General Instructions-- As you go through this book, please keep your class notebook handy. In this notebook, would you jot down your ideas/responses to the questions that follow? Plan to have this book read and your ideas recorded in “the notebook” by the Tuesday after Labor Day. On that Tuesday or the next class meeting to follow, we will have a little class exercise with you doing some writing based on the ideas in your notebook. The key: do the reading, take the notes (your notes—not your neighbor’s notes!), trust that you will do well.

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Horse race OMB clientism
Ticket punching whistle-blowers plea bargaining
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STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Describe the various techniques that various political actors use to lobby each other, and especially Congress.

2. Illustrate the methods the press uses to cover government activities. Explain the criticisms of how the press does its job.

3. Use specific examples to illustrate the author’s criticisms of the bureaucracy. What reforms does he offer?

4. Use specific examples to illustrate the author’s criticisms of our legal system.

5. Identify and illustrate with examples the obstacles to Congressional efficiency. Explain possible pitfalls that await a President who desires to be successful.

6. Present three of the author’s reforms mentioned in this book’s conclusion. Provide your opinion on each of these reforms.