Chapter 11 Congress Pt. II (pgs. 301-317)

I. Committees and Committee Leadership (Summarize the main points in a good paragraph)

 A. Define **Standing Committee**

B. *Critical Thinking*: What are the advantages of breaking the work of Congress up into committees? Explain.

C. Define **Jurisdiction (of a congressional committee)**

D. *Critical Thinking*: Why would committees fight over jurisdiction over a bill? Explain.

E. *Critical Thinking*: Why would some committees be considered better than others? Explain.

F. Define **Seniority**

G. *Critical Thinking*: What are the advantages and disadvantages of the committee system? Explain.

II. How a Bill Becomes a Law (Summarize the main points in a good paragraph)

 A. Define **Bill**

B. *Critical Thinking*: What could a member of Congress do to increase the chances that his or her bill would be heard in committee? Explain.

C. *Critical Thinking*: Why would the Rules Committee in the House seek to limit changes (amendments) to a bill? Explain.

D. Define **Cloture**

E. Define **Filibuster**

F. *Critical Thinking*: Do you believe the filibuster is an important tool or a tactic that should be ended? Explain.

G. Define **Rider**

H. Define **Conference Committee**

I. Define **Law (as enacted by Congress)**

J. Define **Veto**

K. *Critical Thinking*: Why is it so difficult to pass a law? Explain.

III. Congress’s Policymaking Role (Summarize the main points in a good paragraph)

A. Define **Lawmaking function**

B. *Critical Thinking*: What advantages does the President have over Congress when in it comes to creating national policy? Explain.

C. Define **Representation function**

D. Define **Logrolling**

E. *Critical Thinking*: Should a member of Congress primarily represent what their state needs or what they nation needs? Explain.

F. *Critical Thinking*: Do you believe Congress is broken? Explain.

G. Define **Oversight Function**

H. *Critical Thinking*: Why is oversight difficult? Explain.

Quiz

Write two good multiple choice questions (not definitions) based on your reading in this section. Be sure to mark your correct answer.