**2.3 – Branches of Government (Legislative)**

**Objective:**

I. **The Legislative Branch**

A. A Bicameral ( ) Congress

1. **US House of Representatives** – membership of the states. Voting Members

a.

b. Must be at least years old

c. Live in the

d. Be citizens at least

2. **Senate** - senators per state; members total;

year term

3. **17th Amendment** – senators are

Before, they were chosen by state legislators.

a. Must be at least years old

b. Lived in the US for at least

c. Live in the

d. **Filibuster**:

4. **Leaders in Congress**

a. **Speaker of the House** – Presiding Officer and leader of the . 3rd in line if

b. **President Pro Tempore** – Majority leader in the

acts as a chairperson and guides

c. **Vice President** -

5. **Determining Representation**

a**. Census:** Population count taken by Census Bureau – taken

1). Adjusts number of

2).. Some states

-**Reapportionment**

**b. Congressional Districts:** each state is

(NC has )

1). State Legislatures must draw boundaries – **redistricting**

2). Districts must have the same number of

i. **Gerrymandering**: oddly shaped districts designed to

ii. Majority Party in General Assembly ( ) has the power to redraw lines

**II. Powers of Congress & Powers Denied Congress**

A. **Enumerated ( ) Powers**

1. Tax and Budget ( )

2. Regulate

3.

4.

5. Patents & Copyrights

6. Change

7.

8. Raise and Army and Navy

9. Regulate

B. **Other Powers**

1. of Federal Executive & Judicial officers (House

, Senate acts as )

2. Consent to all

3. Confirm the appointment of all

(Senate)

C. **Powers Denied Congress**

1. Cannot suspend a **Writ of Habeas Corpus** – says you must

2. No **Ex Post Facto Laws** – cannot

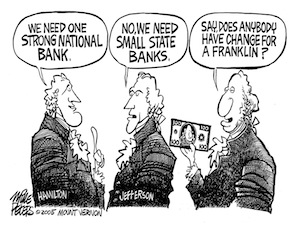
3. **No Bills of Attainder** – ( )

D. **Implied Powers**: powers that Congress has

**1. Necessary & Proper Clause** also known as the Its is called this because it allows Congress to its powers to

a. Found in .

b. Example: *You will not find the power to create a national bank in the Constitution. However the Elastic Clause has allowed Congress to do so because it was a need of the Country*



**Name That Power**

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| **Scenario** | **Which Power of Congress?** |
| 1. Congress is debating whether or not the change the Laws requiring deportation for illegal immigrants |  |
| 2. Congress wants to reissue the $1000.00 bill |  |
| 3. Congress puts a tax on the sale of medical devices |  |
| 4. Congress appropriates money for 3 new submarines to be built |  |
| 5. Congress passes the North American Free Trade agreement with Mexico & Canada |  |
| 6. Congress creates the US patent office |  |
| 7. Congress admits California into the Union as a state in 1850 |  |

**Check Mate!**

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| **Exec. & Judic. Branch Scenario** | **Legislative Check** |
| 1. The Obama White House negotiates a treaty with Afghanistan that all captured terror suspects are to be turned over to the International Criminal Court |  |
| 2. A Federal Judge is accused of 14 counts of bribery. When arrested more than $200,000 is found in his freezer. |  |
| 3. President vetoes Congress’ tax increase |  |
| 4. President nominates his friend Senator Smith to be Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, even though the senator is known for anti-Islamic comments and his limited knowledge of Islamic culture. |  |
| 5. The President is caught lying under oath & blackmailing political foes |  |