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Worksheet 2 – House and Senate Committees

Study the list of some of the principle committees in the House and the Senate, together with a description of their main responsibilities below.

Match each responsibility to the correct committee.

House Committees	Main Responsibility	Senate Committees	Main Responsibility
Rules		Foreign Relations	
Appropriations		Finance	
Budget		Judiciary	
Commerce		Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs	
Ways and Means		Armed Services	

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House Responsibility	Senate Responsibility	
Regulates government expenditures	Oversees federal government agencies and	
Sets level of revenue and spending for fiscal	departments	
year	Leads foreign policy debate, including discus-	
Recommends revenue raising bills	sion of treaties	
Regulates interstate and foreign trade	Oversees nation's military including Department of Defense	
Determines whether bills will be considered and in what order	Oversees administration of justice and considers judicial nominations	
	Deals with taxation and other revenue measures	