The House of Delegates Chamber

During your visit to the State Capitol, you had the opportunity to visit the Chamber and participate in a Chamber Presentation. Can you remember the importance of the various features pointed out in the photograph below?

This plaque is dedicated to the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom, which was written by _____________________. It was enacted into law in 1786.

The ________ of the ________ sits at this desk.
The responsibilities of this position include:
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The three branches of state government are: ____________________, ____________________ and ____________________. The members of the House of Delegates are a part of this branch: _____________________.

The ________ is where the public sits to view Session.

Bonus #1: How many members are there in the House of Delegates?

The 8th and 9th grade students who work in the Chamber are called _________________.

The electronic ________ boards display the Members’ recorded votes.

Bonus #2: What three parties are represented in the House of Delegates?

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After the ________ reading of a bill, Delegates record their vote yea or nay. If the bill is approved by both the House and the Senate, it is then sent to the ________________. 

During the legislative Session, the ________ carries the 20-pound, 24-karat gold-coated ________ into the Chamber and places it in front of the Clerk’s desk. Upon adjournment, it is returned to a display case in the Old House Chamber.

Bonus #3: The General Assembly meets annually beginning on the second Wednesday in January. During even-numbered years, the General Assembly meets for ________ days. During odd-numbered years, it meets for ________ days. Often, the odd-numbered year Session is extended to 46 days.
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Bonus #2: What three parties are represented in the House of Delegates?

Republican
Democrat
Independent

Bonus #3: The General Assembly meets annually beginning on the second Wednesday in January. During even-numbered years, the General Assembly meets for 60 days. During odd-numbered years, it meets for 30 days. Often, the odd-numbered year Session is extended to 46 days.

The Speaker of the House sits at this desk. The responsibilities of this position include:
- assigning bills to the appropriate committee
- appointing the membership to the 14 committees

The three branches of state government are: executive, legislative, and judicial. The members of the House of Delegates are a part of this branch: legislative

The gallery is where the public sits to view Session.

The 8th and 9th grade students who work in the Chamber are called Pages.

The electronic voting boards display the Members’ recorded votes.

After the third reading of a bill, Delegates have a chance to vote. If it is approved by both the House and the Senate, it is then sent to the Governor.

During the legislative Session, the Sergeant at Arms carries the 20-pound, 24-karat gold-coated mace into the Chamber and places it in front of the Clerk’s desk. Upon adjournment, it is returned to a display case in the Old House Chamber.