

Abwehran Legislative

The Legislative Branch of the [Abwehran Star Empire](#) is composed of a bi-cameral Parliament. The upper house of the Imperial Parliament is the House of Representatives while the lower house is the House of Lords.

House of Representatives

The Upper House of Parliament, the House of Representatives is based on the population of a Region. The more populous a region, the more representatives allowed to serve. The Number of Representatives cannot exceed one for every 1,000,000 citizens of the Empire. The House of Representatives meets every other month.

Each Representative, both senior and otherwise, are elected by popular vote for six-year terms. The maximum amount of terms a representative can run consecutively is four and they are not allowed to run again after those four terms. To be a Representative, an individual must be at least 18 Abwehran Years Old and be a citizen of the Region they are trying to represent.

The House of Representatives holds the main two powers of the Parliament. One is the *“Power of the Purse”*, meaning Representatives have the power to raise the salary earned by Representatives and other government officials. Their second power is that of *“Advice and Consent”*, which means they have the power to affirm or decline treaties and appoint members to the Imperial Cabinet.

The House of Representatives is run by the Speaker of the House, who is the president of legislative proceedings. There are also a variety of unofficial positions that are found, such as Party Leader and Party Whip. Party Leader being the one in command of a political party while the Whip is responsible for motivating votes in favor of the party.

Current Balance of Power

Speaker of the House	abwehran_speaker	
Total Number of Representatives	9,615	
Abwehran Constitutional Party	15%	1,442
Abwehran Conservative Party	26%	2,500
Abwehran Independent Parties	12%	1,156
Abwehran Labor Party	13%	1,248
Abwehran Progressive Party	34%	3,269

House of Lords

The Lower House of the Parliament, the House of Nobles is filled by positions of Nobility within the Empire. Though it doesn't have much of the powers found in the Representatives, members of the House

of Nobles are not elected and are lifetime positions. The creation of bills for legislature also starts here. The combination of these two factors makes for a powerful force of its own considering bills that aren't passed one term can possibly be passed in another term. The House of Nobles meets every other month.

The House of Nobles is lead by the Duke of Alpenrose, a Noble who acts as governor of the region surrounding the Imperial Capital. There are also unofficial positions much like those of the House of Representatives, such as Party Leader and Party Whip.

Politics inside the House of Nobles are complicated, to say the least.

Current Balance of Power

Duke of Alpenrose	duke_alpenrose
Abwehran Constitutional Party	15%
Abwehran Conservative Party	32%
Abwehran Independent Parties	9%
Abwehran Labor Party	15%
Abwehran Progressive Party	29%

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