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# THE CONGRESS PROJECT

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## Aftermath Section Instructions

For their legislative history project, students are required to complete an “Aftermath Section” that analyzes post-enactment events related to the enactment. This might include the law being amended by a subsequent piece of legislation, being altered by a series of Supreme Court decisions or its enforcement by the President and bureaucracy. ***The aftermath section is due on Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.***

You have been assigned a specific question or set of questions to focus on in your aftermath section in your prompt sheets. **PLEASE READ THESE!** So you shouldn’t be following the exact aftermath section format from the “Writing a Legislative History” slides. Again, pull up your prompt sheet, find the number assigned to you (under Assignments) and locate that number on the aftermath questions section. Then answer those questions as best you can.

You don’t need to answer all of the questions provided. Especially if one or two of them jump catch your eye and necessitate a lengthy answer. The long-term goal is to combine your aftermath section with those of your “bill buddies” (this is not something you need to worry about). Ultimately, a good aftermath section should provide the reader with enough information to understand how the enactment was viewed at the time and how opinions of it changed (or didn’t) over time.

Median word count on this section from past classes was 850 and the average word count was 950. Median word count for an A was 1266 and the average word count for an A was 1638. The median number of citations was 5, the median number of citations for an A was 5. Does this mean you have to hit these numbers? Of course not, we had A’s that were much shorter and low grades that were much longer. But students have asked about length on these sections.

Students are strongly encouraged to consult [Bioguide](#), Historical Newspapers, [oyez](#), JSTOR and google scholar for additional information on this section. Please also consult the prompt sheet for suggested sources.

My preference would be for you to submit the Process section via ELC as a Microsoft Word document. I do understand if you have to submit it via pdf however.

Please provide a Work Cited page and follow the [Footnote and Citation guidelines](#).

Examples of excellent Aftermath sections can be found on the [Congress Project Website](#).