

Study Questions for Midterm POLI 100B Congress, Winter 2010

- 1. Why did the authors of the Constitution consider both the Continental Congress and the Confederation Congress abject failures?**
- 2. Describe how a typical bill is passed in the House and Senate. What are the main hurdles in the process?**
- 3. According to Dodd and Oppenheimer (ch. 2 of D&O) and Mann and Ornstein (ch. 3 of D&O) did the Democratic takeover of Congress in the 2006 elections result in any meaningful change in the way the two chambers conduct business?**
- 4. Using Barbara Sinclair (and what you can see every day on the news!), how does the Senate get its work done? That is, explain the role of the filibuster, blue slips, and holds in the operation of the current Senate.**