

Table 1-1 The Increase in Filibusters and Cloture Votes, 1951–2011

Years	Congress	Filibusters per Congress	Cloture votes per Congress	Successful cloture votes per Congress
1951–1960	82nd–86th	1.0	0.4	0.0
1961–1970	87th–91st	4.6	5.2	0.8
1971–1980	92nd–96th	11.0	22.0	9.0
1981–1986	97th–99th	17.0	23.0	10.0
1987–1992	100th–102nd	27.0	39.0	15.0
1993–2006	103rd–109th	30.0	53.0	21.0
2007–2008	110th	54.0	112.0	61.0
2009–2010	111th	54.0	91.0	63.0
2011	112th–1st session	26.0*	34.0*	19.0*

*One year only.

Sources: Data for 82nd–102nd Congresses: Congressional Research Service, comp., “A Look at the Senate Filibuster,” in Democratic Studies Group Special Report, June 13, 1994, app. B; Norman Ornstein, Thomas Mann, and Michael Malbin, *Vital Statistics on Congress 1993–1994* (Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 1994), 162. Data for 103rd Congress: Richard S. Beth, “Cloture in the Senate, 103d Congress,” memorandum, Congressional Research Service, June 23, 1995. Data for 104th–108th Congresses: *Congressional Quarterly Almanac* for the years 1995–2007 (Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly); 108th–111th, 2011 CQ on line, library.cqpress.com/cqweekly.