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Q: NO: 03: Senate of US is the most powerful Upper House in the world. Can you justify the statement? Explain your answer to the Upper House of India and Pakistan.

Ans: I: Introduction:

United States Upper House is considered as the most powerful house in the world. Its roles are expanded restricting the executive judiciary. On the contrary, Pakistan's and India's Upper houses are not as strong as US Upper House is. Their roles are very specific and bounded.

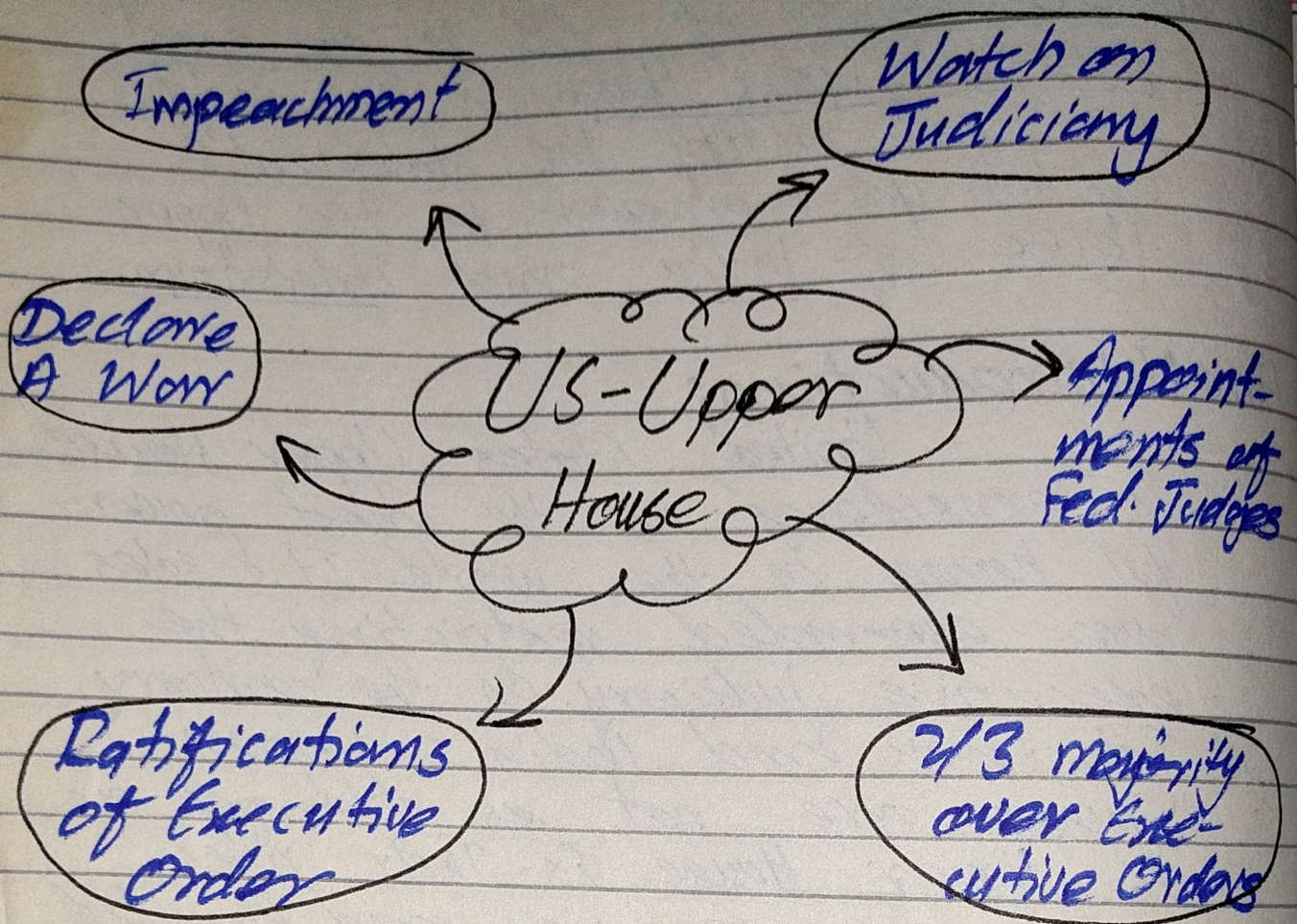
II: US Upper House as the Most Powerful House in the World:

a: Power of Impeachment:

US Upper House has the authority to file impeachment against federal ^{ministers} and president.

b: Over-watch on Judiciary:

Further, it can also review the judiciary of USA to ensure balance of power and separation of power.



c: Ratifications of Executive Orders:

The Upper House of US also ratify the orders of a president by 2/3 majority.

d: Appointment of Federal Judges:

The house additionally ensures the appointment of judges for the country.

e: Two third Majority to Annul Executive Orders:

Moreover, if the house disagree to any orders of executive, can annul that order by $2/3$ majority.

f: Amendments & Debates:

The house can bring amendments if Congress and other houses also pass it by $2/3$ majority.

~~III: Houses & Upper House~~

III: Rajya Sabha and Senate Powers:

a: No Impeachment Powers:

Both Upper Houses of India and Pakistan lack direct impeachment powers; however, can set a judicial committee.

b: Assends Lower House's Bills:

They are supposed to assend the bills of their lower houses. They cannot annul rather than can modifications.

c: Lack of Jurisdiction for Financial Bills:

Upper houses in Indian and Pakistan lack jurisdiction to initiate or dissent finance bills.

d: Declaration of War:

These house can declare a war with $\frac{2}{3}$ majority along with the support of lower houses.

e: Limited Role to Watch-On Judiciary:

tot Rajya sabha & Senate cannot overview or watch-on the judiciary.

f: Lack of Jurisdiction in Initiating the Bills:

These house are not able to initiate any bills. They either modify or assent the bills of lower houses.

IV: Comparative Table of all 03 Upper Houses: US: UP India: R.S Pak: Sen

Impeachment Powers	Yes	No	No
War Declaration	Yes	Yes	Yes

Judiciary Watch-on	Yes	Limited	Limited
Bill Initiation	Yes	No	No
Ratification Exe. Orders	Yes	Yes	Yes
Amendments 2/3 Majority	Yes	No	No
Independent	Yes	No	No

V: Conclusion:

US Upper House is not only stronger than Rajya Sabha of India and Senate of Pakistan but most powerful around the world. Its powers and jurisdiction sphere is far wider than the Upper Houses of India and Pakistan. Its role is very important in US legislation.