**Chapter 3-Section 3: Informal Amendment**

* Many changes and interpretations have been made to the Constitution that have not involved any changed in its written words

**Informal Amendment Processes**

* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** is the process by which over time many changes have been made in the Constitution which have not involved \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The informal amendment process can take place by:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**I. Basic Legislation by Congress: 2 Ways**

**1. ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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 **2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Ex: Constitution says that Congress has the power to “regulate foreign and interstate commerce.”…Congress has passed thousands of laws about this so that they expanded the words of the Constitution

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* Presidential actions such as the use of the military under the power of commander in chief.
* Presidents add on to “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” based on what they think it means….
* An **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**is a pact made by the President directly with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and they do not need to be approved by Senate…
* A **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**is a formal agreement between two or more sovereign states that needs to be approved by Senate

**#3 Court Decision**

* ![C:\Users\Fatmeh Reda\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\UROBIBTA\MC900054685[1].wmf]()The nation’s courts, most importantly the United States Supreme Court, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Constitution in many cases they hear.

**#4 Party Practices**

* No mention of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Constitution
* ![C:\Users\Fatmeh Reda\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\UROBIBTA\MM900040941[1].gif]()Ex: No method for nominating a person for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Since 1830s, parties have held national conventions to do that
	+ Changed the purpose of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Congress conducts its business on the basis of parties
	+ President makes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to office based on parties

**#5 Custom and Usage**

* Custom: A traditional and widely accepted way of behaving or doing something that is specific to a particular society, place, or time.
* Examples:
	+ Heads of the 15 executive departments make up the

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* + Senate approves the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who are

 acceptable to the senator or senators of the President’s party from the State

 involved

* + “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” was started by

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and followed for over \_\_\_\_\_ years until

 1940 and 1944 when \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ won a third and

 fourth term…so they added the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ limiting

 the President to two terms only