (R-PA) Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC)	Y	5	2005
USO Caucus	Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL) Rep. Silvestre Reyes (D-TX)	—	137	2003

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Uganda, Congressional Caucus on	Rep. Christopher H. Smith (R-NJ) Rep. Edolphus Towns (D-NY)	Y	23	2004
Ukrainian Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH) Rep. Sander Levin (D-MI) Rep. Curt Weldon (R-PA)	—	43	1997
Unexploded Ordnance Caucus	Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) Rep. Sam Farr (D-CA) Rep. Donald Manzullo (R-IL) Rep. Gary Miller (R-CA)	Y	15	2005
United Kingdom Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) Rep. Diane Watson (D-CA)	Y	NA	NA
United Nations Working Group	Rep. Eliot L. Engel (D-NY) Rep. James A. Leach (R-IA) Rep. Anita Lowey (D-NY) Rep. Christopher Shays (R-CT)	—	NA	1996/ 1997
Upper Mississippi River Basin Task Force	Rep. Jerry F. Costello (D-IL) Rep. Gil Gutnecht (R-MN) Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) Rep. James A. Leach (R-IA)	Y	27	1997/ 1998

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Urban Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Carolyn C. Kilpatrick (D-MI) Rep. Deborah Pryce (R-OH)	—	55	1991
Victim's Rights Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA) Rep. Katherine Harris (R-FL) Rep. Ted Poe (R-TX)	Y	18	2005
Victory in Iraq Caucus	Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC)	Y	118	2005
Vietnam Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Tom Davis (R-VA) Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D-CA) Rep. Christopher H. Smith (R-NJ)	Y	NA	2003
Vision Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Gene Green (D-TX) Rep. David E. Price (D-NC) Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) Rep. Patrick J. Tiberi (R-OH)	Y	87	2003
Washington Waste Watchers Caucus	Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)	Y	7	2003
Water Infrastructure Caucus	Rep. Jerry F. Costello (D-IL) Rep. John J. Duncan, Jr. (R-TN) Rep. Paul E. Gillmor (R-OH) Rep. Hilda L. Solis (D-CA)	—	80	2000
Waterfront Development Caucus	Rep. Brian M. Higgins (D-NY)	Y	1	2006

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Waterways Caucus, Congressional	Rep. John Doolittle (R-CA) Rep. Mike McIntyre (D-NC)	Y	69	2004
West Africa Caucus, Congressional	Rep. John Boozman (R-AZ) Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE) Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-NY) Rep. Diane Watson (D-CA)	Y	10	2006
Western Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Chris Cannon (R-UT) Rep. Jeff Flake (R-AZ)	Y	56	1993
Wildlife Refuge Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Michael N. Castle (R-DE) Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) Rep. Jim Saxton (R-NJ) Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA)	Y	107	2006
Youth Challenge Caucus	Rep. Richard H. Baker (R-LA) Rep. Darlene Hooley (D-OR)	Y	NA	NA
Youth Sports, Congressional Caucus on	Rep. Mike McIntyre (D-NC) Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL)	Y	34	2005
Zoo and Aquarium Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Spencer Bachus (R-AL) Rep. Julia M. Carson (D-IN)	Y	65	2005

**Notes:**

- <sup>1</sup> Groups with a “Y” in this column were registered with the Committee on House Administration as congressional Member organizations (CMOs) as of 5/18/2005 when the Committee last updated its list online at [<http://cha.house.gov/oversight/109cmo.htm>].
- <sup>2</sup> In most instances, the number of Members is an approximate number rather than a precise number. Further, the number of members who belong to a group often changes throughout a Congress.
- <sup>3</sup> The 2015 Caucus is named for the National Institutes of Health’s goal of treating cancer as a manageable disease rather than a life-threatening illness by the year 2015. The group is a forum for Members of Congress who are cancer survivors or who are currently battling cancer. Issues with which the 2015 Caucus is concerned include cancer awareness, treatment, and funding for research.
- <sup>4</sup> The Airport Noise Caucus, the American Heritage Rivers Caucus, the Congressional Constitution Caucus, the Congressional Jobs and Fair Trade Caucus, the Congressional Task Force to End the Arab Boycott, the Results Caucus, and the Testing and Evaluation Caucus are inactive at this time.
- <sup>5</sup> The Congressional Task force Against Anti-Semitism is part of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus.
- <sup>6</sup> The House Biofuels Caucus was formerly part of the bicameral, bipartisan Congressional Alcohol Fuels Caucus, which was created in 1979. During the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress (2001-2003), the Alcohol Fuels Caucus changed its name and two separate entities — the House Biofuels Caucus and the Senate Biofuels Caucus — were formed.
- <sup>7</sup> The Congressional Border Caucus is a group of Members from congressional districts next to or near an international border. A group known as the Congressional Border Caucus or House Border Caucus was created in 1983. It became inactive in 1996. It is unclear whether this is a reactivated group or a totally new group.
- <sup>8</sup> The Building a Better America Caucus focuses on building and construction issues (e.g., homebuilding; construction materials; construction related occupations, regulations, and compliance; and affordable housing development).
- <sup>9</sup> The Center Aisle Caucus is a bipartisan group of Representatives who seek to meet, to promote civility, and work better together.
- <sup>10</sup> The Congressional Caucus on Distributed Energy focuses on issues related to small scale energy production.
- <sup>11</sup> The E-Waste Working Group attempts to persuade Congress to reuse, reduce, recycle. The group leads the way in dealing with old computers and televisions by recycling and reusing obsolete electronic equipment.
- <sup>12</sup> According to staff, in terms of focal issues, the current Green Scissors Caucus is essentially the same as an earlier group — the Green Scissors Coalition. The earlier group had been formed in 1996, when leaders described it as “concerned with identifying wasteful and environmentally harmful government programs and eliminating such programs to ensure both a sound economy and a sound ecology.” (Join the Bipartisan “Green Scissors Coalition,” Dear Colleague letter from Representatives Dick Zimmer, Martin Meehan, Scott Klug, and Joseph Kennedy, May 20, 1996.)
- <sup>13</sup> The House Republican Israel Caucus was created in 1995. It became dormant for a time but was revived in late 1998.
- <sup>14</sup> Information on the status of the Jobs and Fair Trade Caucus varies. According to staff in Rep. Kaptur’s office, this group is inactive at present time.
- <sup>15</sup> The Livable Communities Task Force seeks to educate Members on the federal role in enhancing community habitability. Issues with which the group has been concerned include mass transit tax credit; revitalization of cities through enhancing parks; preservation of affordable housing for low-income families; tax credits for homeowners who rehabilitate or buy historic houses; and designing high performance school facilities. This task force exists only under the “New Democrat Coalition” and the chairs listed are for that organization.

<sup>16</sup> The House Military Depot and Industrial Facilities Caucus is a forum for Members representing districts where military storage and maintenance facilities (i.e., depots) are located. Issues with which the group is concerned include the prevention of closing depots and the prevention of an increase in outsourcing the work done at depots.

<sup>17</sup> An earlier group with the same name as the Congressional Mining Caucus was organized in 1985. In 1995/1996, it became inoperative after one co-chair (Rep. Barbara Vucanovich of Nevada) retired and the other co-chair (Rep. Bill Emerson of Missouri) died. With renewed interest in mining issues, the current group was organized in 1997.

<sup>18</sup> North America's Super Corridor Caucus is a forum for Members whose districts are located along Interstate-35. (Interstate 35 extends from Laredo, Texas, near the Mexican border, through Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, and Minnesota, to Duluth, Minnesota.)

<sup>19</sup> The Northern Border Caucus is a group of Members who represent states that share a border with Canada.

<sup>20</sup> The Nuclear Cleanup Caucus is a group of Members who have nuclear sites in their districts.

<sup>21</sup> Membership is based more upon Members' voting records than responses to an invitation to join the group.

<sup>22</sup> The current Republican Study Committee was known as the Conservative Action Team (CATs), when it was formed in 1995. A group known as the Republican Study Committee (RSC) was organized in 1973, recognized as a legislative service organization (LSO), and remained active through 1994. One political observer described the RSC's status in January 1995 (when LSO status was abolished as part of a House Rules change) as follows: "the Republican Study Committee basically disbanded, and its informational activities were taken over by the Republican Policy Committee." (Susan Webb Hammond, *Congressional Caucuses in National Policy Making*, Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1998, p. 212).

<sup>23</sup> The Results Caucus is a group of "reform minded Members who share the common goal of realizing a small, smarter, more common sense government through implementation of the Results Act." (Rep. Richard K. Armey, "Results Act," remarks in the House, *Congressional Record*, vol. 143, Sept. 5, 1997, p. 1789).

<sup>24</sup> The Sustainable Development Caucus is a group "whose goal is to educate Members about the success stories that can and do happen when citizens sit down together and collectively balance their needs with those of the natural environment and future generations. The caucus sponsors periodic briefings and Dear Colleague letters highlighting local successes, which help Members make policy decisions that foster and facilitate, rather than hinder, local sustainability efforts." (*Congressional Yellow Book*, Spring 2006, vol. 32, p. 1010).

<sup>25</sup> TRIO programs are federally funded programs that help at-risk students complete high school or go on to college. Created during the Johnson administration's war on poverty, the original program has expanded to include Upward Bound, Northwest Nations Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math Science and Educational Talent Search.

<sup>26</sup> The Congressional Tri-Caucus was formed by the union of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, the Congressional Black Caucus, and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus to identify shared policy and political goals across multi-racial lines.

<sup>27</sup> The Tuesday Group is made up of House Republicans who meet weekly to discuss and coordinate passage of responsible public policy. (*Congressional Yellow Book*, Spring 2006, p. 1010).

**Key Abbreviations and Symbols**

**Party Affiliation**

D Democrat  
DFL Democrat-Farmer-Labor  
I Independent  
R Republican

**Other Abbreviations and Symbols**

CMO Congressional Member Organization (informal group registered with the Committee on House Administration)  
NA Not Available (information was not available from sources at this time)  
— Not Applicable

**Table 2. Bicameral Informal Groups and Congressional Member Organizations**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Leader(s)/Officers/Coordinators</b>	<b>CMO<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Number of Members<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Year Formed</b>
Adoption, Congressional Coalition on	Sen. Larry E. Craig (R-ID) Sen. Mary L. Landrieu (D-LA) Rep. Dave Camp (R-MI) Rep. James L. Oberstar (DFL-MN)	Y	100	1985
Automotive Performance and Motorsports Caucus, Congressional	Sen John Ensign (R-NV) Rep. Sander Levin (D-MI)	Y	100	1996
Black Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Corrine Brown (D-FL) Rep. Danny K. Davis (D-IL) Rep. Carolyn Kilpatrick (D-MI) Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA) Rep. Melvin L. Watt (D-NC)	Y	39	1971
Boating Caucus, Congressional	Sen. Trent Lott (R-MS) Rep. E. Clay Shaw Jr. (R-FL) Rep. Gene Taylor (D-MS)	Y	121	1990
Brain Injury Task Force, Congressional	Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ) Rep. Todd Russell Platts (R-PA)	Y	65	2001
California Democratic Congressional Delegation	Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA)	—	33	1979 <sup>3</sup>
California Republican Congressional Delegation	Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA) Rep. David Dreier (R-CA)	—	20	

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Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Caucus, Congressional	Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID) Sen. Blanche Lincoln (D-AR) Rep. John Lewis (D-GA) Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-FL)	Y	52	2004
Coast Guard Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Howard Coble (R-NC) Rep. William D. Delahunt (D-MA) Rep. Gene Taylor (D-MS)	—	NA	1997
Competitiveness Caucus, Congressional	Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT) Sen. Charles E. Grassley (R-IA) Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-AZ)	—	82	1986
Complementary and Alternative Medicine Caucus, Congressional	Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA) Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) Rep. Dan Burton (R-IN) Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-OH)	Y	NA	NA
Dairy Farmer Caucus, Congressional	Sen. Diane Feinstein (D-CA) Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA) Rep. John R. Kuhl Jr. (R-NY) Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA) Rep. Devin Nunes (R-CA) Rep. Collin Peterson (DFL-MN)	Y	NA	NA

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E-911 Caucus, Congressional <sup>4</sup>	Sen. Conrad Burns (R-MT) Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) Rep. Anna G. Eshoo (D-CA) Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL)	Y	23	2003
Farmer Cooperative Caucus, Congressional	Sen. Larry E. Craig (R-ID) Sen. Blanche L. Lincoln (D-AR) Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO) Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-ND)	Y	64	2002
Fire Services Caucus, Congressional	Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) Sen. Paul S. Sarbanes (D-MD) Rep. Robert E. Andrews (D-NJ) Rep. Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY) Rep. Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) Rep. Curt Weldon (R-PA)	Y	360	1987
Flat Tax Caucus <sup>5</sup>	Rep. Michael C. Burgess (R-TX) Rep. Ralph M. Hall (R-TX)	Y	9	2003
French Caucus, Congressional	Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID) Rep. Jim Oberstar (DFL-MN) Rep. Tom Petri (R-WI)	Y	30	2003

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Glaucoma Caucus, Congressional	Rep. John Boozman (R-AR) Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD) Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D-NY) Rep. Edolphus Towns (D-NY)	Y	68	2000
Global AIDS Emergency Task Force	Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL) Sen. Gordon H. Smith (R-OR) Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA) Rep. Mark Steven Kirk (R-IL) Rep. Jim Leach (R-IA) Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA)	Y	NA	NA
Gulf of Mexico Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Katherine Harris (R-FL)	Y	NA	NA
Hearing Health Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA) Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY) Rep. Jim Ryun (R-KS) Rep. James T. Walsh (R-NY)	Y	25	2001
Heart and Stroke Coalition, Congressional	Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID) Sen. Byron L. Dorgan (D-ND) Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA)	Y	347	1996
Hispanic Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Joe Baca (D-CA) Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva (D-AZ) Rep. Grace F. Napolitano (D-CA) Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)	Y	20	1976

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Hong Kong, Congressional Caucus on	Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman (D-CT)	—	NA	1996
Human Rights Caucus, Congressional	Sen. Sam Brownback (R-KS) Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA) Rep. Tom Lantos (D-CA) Rep. Frank R. Wolf (R-VA)	Y	251	1983
Indonesia Caucus	Rep. Dan Burton (R-IN) Rep. Robert Wexler (D-FL)	Y	26	2004
International Anti-Piracy Caucus, Congressional	Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr. (D-DE) Sen. Gordon H. Smith (R-OR) Rep. Robert W. “Bob” Goodlatte (R-VA) Rep. Adam B. Schiff (D-CA)	Y	65	2003
International Education Study Group, House/Senate	Sen. Thad Cochran (R-MS) Sen. Christopher J. Dodd (D-CT) Rep. Sam Farr (D-CA) Rep. James A. Leach (R-IA)	—	65	1980
International Religious Freedom Working Group <sup>6</sup>	Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO) Rep. Trent Franks (R-AZ)	—	NA	NA
Internet Caucus, Congressional	Sen. Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT) Sen. Conrad Burns (R-MT) Rep. Rick Boucher (D-VA) Rep. Robert W. “Bob” Goodlatte (R-VA)	Y	175	1996

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Interstate 49 Caucus ( <i>also known as the I-49 Caucus</i> )	Rep. Charles W. Boustany (R-LA) Rep. John Boozman (R-AR) Rep. Jim McCrery (R-LA) Rep. Mike Ross (D-AR)	—	20	2003
Ireland, Friends of	Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA) Rep. J. Dennis Hastert (R-IL) Rep. James T. Walsh (R-NY)	—	NA	1981
Manufactured Housing Caucus, Congressional	Sen. Richard C. Shelby (R-AL) Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA) Rep. Bob Etheridge (D-NC)	—	83	1997
Naval Mine Warfare Caucus, Congressional	Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL) Rep. Solomon P. Ortiz (D-TX)	—	29	1998
New York State Congressional Delegation	Rep. Gary L. Ackerman (D-NY) Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D-NY)	—	29	1979 <sup>3</sup>
Oil and Gas Caucus, Congressional (formerly known as <i>Congressional Oil and Gas Forum</i> )	Sen. Craig Thomas (R-WY) Rep. Barbara Cubin (R-WY) Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX)	—	NA	1994
Organ and Tissue Donation, Congressional Task Force on	Sen. Bill Frist (R-TN)	—	NA	1995
Pork Industry Congressional Caucus	Sen. Charles E. Grassley (R-IA)	—	NA	1993

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Port Security Caucus, Congressional	Sen. Susan M. Collins (R-ME) Rep. Mike Ferguson (R-NJ)	Y	90	2003
Potato Caucus, Congressional	Sen. Larry E. Craig (R-ID) Rep. Tom Osborne (R-NE) Rep. Collin C. Peterson (DFL-MN) Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-ND) Rep. Michael K. Simpson (R-ID)	—	26	2003
Prevention Coalition, Congressional	Sen. Mike DeWine (R-OH) Rep. James A. Leach (R-IA) Rep. James P. Moran (D-VA)	—	65	1998
Privacy Caucus, Congressional	Sen. Christopher J. Dodd (D-CT) Sen. Richard C. Shelby (R-AL) Rep. Joe Barton (R-TX) Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-MA)	—	NA	2001
Progressive Caucus, Congressional	Rep. Peter A. DeFazio (D-OR) Rep. Jesse L. Jackson Jr. (D-IL) Rep. Dennis J. Kucinich (D-OH) Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA) Rep. Major R. Owens (D-NY) Rep. Bernard Sanders (I-VT) Rep. Hilda L. Solis (D-CA) Rep. Lynn C. Woolsey (D-CA)	Y	53	1993

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Property Rights Coalition, Congressional	Sen. Larry E. Craig (R-ID) Rep. Lamar S. Smith (R-TX)	—	5	1994
Public Service Caucus, Congressional	Sen. Daniel A. Akaka (D-HI) Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman (D-CT) Sen. Ted Stevens (R-AK) Rep. Danny K. Davis (D-IL) Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD) Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D-CA)	—	40	2005
Religious Prisoners Congressional Task Force	Sen. Sam Brownback (R-KS) Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman (D-CT) Rep. Joseph R. Pitts (R-PA)	—	NA	1998
Renewal Alliance	Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA) Rep. Joseph R. Pitts (R-PA)	—	21	1997
Russia Working Group <sup>7</sup>	Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-TX) Rep. Roger Wicker (R-AL)	—	NA	NA
Silk Road Caucus <sup>8</sup>	Sen. Sam Brownback (R-KS) Sen. Mary L. Landrieu (D-LA) Rep. Gary L. Ackerman (D-NY) Rep. Joseph R. Pitts (R-PA)	Y	27	2000

<b>Group</b>	<b>Leader(s)/Officers/Coordinators</b>	<b>CMO<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Number of Members<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Year Formed</b>
Songwriter's Caucus, Congressional	Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-TX)	Y	NA	2003
Soybean Caucus, Congressional	Sen. Christopher S. "Kit" Bond (R-MO) Sen. Richard J. Durbin (D-IL) Sen. Charles E. Grassley (R-IA) Sen. Tim Johnson (R-IL) Rep. Marion Berry (D-AR)	—	100	1986
Space Power Caucus	Sen. Wayne Allard (R-CO) Sen. Ben Nelson (D-NE) Rep. Robert E. (Bud) Cramer Jr. (D-AL) Rep. Terry Everett (R-AL) Rep. Jane Harman (D-CA) Rep. Dave Weldon (R-FL)	—	85	2003
Sportsmen's Caucus, Congressional	Sen. Larry E. Craig (R-ID) Sen. Richard C. Shelby (R-AL) Rep. Leonard Boswell (D-IA) Rep. Jim Gibbons (R-NV) Rep. Adam Putnam (R-FL) Rep. Don Young (R-AK)	Y	315	1989
Telehealth, Ad Hoc Steering Committee on	Sen. Kent Conrad (D-ND)	—	NA	1994
Tennessee Valley Authority Congressional Caucus	Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)	—	34	1982

Group	Leader(s)/Officers/Coordinators	CMO <sup>1</sup>	Number of Members <sup>2</sup>	Year Formed
Tex-21 Congressional Caucus <sup>9</sup>	Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) Rep. John A. Culberson (R-TX) Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX)	Y	27	2001
Vietnam Era Veterans in Congress	Sen. John F. Kerry (D-MA) Rep. Lane Evans (D-IL)	—	64	1978
WTO (World Trade Organization) Caucus for Farmers and Ranchers, Congressional	Sen. Larry E. Craig (R-ID) Sen. Byron L. Dorgan (D-ND) Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-ND) Rep. Michael K. Simpson (R-ID)	—	60	1999
Wine Caucus, Congressional	Rep. George Radanovich (R-CA) Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA)	—	200	1998
Wireless Telecommunications Caucus, Congressional	Sen. Byron L. Dorgan (D-ND) Rep. Charles W. “Chip” Pickering Jr. (R-MS) Rep. Albert Russell Wynn (D-MD)	Y	41	2000
Women’s Issues, Congressional Caucus for	Rep. Ginny Brown-Waite (R-FL) Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA) Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) Rep. Hilda Solis (D-CA)	Y	NA	NA
Zero AMT (Alternative Minimum Tax) Caucus (also known as AMT Abolition Caucus)	Rep. Phil English (R-PA)	—	5	2002
Zero Capital Gains Tax Caucus	Sen. Richard C. Shelby (R-AL) Rep. David Dreier (R-CA) Rep. Ralph M. Hall (R-TX)	Y	105	2002

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Groups with a “Y” in this column were registered with the Committee on House Administration as congressional Member organizations (CMOs) as of May 18, 2005.

<sup>2</sup> In most instances, the number of members is an approximate number rather than an exact number. Further the number of members who belong to a group often changes throughout the Congress.

<sup>3</sup> The year cited for formation of the California Democratic Congressional Delegation is the year the group was recognized by the Committee on House Administration as a legislative service organization (LSO) because the year it was organized could not be determined. Note, however, that state delegations have been forming as informal groups since the earliest Congresses, but it would be difficult to clearly determine the year formed for the various states.

<sup>4</sup> The E-911 Caucus (or E9-1-1 Caucus) focuses on issues surrounding 9-1-1 services and strengthening our country’s ability to better respond and communicate in times of local and national emergencies.

<sup>5</sup> The Flat Tax Caucus was founded in 2003 and should not be confused with an earlier group that had the same title.

<sup>6</sup> The International Religious Freedom Working Group is a subset of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus.

<sup>7</sup> The Russia Working Group is a subset of the bicameral Congressional Human Rights Caucus.

<sup>8</sup> The Silk Road refers to the ancient trade route through Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Armenia, Georgia, and Azerbaijan first explored by Marco Polo. A goal of the Silk Road Caucus is “to help connect Central and South Asia... with the U.S., in an effort to encourage economic, cultural, and political exchange between our countries.” (Congressional Silk Road Caucus, “About the Silk Road Caucus,”[<http://www.house.gov/pitts/silkroad.htm>], visited Sept. 14, 2006).

<sup>9</sup> The Tex-21 Congressional Caucus is concerned with the achievement of transportation excellence for the 21<sup>st</sup> century in Texas. Focal issues for the group include the Transportation Equity Act (TEA-21) reauthorization, traffic congestion, air quality, security and safety in transportation, and economic development.

**Key Abbreviations and Symbols**

**Party Affiliation**

D Democrat

I Independent

R Republican

**Other Abbreviations and Symbols**

CMO Congressional Member Organization (informal group registered with the Committee on House Administration)

NA Not Available (information was not available from sources at this time)

— Not Applicable

**Table 3. Senate Informal Congressional Groups and Member Organizations**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Officers/Leader(s)/Coordinators</b>	<b>Number of Members<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Year Formed</b>
Anti-Methcathinone Caucus, Senate	Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr. (D-DE) Sen. Conrad Burns (R-MT) Sen. Kent Conrad (D-ND) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) Sen. Charles E. Grassley (R-IA) Sen. James M. Talent (R-MO)	39	2005
Auto Caucus, Senate	Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI) Sen. George V. Voinovich (R-OH)	22	NA
Beef Caucus, Senate	Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT) Sen. Christopher “Kit” Bond (R-MO)	NA	1986
Biofuels Caucus, Senate	Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA) Sen. Norm Coleman (R-MN) Sen. Blanche L. Lincoln (D-AR) Sen. James M. Talent (R-MO)	10	2003
Biotechnology Caucus, Senate	Sen. Christopher J. Dodd (D-CT)	NA	2000
Cancer Coalition, Senate	Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) Sen. Sam Brownback (R-KS)	26	1994
Centrist Coalition	Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman (D-CT) Sen. Olympia J. Snowe (R-ME)	43	1995
Children’s Caucus, Senate	Sen. Christopher J. Dodd (D-CT) Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA)	30	1983

Group	Officers/Leader(s)/Coordinators	Number of Members <sup>1</sup>	Year Formed
Cuba, Senate Working Group on	Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT) Sen. Mike Enzi (R-WY) Sen. Byron L. Dorgan (D-ND) Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-NE) Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA) Sen. Norm Coleman (R-MN) Sen. Blanche L. Lincoln (D-AR) Sen. James M. Talent (R-MO) Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS)	10	2003
Fatherhood Promotion, Bipartisan Senate Task Force on	Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman (D-CT)	NA	1997
Great Lakes Task Force <sup>2</sup>	Sen. Mike DeWine (R-OH) Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI)	NA	NA
International Narcotics Control, Senate Caucus on	Sen. Norm Coleman (R-MN)		
Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Caucus, Senate	Sen. Conrad Burns (R-MT) Sen. Larry E. Craig (R-ID)	NA	1998
Manufactured Housing Caucus, Senate	Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL) Sen. Evan Bayh (D-IN)	15	1998
Manufacturing, Senate Task Force on <sup>2</sup>	Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman (D-CT) Sen. Olympia J. Snowe (R-ME)	21	NA
Missing, Exploited and Runaway Children, Senate Caucus on	Sen. Mike DeWine (R-OH) Sen. Blanche L. Lincoln (D-AR) Sen. Richard C. Shelby (R-AL)	17	2003
NATO Observer Group, Senate	Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr. (D-DE) Sen. Gordon H. Smith (R-OR)	28	1996

<b>Group</b>	<b>Officers/Leader(s)/Coordinators</b>	<b>Number of Members<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Year Formed</b>
National Guard Caucus, Senate	Sen. Christopher “Kit” Bond (R-MO) Sen. Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT)	81	1989
Natural Hazards Caucus, Congressional	Sen. Ted Stevens (R-AK) Sen. John Edwards (D-NC)	18	NA
Northeast-Midwest Senate Coalition	Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI) Sen. Susan M. Collins (R-ME)	36	1977
Norway Caucus, Senate Friends of	Sen. Kent Conrad (D-ND) Sen. Tim Johnson (R-IL)	11	1999
Nuclear Waste Cleanup, Senate	Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID) Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)	15	NA
Portugal, Senate Friends of	Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI)	10	1997
Recycling Caucus, Senate	Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE) Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-ME)	2	2006
Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus, Senate	Sen. Wayne Allard (R-CO) Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) Sen. Susan M. Collins (R-ME) Sen. Byron L. Dorgan (D-ND) Sen. James M. Jeffords (I-VT) Sen. Tim Johnson (R-IL)	33	1997
Reserve Caucus, Senate <sup>3</sup>	Sen. Saxby Chambliss (R-GA)	NA	2003
Rural Education Caucus, Senate	Sen. Mike Enzi (R-WY) Sen. Susan M. Collins (R-ME) Sen. Kent Conrad (D-ND)	NA	NA

<b>Group</b>	<b>Officers/Leader(s)/Coordinators</b>	<b>Number of Members<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Year Formed</b>
Rural Health Caucus, Senate	Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA) Sen. Craig Thomas (R-WY)	76	1985
Science and Technology Caucus, Senate	Sen. Bill Frist (R-TN)	NA	NA
Smart Growth Task Force, Senate <sup>2</sup>	Sen. James M. Jeffords (I-VT) Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI)	20	1999
Social Security, Senate Democratic Task Force on	Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM)	NA	NA
Southwestern States Border Caucus, Senate	Sen. Diane Feinstein (D-CA)	NA	NA
Steel Caucus, Senate	Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA) Sen. John D. “Jay” Rockefeller, IV (D-WV)	34	NA
Steering Committee, Senate <sup>4</sup>	Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL)	NA	1974
Sweetener Caucus, Senate	Sen. Kent Conrad (D-ND) Sen. Larry Craig (R-ID) Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-LA) Sen. Mel R. Martinez (R-FL)	NA	NA
Taiwan Caucus, Senate	Sen. George Allen (R-VA)	10	2003
Tourism Caucus, Senate	Sen. Conrad Burns (R-MT)	74	1980
U.S./Israel Security, Senate Caucus on	Sen. Jon Kyl (R-AZ) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	NA	2003
Western Senate Coalition	Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT) Sen. Byron L. Dorgan (D-ND) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) Sen. Orrin G. Hatch (R-UT) Sen. Ted Stevens (R-AK)	38	1977

**Notes:**

- <sup>1</sup> In most instances, the number of members is an approximate number rather than an exact number. Further, the number of members who belong to a group often changes throughout the Congress.
- <sup>2</sup> The Great Lakes Task Force, Senate Task Force on Manufacturing and Senate Smart Growth Task Force are subunits of the Senate Northeast-Midwest Coalition.
- <sup>3</sup> The Senate Reserve Caucus was created to focus on issues and provide support to United States military reserve forces and their families.
- <sup>4</sup> The Senate Steering Committee serves as a forum for discussion on issues of concern or interest to conservative Senators. “Because of the group’s informal nature, no membership list is available.” (*Congressional Yellow Book*, Spring 2006, p.957).

**Key Abbreviations and Symbols**

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R	Republican

**Other Abbreviations and Symbols**

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