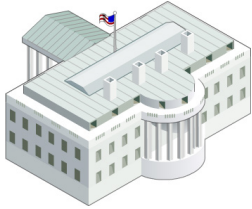


# A Very Big Branch

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Cabinet Departments.** Use the word bank to fill in the missing words from the graphic organizer:

Attorney    armed    basic needs    college    highway    countries    farmers  
military    homes    money    fuel    public lands    wages    terrorists    trade    legal



## The President's Cabinet

Executive Branch Departments

### SECRETARY OF STATE

Department of State

Manages our relationships with  
foreign \_\_\_\_\_

### SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

Department of the Treasury

Collects taxes, prints \_\_\_\_\_,  
deals with the nation's finances

### SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Department of Defense

Manages the \_\_\_\_\_  
forces and conducts wars overseas

### GENERAL

Department of Justice

Enforces laws and represents the  
United States in  
\_\_\_\_\_ matters

### SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

Department of the Interior

Manages and protects the nation's  
\_\_\_\_\_

### SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Department of Agriculture

Works with \_\_\_\_\_  
and regulates farm products

### SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

Department of Commerce

Supervises \_\_\_\_\_  
and promotes U.S. businesses

### SECRETARY OF LABOR

Department of Labor

Helps workers get fair \_\_\_\_\_  
and working conditions

### SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

Department of Transportation

Oversees \_\_\_\_\_  
safety and air, rail, and sea travel

### SECRETARY OF ENERGY

Department of Energy

Researches sources of  
\_\_\_\_\_ and electricity  
for the nation

### SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

Department of Education

Gives money for K-12 schools and  
student \_\_\_\_\_ loans

### SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Department of Veterans Affairs

Provides services for people who  
served in the \_\_\_\_\_

### SEC. OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Dep't of Health & Human Services

Gives services for Americans' health  
and \_\_\_\_\_

### SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Department of Homeland Security

Protects against \_\_\_\_\_  
and other threats

### SEC. OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Dep't of Housing & Urban Development

Creates strong communities and  
affordable \_\_\_\_\_


**B. Who Said That?** Identify which secretary might give the following advice or information:

1. Sec. of \_\_\_\_\_: "We need to invest in more solar electricity."
2. Sec. of \_\_\_\_\_: "We saw a decrease in highway deaths this year."
3. Sec. of \_\_\_\_\_: "Agents intercepted a terrorist threat this morning."
4. Sec. of \_\_\_\_\_: "It's time to take the penny out of circulation."
5. Sec. of \_\_\_\_\_: "We need to combat bark beetles in the national forest."

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**C. Whose Job Is It, Anyway?** Identify the executive agency that would most likely execute each act:

**The Veterans Educational Assistance Act (2008)** 

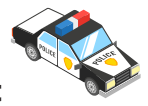
Increases educational benefits for military veterans who have served since September 11, 2001.

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**Protect America Act (2007)** 


Provides the intelligence community tools to gather important information about terrorists.

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act (1994)** 

Increased the number of police officers, funding for prisons, and crime prevention programs.

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**No Child Left Behind Act (2001)** 

Ensures that students in every public school achieve important learning goals by well-prepared teachers.

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**Helping Families Save Their Homes Act (2009)** 


Prevents families from losing their homes to foreclosure.

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (2009)** 

Gives funds to projects like ones that support improving roads, bridges, and other public structures.

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (2010)** 


Makes it easier for Americans to be covered by health insurance and get medical attention.

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**Farm Security and Rural Investment Act (2002)** 

Provides support to American farmers.

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Nuclear Waste Policy Act (1982)** 

Created a national program for safe and permanent disposal of radioactive waste.

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Enforce and Regulate.** The Department of Labor (DOL) works to protect public health and safety. Decide if each item on the list is a DOL regulation (R) or enforcement activity (E).

Enforcement	Regulation
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> 1. Monitor workplaces to see if they are following safety and health standards.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> 2. Employers must use a certain method for calculating overtime pay.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> 3. Employers must record and report work-related fatalities, injuries, and illnesses.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> 4. Evaluate possible cancer-causing substances found in the workplace.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> 5. Employees can file a charge if they feel they've been discriminated against
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> 6. Educate employers about how to follow the Fair Labor Standards Act.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> 7. Make sure agricultural workers are receiving fair treatment required by law.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> 8. Employers must post a notice explaining laws about the minimum wage.