

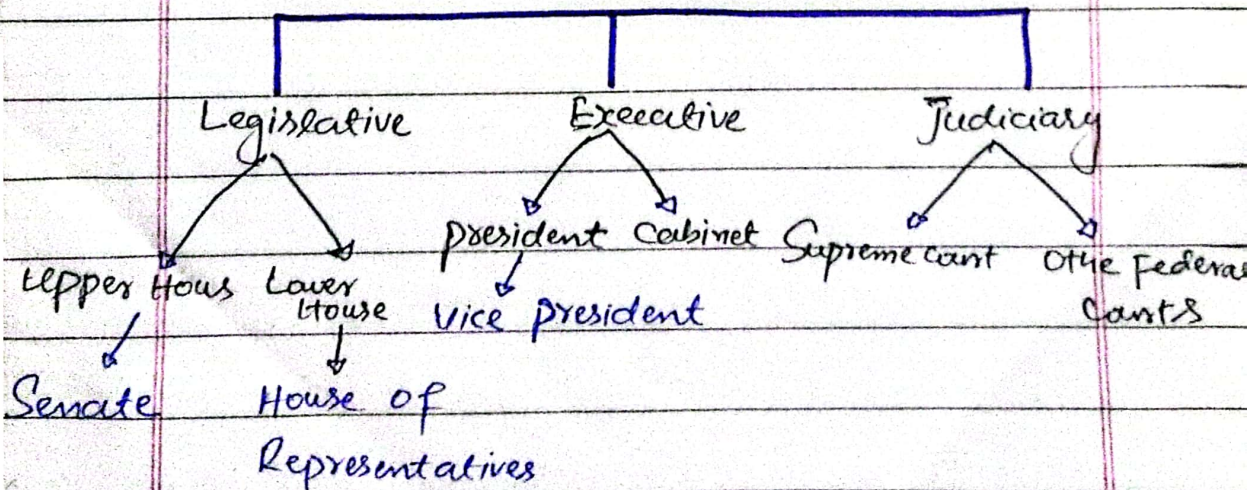
Q The Senate of USA is most powerful Upper House in the world. Can you justify this statement?

1 INTRODUCTION

Upper House in every Constitution is known for legislation and assisting the executive authority of a country. As far as the Senate of USA is concerned, it has unmatched powers. These powers make it a most powerful upper House in the world in comparison to other upper Houses of the countries.

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2- Structure of US Constitution



3- How is Senate of USA most powerful body in the world

- ① Share in Executive powers
- ② Least Membership, Long Tenure
- ③ Indirect election for Senate

Representation

- ④ Filibuster: To delay law
- ⑤ Senate committees
- ⑥ Unity among Senators
- ⑦ Share in Legislation &

Money Law

- ⑧ High Impeachment Court for President

i) Share in Executive Powers

The Senate of USA holds its share in executive powers as well. Mostly, these powers remain in the hands of executive body. These powers include appointment heads of all armed forces and the appointment of ambassadors to other countries. In Pakistan, this power rests between prime minister and

president. But USA Constitution grants this power to Senate. The appointments of chiefs of armed forces and ambassadors are made by the president with the consultation of Senate. president alone can not take these decisions.

ii) Least Membership, Long Tenure

Another unique feature of US senate is that it serves for a long period with least membership.

House of Representatives (HOR)

Members 5 years Tenure

Senate: Members 100, Tenure 6 years

Unlike HOR, the Senate of USA includes least members and serve for more period of time.

iii) Indirect Elections For Senate Representati

In rest of the countries of the world, an indirect elections for the senators is conducted. For instance, in Pakistan, Senators

are elected by provincial assemblies
But in USA, the Senators are
elected through direct elections in
the States. Ea 2 Senators are nominated
from the 50 States of USA through
direct elections.

iv) Use of Filibuster: To delay Law

The most important
power of USA Senate is the use
of Filibuster by US Senators. If
a law is not favored by certain
Senators, they use filibuster technique
to delay the law. The Filibuster means
that to delay the law by constantly
speaking in the floor of House. For
example, **Chris Murphy**, a US Senator,
talked constantly for 15 hours to
delay the law regarding guns in
2016.

v) Senate Committees

The USA Senate
has different committees which called

Day: _____

Date: _____

different persons regarding any issue. The called person is answerable to the committee. For instance, **Mark Zuckerberg** was called by the Senate Committee and was forced to say sorry for his action. Recently, the Senate Committee has called **Donald Lu** for answering regarding cipher case in Pakistan.

vii) Unity among Senators

The thing that makes USA Senate most powerful is the unity among senators. The senators become united collectively against any decision of the president that might hurt them. Therefore, the president of USA remain helpless against senators.

viii) Share in Legislation & Money Law

USA senators have also their share in the legislation of money law. Money law is the

most important civil law in USA.
Simply, money law means budget of USA. Both houses of Congress of USA pass the budget. Mostly the lower house passes budget but USA Constitution grants the right of passing budget to both houses.

viii) High Impeachment Court for President

USA Senate serves as a most important impeachment court for President. The impeachment process is initiated in House of Representatives and ended by the Senate with 2/3rd majority. If the President is declared impeached by Senate, it can not be reinstated by any other body.

Impeachment of US

president found guilty

HOR: Starts process

Senate: Ends process with 2/3rd majority

4- Conclusion

In conclusion, US president serves as a subservient to US Senate partially. The US Senate is most powerful body in USA. because of constitutionally granted powers. All other upper Houses of other countries such as Pakistan are not granted this type of powers which the USA Senate enjoys.