**Next Week:** Tigers



#### Mini Fact:

Several of the sections in Article I have been altered by amendments, or changes made later.

In the last issue of this series, we learned about separation of powers. We learned that the founders created three branches of

The Constitution gives each branch the power to do different things.

# Listed powers

Some of the powers are listed or expressed, or **enumerated** (e-NOOM-erate-ed).

## Suggested powers

Some legislative powers are from a part of the Constitution that says that Congress shall make all laws that are "necessary and proper" for carrying out the powers granted by the Constitution.

This is called the "elastic clause," or part, because it stretches the powers of Congress.

# Common powers

There are a few powers that most governments in the world have, so the United States has them too. For example, our national government can make citizens of foreign nations leave the country.

#### Article I

Article I deals with the legislative branch. This is the branch of our government where laws are made.

Let's study how a bill becomes a law.

**1. Proposal:** A bill is proposed in either the House or the Senate and sent to a committee to handle the subject.

- 2. Committee action: Since so many bills are proposed, the committee chooses only a few for further study.
- 3. Debates held: The House and the Senate discuss the bill, change (or amend) it, vote on it, and either pass or reject it.
- 4. Conference committee agrees: If there is a difference between the bill presented to the House of Representatives and one passed by the Senate, a conference committee works on the differences.
- 5. Full vote: The conference report, or rewritten bill, is sent back to the House and the Senate for a "yes" or "no" vote by



President Trump signs the NASA Transition Authorization Act of 2017 in the Oval Office.

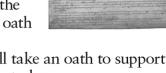
**6. President signs:** The bill is sent to the president for signing. If he vetoes (doesn't sign) it, it is sent back to the House and Senate. If it passes again after the veto, with a two-thirds vote in each house, it becomes a law.

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States."

## The first law

The very first act of Congress, signed into law by President George Washington on June 1, 1789, was "An Act to regulate the Time and Manner of administrating certain Oaths."

The new law required that all members of Congress, all federal officials, all members of state legislatures, judiciaries (court officials) and executives take the simple 14-word oath



Officials still take an oath to support the Constitution today.

In 2005, Betty Debnam, creator of The Mini Page, worked closely with the National Archives in Washington, D.C., to create a nine-part series of issues about our U.S. Constitution. This is the fourth issue in the series, which will continue once a month until Election Day 2020

# Resources

# On the Web:

archives.gov/founding-docs

Mini Jokes

Bill: How do oceans say

**Eco Note** 

Does anyone you know

Laura: They wave!

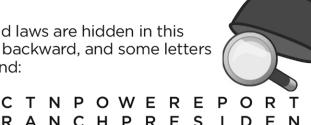
hello to each other?

#### At the library:

• "What Is the Constitution?" by Patricia Brennan Demuth

# Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of bills and laws are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



ARTICLE, BILL, BRANCH, COMMITTEE, COMMON, CONSTITUTION, DEBATE, HOUSE, LAW, LEGISLATIVE, LISTED, OATH, POWER, PRESIDENT, PROPOSAL, REPORT, SENATE, SIGN, SUGGESTED, VETO, VOTE. J E

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# Cook's Corner

# **Graham Cracker Topping**

# You'll need:

- 2 cinnamon graham crackers
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon

1. Someone who forms

words with pencil, pen

3. Guides for conduct,

behavior or action

1. Gavin is a

(5-letter plural noun)

2. Margaret is a proud

3. Molly learned the

or computer (6-letter noun)

- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

2. A person who lives in

a country (7-letter noun)

a place with rights of

4. People making up a

(10-letter noun)

of books about spaceships and rockets.

of the United States.

to play a card game with Amy.

form of political control



# What to do:

- 1. Place graham crackers in a small plastic bag and smash into crumbs.
- 2. Mix crumbs with brown sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl.
- 3. Combine melted butter with vanilla; pour over crumb mixture.
- 4. Coat a small baking pan with cooking spray.
- 5. Pour crumb mixture into pan; bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.
- 6. Use as topping for ice cream or frozen yogurt. Makes 2 servings.

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# **ROOTONYM®**



Study the definition. When you know the fill in the lett entence blanks

it hard for children and adults to breathe, especially when certain triggers in the air get into a person's lungs. Asthma triggers include: pollen, mold, dust mites, pet dander, secondhand smoke, and even cold air or having cockroaches in the home. What can you do to help prevent asthma attacks? Use bathroom fans to help prevent mold; keep pets away from your bed and furniture; ask adults to stop smoking or to smoke outside.

suffer from asthma? This condition makes

# For later:

Look through your newspaper for articles about bills that Congress has passed and the president has signed.

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