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Sommario/riassunto	That the president uniquely represents the national interest is a political truism, yet this idea has been transformational, shaping the efforts of Congress to remake the presidency and testing the adaptability of American constitutional government. The emergence of the modern presidency in the first half of the twentieth century transformed the American government. But surprisingly, presidents were not the primary driving force of this change - it was Congress.

Through a series of statutes, lawmakers endorsed presidential leadership in the legislative process and augmented the chief executive's organisational capacities. But why did Congress grant presidents this power? In this book, John A. Dearborn shows that legislators acted on the idea of presidential representation.
