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Directions: Review the "separation of powers/checks and balances" chart below and from your worksheets/notes. Identify which branch of government has the power to perform the action described in the list of circumstances below. Then determine if any branch of government has the power to "check" the branch that did have the power.

Circumstances:

- A.** Homeland Security officials have been ordered to open suspicious packages they believe might be from terrorists.
- B.** A bill recently passed to allow citizens to choose their own health care plan under Medicare.
- C.** The United States has signed a peace treaty with Iran.
- D.** A law, recently passed in a state legislature banning gay marriages, is being challenged as unconstitutional.
- E.** A bill is passed outlawing American citizens from making contributions to charitable organizations from the Middle East.
- F.** A replacement for the Attorney General has been appointed to Congress.
- G.** A recent law closing a tax reduction for US companies establishing off shore drilling (for oil) is ruled constitutional.
- H.** A recent bill to increase funding for education was passed over the President's rejection of the bill.
- I.** A health care insurance company has been ordered to pay for additional treatment requested by a patient.



