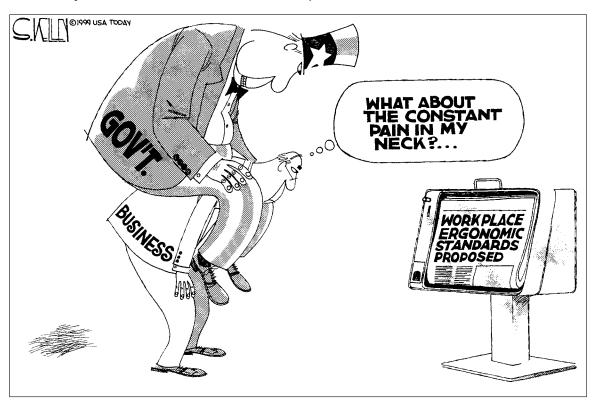
RODUCER PAINS

Ergonomics is the science concerned with human engineering—arranging things in the environment so that people and the things they use interact most efficiently. For example, efficiency in production might be increased by changing the height of a worker's chair.

Directions: Study the cartoon below. Then answer the questions that follow.



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EXAMINING THE CARTOON

Multiple Choice

- 1. The stars and stripes identify the character riding on business's shoulders as
 - **a.** a consumer.
- **b.** foreign competition.
- **c.** U.S. government.
- **d.** private industry.

- **2.** The cartoonist believes government is often
 - **a.** supportive of business. **b.** a hindrance to business. **c.** an enemy of business.
- **d.** unaware of business.

Critical Thinking

- 3. Analyzing the Cartoon What is the irony illustrated by the two statements?
- 4. Expressing Your Opinion Write a short paragraph agreeing or disagreeing with the point of view of the cartoonist.