Congressional Activity Project Charter

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# Overview

This project will provide a dashboard that explores the productivity of Congress.

# Business Case

There is a common perception that Congress is becoming less effective, with political divisions impacting the ability of Congress to function. This project will analyze the output of Congress over the last 20 sessions to see if there are any patterns that can be discovered.

# Goals and Objectives

The goal of this project is to provide objective information about the effectiveness of Congress.

# Project Scope

This project will cover the 108th through 118th Congresses. The annual Resumé of Congressional Activity published by Congress, will be used to measure the output of each Congress. Information regarding the partisan makeup of Congress will be obtained from the official government websites of the House and Senate.

# Project Timeline

This project is expected to completed in less than 2 weeks, ending no later than June 25 2023.

# Key Assumptions and Constraints

* It is assumed that all required data is readily and publicly available, without a usage fee
* All data will be collected from US government data sources, such as Congress.gov

# Project Requirements

* Create an interactive dashboard that allows the exploration of activity data relating to the 108th through 117th Congressional sessions
* Publish the resulting dashboard for public consumption

# Success Criteria

This project will be considered a success if the requirements are met and the resulting dashboard is published by June 25, 2023.