Congress 2023: End-of-Year Stats from C-SPAN

December 11, 2023 - Preparing your end of the year reporting on Congress? As in the past, here's a quick reminder that C-SPAN online resources can help.

If you go to our Congressional Chronicle page https://www.c-span.org/congress/ you'll find some unique data points demonstrating this unusual year in the House of Representatives. For example, using our new “Featured Votes” filter, you can relive the year in:

- Speaker votes
- expulsion votes
- censure votes
- failed rule votes

Some examples:

Four rules have failed on the floor this year:

- **June 6**: House Votes Down Rule on Gas Stoves ***first failed rule since Nov. 14, 2002***
- **Sept. 19**: House Votes Down Rule on FY2024 Defense Spending Bill
- **Sept. 21**: House Votes Down Rule on FY2024 Defense Spending Bill for Second Time
- **Nov. 15**: House Votes Down Rule on FY2024 Commerce, Justice and Science Bill

Failed rule votes by speaker:

- **Johnson** (45+ days): 1
- **McCarthy** (269 days): 3
- **Pelosi** (4 years): 0
- **Ryan** (3 years, 66 days): 0
- **Boehner** (4 years, 297 days): 0
- **Pelosi** (4 years): 0
- **Hastert** (8 years): 2
- **Gingrich** (4 years): 6

Other key failed votes this Congress:

- **Sept. 28**: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024
- **Sept. 29**: Continuing Appropriations and Border Security Enhancement Act, 2024

Censure and Expulsion Votes Passed:

- **June 21**: House Votes to Censure Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA), 213-209
**Nov. 7:** House Votes to Censure Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI), 234-188-6  
**Dec. 1:** House Votes to Expel Rep. George Santos (R-NY), 311-114-2  
**Dec. 7:** House Votes to Censure Rep. Jamaal Bowman (D-NY), 214-191-5

***Before this year, only two members — Paul Gosar (2021) and Charlie Rangel (2010) — had been censured over the past four decades.***

There’s much, much more in the Congressional Chronicle. Like the perennial favorite: Who has spoken the greatest number of days on the floor of Congress?  
As of December 8th, the top ten House members who have spoken the most in 2023:

- Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-PA) - 85 days (Thompson in 2022: 69 days, rank #3)  
- Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA) - 83 days (Carter in 2022: 73 days, rank #2)  
- Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA) - 77 days (LaMalfa in 2022: 56 days, rank #6 – tied with 2 other members)  
- Rep. Donald Payne (D-NJ) – 73 days (Payne in 2022: 16 days, rank #87 – tied with 13 other members)  
- Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) - 65 days (Jackson Lee in 2022: 81 days, rank #1)  
- Rep. Don Davis (D-NC) – 65 days (not in office in 2022)  
- Rep. Glenn Grothman (R-WI) - 56 days (Grothman in 2022: 63 days, rank #4)  
- Rep Marcy Kaptur (D-OH) – 54 days (Kaptur in 2022: 49 days, rank #9 – tied with Miller-Meeks)  
- Rep. Mariannette Jane Miller-Meeks (R-IA) - 51 days (Miller-Meeks in 2022: 49 days, rank #9 – tied with Kaptur)

Those rankings in chart form:

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The numbers -- and possibly names -- for 2023 will likely change by the end of the session.

All this data can be compared with prior years in Congress, clickable from the same page. Click here to see the raw data.

And in case you’re wondering how many days ex-Rep. George Santos (R-NY) made a speaking appearance on the House floor: 33 days. That number won’t change.

You also can use each member’s C-SPAN Video Library bio page to see House Republican votes against leadership in 2023.
Examples:

-Matt Gaetz (FL): 25 votes against the majority
-Chip Roy (TX): 17 votes against the majority
-Marjorie Taylor Greene (GA): 12 votes against the majority
-Lauren Boebert (CO): 5 votes against the majority

Plus, data from the Senate. You probably know that on Dec. 5, 2023, VP Harris cast a record 32nd tie-breaking vote (the record was previously held by VP John Calhoun who served from 1825 to 1832.) And later that day, 33rd tie-breaking vote. But did you know that seven of those votes were cast this year? And that they were all on votes about nominations? See VP Harris’ seven tie-breaking votes in 2023 here

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