Organization of Congress Study Guide

Answer the following questions using your notes and textbook. (Pages 123-150, Advanced) (Pages 258-348, Honors)

1. Complete the following table

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| Chambers of Congress |  |  |
| Number of Members? |  |  |
| Qualifications |  |  |
| Your representative(s)  Name, Party, and title(if they have one) |  |  |
| Leader of chamber (Title, Name, and Party) |  |  |
| Current Majority Party |  |  |
| Terms |  |  |

1. What is the current congress in session?
2. Who may call congress for a special session?
3. What is a census? What is it used for?
4. What is gerrymandering?
5. What is an incumbent?
6. Who is the current majority party leader of the Senate? (Hint: he looks like a turtle)
7. What is a filibuster? How can a filibuster be overridden?
8. Who is the current President Pro Tempore? What is his role?
9. What is a bill?
10. What is a quorum?
11. What is a Standing Committee?
12. What is a Select Committee?
13. What is a Joint Committee?
14. What is a Subcommittee?
15. What is a Conference Committee?
16. What is the role of the Congressional Budget Office?
17. What is the difference between a budget surplus, deficit, and debt?
18. What is Pork Barrel Legislation?
19. What is the revolving door?
20. How can Congress remove federal officials from office?