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Finally, a strength of legislative governance is its capacity to mobilize vast quantities of information through hearings, testimony, research services, and the subpoena power. Congress’s ability to pool and weigh information from multiple sources, and to generate large understandings of public policy on the basis of complex information, is yet a fourth strength of legislative governance.

When Congress exercises its powers—declaring or authorizing war (whether for defensive purposes or as an instrument of policy), issuing supportive resolutions, challenging presidential agendas, using public hearings to shape dynamics of war authority in practice, advancing interpretive positions on constitutional matters of war—in ways that are connected to its relative governance strengths, it generates more constitutional authority for its behavior. As with the presidency, we should recognize that the legislature has more than one route toward harnessing its distinctive capacities. 101 Given that there are several different ways for the