Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Committee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Teams (2-3 students) will be assigned a congressional committee to research.
* Projects will be submitted as a report or slides containing all required data.
* Each section will contain the appropriate information identified on the page requirement list.
* Students will have 3 class days to research, organize, and submit data.
* The links below may be used to begin researching committee data.

Senate Committee Homepage

<http://www.senate.gov/committees/committees_home.htm>

House Committee Homepage

<http://clerk.house.gov/committee_info/index.aspx>

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| **Section** | **Rubric Requirements (30 pts total)** |
| S 1:Title Page **(2pts)** | * Committee name * Student or Students’ Name(s) * Current Date: * Committee Symbol / Graphic |
| **S2: Overview**  **(4pts)** | * What does the committee do? * Is it in the house or senate? * What are the name of the subcommittees: Minimum of 3 * Picture that relates to the topic |
| **S 3:**  **Members**  **(3pts)** | * Picture, name, and state of the Chair of the committee * Picture, name, and state of the ranking member * List of all of the other members w/ states of the committee |
| **S 4:**  **Map**  **(2pts)** | * Insert a blank map of the United States * Put a star on all the states that are represented in this committee |
| **S 5: History**  **(3pts)** | * Include a brief history on how the committee was formed * You must include the date the committee started * Include sources / links to your data research |
| **S 6:**  **Current Story**  **(4pts)** | * Find a current story that is connected to this committee * Include a picture * Summarize the story * Provide a link to the article |
| **S 7: Bar Graph**  **(5pts)** | * One bar graph showing the time served in Congress. (min of 5 members) |
| **S 8:Pie Chart**  **(4pts)** | * One Pie Chart displaying the amount of money received from identified lobbyists (min of 3 sources) for that committee chairman * Include a link of the source for the information collected |
| **S 9: Biography**  **(3pts)** | * Research a former or current member of the committee. Explain what that member is known for having accomplished while on that committee. * Describe the following:   + Personal information   + Political Background   + Major Accomplishment |

Speaker Ryan has scheduled an emergency meeting to discuss the emerging debt crisis facing our country. He has invited committee leaders from both the House of Representatives and the Senate to attend the meeting. Extreme measures need to be taken to resolve this crisis to stabilize our economy and restore confidence in the American economy. The leadership has determined that instant cuts in spending must take place immediately. The debt ceiling has been set at $500 billion.

**Debate Goals**

+ Convince the leadership to provide your department/committee the funding necessary to function

+ Identify your committee’s purpose and how it benefits Americans

+ Support your views with data you have collected

+ Determine cost cutting solutions to save your program/department

+ Propose collaboration methods with other committee members