**Midterm 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.

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

Please note this covers materials up to page 105 in the Mayhew book, and Chapters 1-8 in the Davidson book. It also covers any lecture materials I have provided you in the online lectures.

Of the following terms: Choose ten (10) and do the following: identify the term, explain its significance, how it relates to 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 250 points possible for this exam, which is equal to 25% of the course grade. The best answers will incorporate readings and class materials in the answers.

1. Senate Filibuster
2. House Rules Committee
3. Credit Claiming (according to Mayhew)
4. “Nuclear Option” (on filibuster)
5. Descriptive representation of members of Congress
6. Incumbency Advantage
7. *Citizens United v. FEC* (2010)
8. Judicial Review
9. Bi-cameralism
10. *Evenwel v. Abbott* (2015)
11. Political gerrymandering
12. Majority-majority districts
13. *Reynolds v. Sims* (1964)
14. Former Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-Ohio)
15. Structured Rule (in House)
16. Conference Report
17. Discharge Petition (in House)
18. Omnibus Bills
19. Rep. Dave Brat (R-Virginia)🡪 his race against Eric Cantor in 2014
20. *U.S. Term Limits v. Thornton* (1995)