

Smith and Gamm Reading

1. Be able to summarize the Cooper-Brady argument about party leadership.
2. What is the conditional party government thesis?
3. How does it differ from Cooper-Brady?
4. What were the “Reed Rules”?
5. What is the Cannon revolt?
6. How would you characterize “Aldrichism”?
7. What are the major conclusions Smith and Gamm draw in comparing late 19th and late 20th Century patterns of leadership and centralization?

Schickler and Pearson Reading

1. What happened during the Revolution of 1995?
2. What are the major differences between Hastert and Gingrich?
3. What happened with respect to the 2003 Medicare prescription drug bill?
4. What are the major differences between Gephardt and Pelosi?
5. How would you characterize Republican leadership since 1995?
6. What are Schickler and Pearson’s conclusions about the likelihood that the GOP system will become institutionalized?