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**Principles of Lawmaking and the Constitution**

**Directions.** Examine the following situations and attempt to determine whether it involves the principle of **separation of powers, checks and balances, judicial review, federalism or some combination of these principles.** Specify the principle(s) involved and explain your answer.

1. A state law requires that a prayer be said each day in public schools. The courts rule that the law violates a First Amendment Clause that prohibits the government from establishing a religion.
2. An official in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is accused of receiving kickbacks of money for making government contracts with certain private corporations. She is required to testify about this before a congressional committee and is prosecuted in court.

1. The U.S. Congress passes a law that restricts imports of handguns from other countries. The legislature in one state allows the sale of handguns to anyone over age eighteen.
2. Because a prison is very old and overcrowded, a state court orders the state legislature to spend $10 million on a new prison.