

TABLE 1. PARLIAMENTS AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT: A COMPARISON

<i>Country</i>	<i>Higher chamber</i>	<i>Type of higher chamber</i>	<i>Number of senators</i>	<i>x/y</i>	<i>Lower chamber</i>	<i>N. of representatives</i>	<i>1/inhab (1/H+L)</i>	<i>subunits</i>	<i>average popul. per subunit</i>
United States	Senate	federal	100	2/state	House	435	1/647,000	50 states (3,141) counties	6,020,000
Mexico	Senate	federal	128	4/state	House	500	1/212,000	32 states	3,226,000
New Zealand	-	-	-	-	House	121	1/33,209	18 regions	264,000
United Kingdom	Lords	Consultative function	538+92 (life+hereditary)		Commons	646	1/94,000	4 nations (177 counties/other)	341,000
France	Senate	from great electors	331	1/201,000	Assembly	577	1/111,000	21 regions + Corsica (96 departments)	2,913,000
Germany	Bundesrat	Federal (lander-designed)	69	1/898,000	Bundestag	614	1/101,000	16 states (lander)	5,145,000
Spain	Senate	perfect	264+56 (elected+comunid)		Congress (Cortes)	350	1/116,000 (1/66,000)	17 communities (former 50 provinces)	2,650,000
Israel	-	-	-	-	Knesset	120	1/59,000	6 districts	1.286,000
India	Council	Federal (designed)	233	1/416,000	P. House	543	1/1.895,000	28 states (nested subdivisions)	37,700,000
China	-	-	-	-	P. Assem	2979	1/417,000	31 provinces/reg. (nested subdivisions)	41,742,000
Japan	High	perfect	242	1/529,000	House (Diet)	460	1/278,000 (1/127,000)	49 prefectures	2,612,000
Italy	Senate	perfect	315	1/189,500	House	630	1/94,800 (1/63,000)	20 regions (110 provinces)	2,980,000 542,000