**Final Exam**

**Congress in American Politics**

**Political Science 323- Winter 2018**

Please have your responses submitted to this on blackboard by the date indicated by the instructor on blackboard. This exam consists of two parts and accounts for 30% of your course grade. Note that there are two parts of this exam!

Please also have a works cited page if you cite *any* materials. This should also include in text citations as well.

**Part I: Essay🡪 Answer the following question (150 points)**

In his book, *Congress: The Electoral Connection*, David Mayhew talks about how members of Congress are essentially single minded seekers of reelection. Your assignment here is to 1) identify and describe two themes of this proposition; 2) identify and describe in detail (with examples🡪 both from Mayhew and in other course materials) the three activities that members of Congress engage in to improve their chances of reelection; 3) identify and describe in detail (with examples from both Mayhew and other course materials) the three institutions members of Congress use to aid in credit-claiming; identify and describe in detail (with examples from both Mayhew and other course materials) the three things that members of Congress will do to get credit for position taking; and 4) describe why these activities by members of Congress do not destroy the institution of Congress and it maintains itself.

Your target answer here should be about 4-6 pages. While you should be encouraged to answer this question succulently, answers shorter than this (doubled spaced with standard margins) will likely receive far less than full credit.

**Part II: Short Answer (150 points)**

Of the following terms: Choose six (6) and do the following: identify the term, explain its significance, how it relates to the study of Congress, and how it is important/significant to the study of Congress. Target length for your answers should be about 5-7 sentences (responses shorter than this will likely not receive full credit as it will not be considered a complete answer).

Each response is worth 25 points for a total of 150 points possible for this section. The best answers will incorporate readings and class materials in the answers.

1. Reconciliation
2. Earmarks
3. War Powers Act of 1973
4. Line Item Veto
5. *NLRB v. Noel Canning* (2013)
6. Congressional Review Act
7. Legislative Veto
8. Merrick Garland
9. Bundlers
10. Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007
11. Base Realignment and Closing Commission (BRAC)
12. Hatch Act
13. Medicaid expansion (under ACA)