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## **CONGRESS UNDER THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION**

### **The Powers of Congress**

- Coin and borrow money
- Admit new states and divide western lands
- Request money from states
- Raise an army
- Appoint military officers
- Establish a postal system
- Declare war and make peace
- Conduct foreign affairs

### **The Limits on Congress**

- No president or executive branch
- No national court system
- No power to tax or raise national funds
- No power to regulate trade or currency
- No power to prohibit states from conducting foreign affairs
- Major laws required the approval of nine states to pass