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CHECKS AND BALANCES

1. LAWS
   -- executive orders
   -- executive privilege

2. AMENDMENTS
   -- judicial legislation
   -- treaties

3. TREATIES
   -- executive agreements
   -- state compacts

4. RESERVED POWERS OF STATES
   -- denied powers
   -- Electoral College
   -- republican form of government
   -- territorial integrity
   -- extraterritoriality
   -- subsidies and privileges
   -- interstate and foreign commerce

5. CIVIL RIGHTS
   -- martial law
   -- sovereign immunity

6. ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
   -- restricted appellate jurisdiction

7. JUDICIAL REVIEW
   -- reversals

8. APPOINTMENTS
   -- patronage and partisanship
   -- senatorial courtesy
   -- civil service (merit system)

9. BUREAUCRACY
   -- congressional oversight
   -- quasi-legislative and -judicial powers

10. FISCAL AND MONETARY POLICIES
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    -- income taxation
    -- currency
    -- salaries

11. PRESIDENT'S LEGISLATIVE POWERS
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    -- veto
    -- override
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    -- setting the agenda

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    -- presiding officer
    -- judging qualifications; censure

13. TREASON
    -- pardons and reprieves

14. WAR POWERS
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    -- police actions
    -- emergency powers; martial law

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    -- Vice President