

TABLE 4.2 Open Versus Restrictive Rules, 103rd to 112th Congresses, 1993 to 2012

Congress		<i>Open Rules</i>		<i>Restrictive Rules</i>	
		Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
103rd	(1993–1995)	46	44	58	56
104th	(1995–1997)	83	58	59	42
105th	(1997–1999)	74	53	66	47
106th	(1999–2001)	91	51	88	49
107th	(2001–2003)	40	37	67	63
108th	(2003–2005)	34	26	99	74
109th	(2005–2007)	24	19	101	81
110th	(2007–2009)	23	14	140	86
111th	(2009–2011)	1	1	110	99
112th	(2011–September 21, 2012)	25	18	110	82

SOURCE: Donald Wolfensberger, resident scholar, Bipartisan Policy Center, Washington, DC, March 30, 2012. In this table, open and modified open (a preprinting and/or a time cap on the amendment process) are classified as “open rules”; structured (amendments are specified in the rule or in the report on the rule), modified closed (only one amendment allowed), and closed (no amendments except proposed by the reporting committee or contained in the motion to recommit with instructions; see Chapter 5) are all categorized as “restrictive rules.”