CHECKS AND BALANCES

Executive Branch (President carries out laws)



Checks on the Legislative Branch

Can propose laws
Can veto laws
Can call special sessions of Congress
Makes appointments
Negotiates foreign treaties

Checks on the Judicial Branch

Appoints federal judges
Can grant pardons to federal
offenders

Legislative Branch (Congress makes laws)



Checks on the Executive Branch

Can override President's veto
Confirms executive appointments
Ratifies treaties
Can declare war
Appropriates money
Can impeach and remove President

Checks on the Judicial Branch

Can impeach and remove judges
Can propose amendments to overrule judicial decisions
Approves appointments of

federal judges

Creates lower federal courts

Judicial Branch (Supreme Court interprets laws)



Check on the Executive Branch

Can declare executive actions unconstitutional

Check on the Legislative Branch

Can declare acts of Congress unconstitutional