

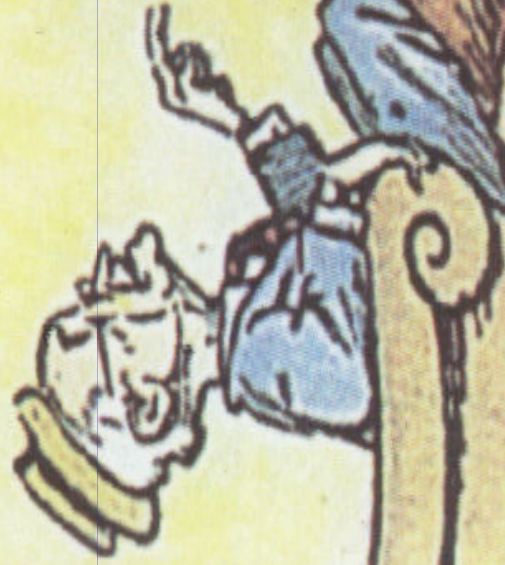


What makes a  
great president?

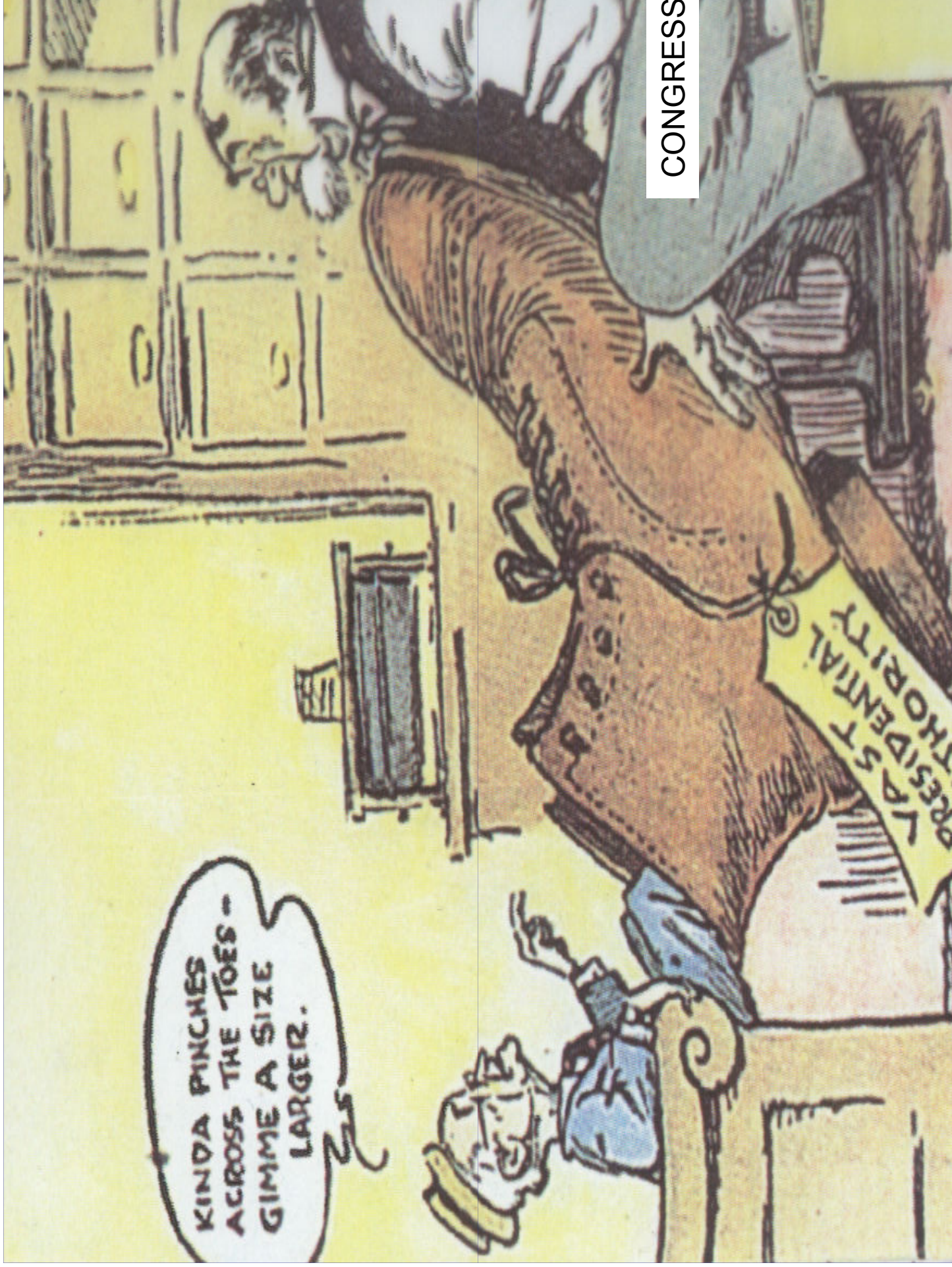
- Time
- Personality
- Vision
- “Power to Persuade”

How much power  
should the president  
have?

KINDA PINCHES  
ACROSS THE TOES--  
GIMME A SIZE  
LARGER.



CONGRESS



- “I declined to adopt the view that was imperatively necessary for the Nation could not be done by the President unless he could find some specific authorization to do it. My belief was that it was not only [a President’s] right, but his duty to do anything that the needs of the Nation demanded unless such action was forbidden by the Constitution or by the laws... I did not usurp power, but I did greatly broaden the use of executive power. In other words, I acted for the public welfare... unless prevented by direct constitutional or legislative prohibition.”

-Theodore Roosevelt, an autobiography, 1913



**vs.**



- “The true view of the Executive function is, as I conceive it, that the President can exercise no power which cannot be fairly and reasonably traced to some specific grant or power or justly implied and included within such express grant... Such specific grant must be either in the Federal Constitution or in an act of Congress passed in pursuance thereof. There is no undefined residuum of power which he can exercise because it seems to him to be in the public interest.”

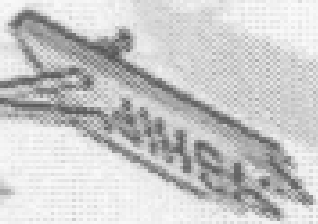
-President William Howard Taft, 1916



# Legislative Powers?

- He shall from time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient
- Signs bills into law or vetoes

# WE STAY UNITED



# Table 13.6 PRESIDENTIAL VETOS

President	Regular Vetoes	Vetoes Overridden	Percentage Of Vetoes Overridden
Eisenhower	73	2	3
Kennedy	12	0	0
Johnson	16	0	0
Nixon	26	7	27
Ford	48	12	25
Carter	13	2	15
Reagan	39	9	23
Bush	31	1	3
Clinton*	25	2	4

\*Through 1998.



**Execute Laws**

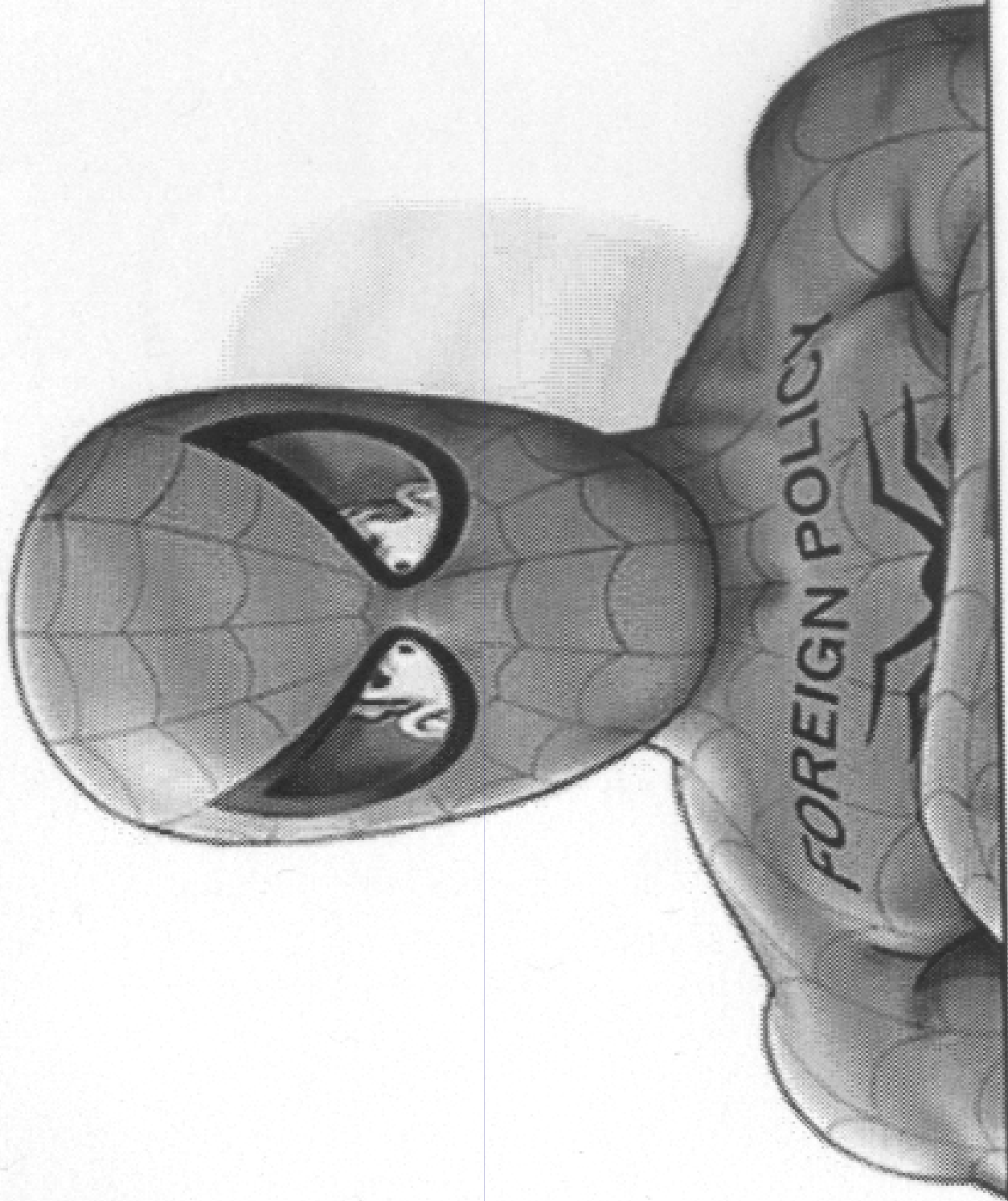
he shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed, and shall Commission all the Officers of the United States.

# Foreign Policy



# Foreign Policy

- He shall have Power, by and with the Advice and consent of the Senate, shall make treaties, provided 2/3 of the Senate
- Shall appoint Ambassadors...
- He shall receive ambassadors and other public ministers...



FOREIGN  
POLICY

# WHAT THE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN THE WORLD CAN'T ACCOMPLISH

Do you think Bush expected 9/11? No. Did Clinton expect Bosnia? No. Man makes his plans; God has his own. . . . Remember Bush's second debate with Gore where he campaigned against nation building? Oh, well. . . . The tension between the modesty of knowing what's possible and what isn't, and the desire and ability to do good because you're president of the United States, that challenge is one of the most profound things. . . . Don't shortchange the opportunity to make a difference, but understand how hard it is. . . . You've got to keep both notions in your head at the same time. And that's hard. That's the description for the man in the Oval Office.

- Daniel Fried of the State Department



**Military**

The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several States, when called into the actual Service of the United States;

# BUT....

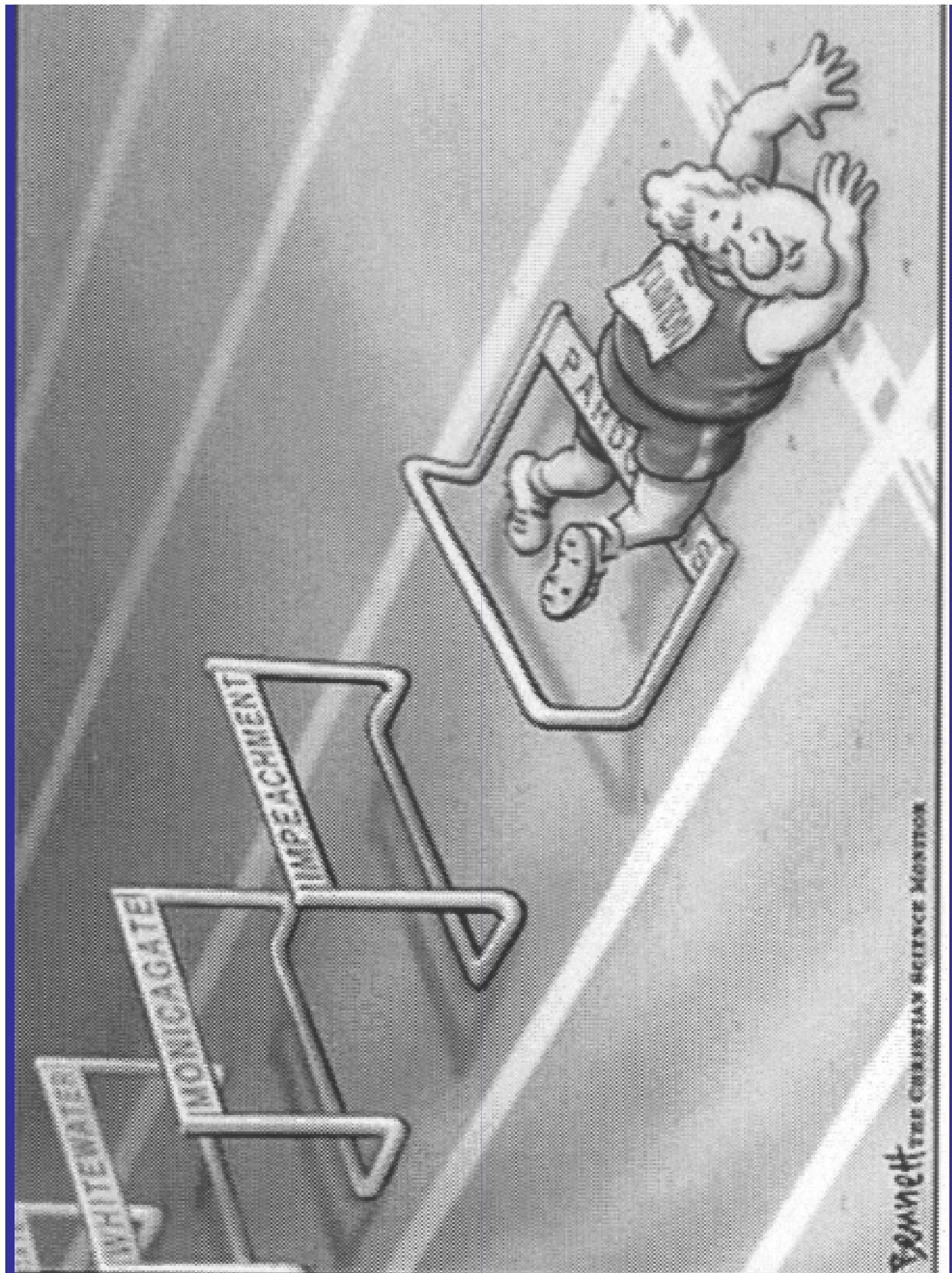
- War Powers Act: must report to Congress within 48 hours of sending troops. He has sixty days to keep them there without permission from Congress
- Who pays???





**Pardons**

he shall have Power to Grant  
Reprieves and Pardons for Offenses  
against the United States, except in  
Cases of Impeachment.



Bennett THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR



**Removal from Office**

The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors.

How does he get  
it all done  
effectively?





THAT 3 A.M.  
CALL

WHAT'S UP NOW, SECRETARY  
CLINTON? DO YOU KNOW  
WHAT TIME IT IS?

HEY! I JUST HAD A  
BUNCH OF IDEAS FOR  
MY NEW FOREIGN POLICY!

THOSE AREN'T YOUR  
IDEAS! THOSE ARE  
MY IDEAS!

SHUT UP, BILL!  
NOBODY ASKED YOU!

SHUT UP?  
YOU SHUT UP!

CRASH  
BANG  
CLATTER

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