

TABLE 8-1 Open and Restrictive Rules, 95th–111th Congresses

Congress and years		Total rules granted	Open rules		Restrictive rules	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
95th	(1977–1979)	211	179	85	32	15
96th	(1979–1981)	214	161	75	53	25
97th	(1981–1983)	120	90	75	30	25
98th	(1983–1985)	155	105	68	50	32
99th	(1985–1987)	115	65	57	50	43
100th	(1987–1989)	123	66	54	57	46
101st	(1989–1991)	104	47	45	57	55
102d	(1991–1993)	109	37	34	72	66
103d	(1993–1995)	104	31	30	73	70
104th	(1995–1997)	151	86	57	65	43
105th	(1997–1999)	142	72	51	70	49
106th	(1999–2001)	184	93	51	91	49
107th	(2001–2003)	112	41	37	71	63
108th	(2003–2005)	128	33	26	95	74
109th	(2005–2007)	138	24	17	114	83
110th	(2007–2009)	159	23	15	136	85
111th	(2009–2011)	95	0	0	95	100

Sources: *Congressional Record*, 103d Cong., 2d sess., October 7, 1994, H11278. For the 104th Congress, see House Rules Committee, press release, December 10, 1996. For the 105th Congress, the Rules Committee issued a total of 207 rules, but many did not directly involve bills and resolutions. As a result, the authors selected 142 as the number of rules granted for bills and resolutions. Minority Democrats have made their own calculation of the kinds of rules granted by the committee. They identify a total of 163 rules of which 38 are open (23 percent) and 115 (77 percent) are restrictive. See *Survey of Activities of the House Committee on Rules* (Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1999). For the 106th Congress, the Rules Committee issued 267 rules with 184 directly affecting the amending process on the floor. Thus, the authors employ the 184 figure instead of 267, which included rules, for example, that permitted the House to go to conference with the Senate. See *Survey of Activities of the House Committee on Rules* (Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 2001). For the 107th Congress, the panel issued 191 rules with 112 directly related to the amendment process for the consideration of bills and resolutions. See *Survey of Activities of the House Committee on Rules* (Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 2003). During the 108th Congress, the panel issued 192 rules with 128 either open (28), modified open (5), structured or modified closed (59), or closed (36). See *Survey of Activities of the House Committee on Rules* (Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 2005). During the 109th Congress, the panel issued 193 rules with 138 directly related to the amending process. Of these, 22 were open, 2 modified open, 65 modified closed, and 49 closed. See *Survey of Activities of the House Committee on Rules* (Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 2007), and *Survey of Activities of the House Committee on Rules* (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 2009). Data provided for the 110th and 111th Congresses provided by CRS congressional expert Christopher Davis. The count of special rules only includes those regulating the amending process on bills and joint resolutions.