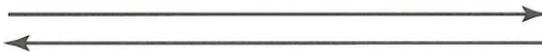




**LEGISLATIVE BRANCH POWERS**  
 Pass all federal laws  
 Pass the federal budget  
 Declare war  
 Approve treaties and presidential appointments  
 Establish lower federal courts and the number of judges

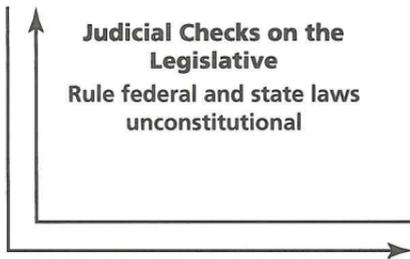
**Legislative Checks on the Executive**  
 Impeach the president  
 Reject legislation or funding the president wants  
 Refuse to confirm nominees or approve treaties  
 Override the president's veto by a two-thirds vote



**Executive Checks on the Legislative**  
 Veto legislation  
 Call Congress into special session  
 Implement (or fail to implement) laws passed by Congress



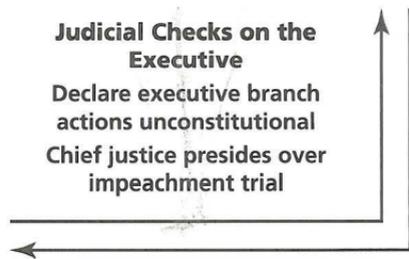
**EXECUTIVE BRANCH POWERS**  
 Enforce federal laws and court orders  
 Propose legislation to Congress  
 Make foreign treaties  
 Nominate officers of the United States government and federal judges  
 Serve as commander in chief of the armed forces  
 Pardon people convicted in federal courts or grant reprieves



**Judicial Checks on the Legislative**  
 Rule federal and state laws unconstitutional



**JUDICIAL BRANCH POWERS**  
 Interpret federal laws and U.S. Constitution  
 Review the decisions of lower state and federal courts



**Judicial Checks on the Executive**  
 Declare executive branch actions unconstitutional  
 Chief justice presides over impeachment trial

**Legislative Checks on the Judicial**  
 Change the number and jurisdiction of federal courts  
 Impeach federal judges  
 Propose constitutional amendments to override judicial decisions

**Executive Checks on the Judicial**  
 Appoint federal judges  
 Refuse to implement decisions