**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 |  |