

**WHAT IS A PRESIDENTIAL VETO?  
CAN CONGRESS OVERRIDE A VETO?**



**CURRENT EVENTS RELATED TO  
EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE POWERS**

**Suggestion for Educators:**

Using the resources below, teachers can create a Web Quest for students which will allow students to research the President's Veto Power and current events regarding the Iraq Supplemental Bill and a Timeline For U.S. Troops to exit Iraq.

**North Carolina Standard Course of Study:  
Civics and Economics**

- 2.01** Identify principles in the United States Constitution.
- 2.02** Explain how the United States Constitution defines the framework, organization and structure of the three branches of government at the national level.
- 2.03** Explain how the United States Constitution grants and limits the authority of public officials and government agencies.

<http://www.rules.house.gov/archives/RS21750.pdf>

**The Presidential Veto and Congressional Procedure**  
Congressional Research Service  
The Library of Congress

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=9821255>

**Congress Sets Iraq Deadline, Veto Showdown**  
National Public Radio (NPR)

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/05/01/AR2007050101294.html>

**Bush Discusses Veto of Iraq Bill**

Transcripts Wire

Tuesday, May 1, 2007; 6:29 PM

“.....So a few minutes ago, I **vetoed** the bill....”

- President George W. Bush

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<http://www.cnn.com/video/player/player.html?url=/video/politics/2007/05/01/bush.iraq.spending.bill.veto.cnn>

Watch a video of President Bush explaining why he **vetoed** the bill

<http://www.cnn.com/2007/POLITICS/05/02/congress.iraq/index.html>

CNN

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“The House of Representatives on Wednesday failed to override President Bush's veto of a \$124 billion war spending bill that included a deadline for U.S. troops to pull out of Iraq. The 222-203 vote was far short of the two-thirds majority needed to override the veto.”

[http://clerkkids.house.gov/laws/bill\\_veto\\_override.html](http://clerkkids.house.gov/laws/bill_veto_override.html)

**How Laws are Made**

**A Veto Is Overridden**

<http://thomas.loc.gov/home/definitions/override.html>

**Overriding A Veto**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/sen-robert-byrd/time-for-the-white-house-\\_b\\_46024.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/sen-robert-byrd/time-for-the-white-house-_b_46024.html)

**Senator Byrd's Blog Regarding the President's Veto Power**

**Senator Robert C. Byrd (D – West Virginia)**

Posted on April 16, 2007

[http://price.house.gov/apps/list/press/nc04\\_price/042607.shtml](http://price.house.gov/apps/list/press/nc04_price/042607.shtml)

**Congressman David Price (D – North Carolina)**

**Statement on the Iraq Supplemental Bill and the Threat of a Presidential Veto**

<http://jones.house.gov/release.cfm?id=528>

**Congressman Walter Jones (R – North Carolina)**

**Statement on Iraq War Funding**

**“Presidents from James Madison to Abraham Lincoln to Harry Truman have complained that Congress was hamstringing their ability to fulfill their role as commander in chief — and members of Congress have, just as vociferously, accused presidents of overstepping their authority.”**

**- [www.npr.org](http://www.npr.org) (April 26, 2007)**



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