

## **Homework 6**

### **Social Choice and Institutions**

**(Due October 31)**

On September 28, 2016 the U.S. Senate voted to invoke cloture for H.R. 5325, The Continuing Appropriations and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017, and Zika Response and Preparedness Act, by a vote of 77-21. That same day H.R. 5325 passed the Senate on a 72-26 vote.

There were 71 senators that voted yes on both cloture and final passage. There were 20 senators that voted no on both cloture and final passage. There were 6 senators that voted yes for cloture and no for final passage. Sen. Daines (R-MT) voted against cloture and for final passage. Roll call votes 150 and 151 are here ([http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll\\_call\\_lists/vote\\_menu\\_114\\_2.htm](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/vote_menu_114_2.htm)) if you need them.

Using similar analyses to Denzau, Riker and Shepsle, do the following:

1. Draw a game tree for these two votes (see Figure 1 of Denzau et al.). Determine what final outcomes correspond to all possible outcomes in both the first round (cloture) and second round (final passage) of voting.
2. Assess the motives of each of the four voting blocks (YY, YN, NY, NN). What do you think their preferences are in regards to the possible outcomes identified in part 1. It may be helpful to check some press accounts of the bill's passage (see [http://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/29/us/politics/congress-shutdown-flint-spending.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/29/us/politics/congress-shutdown-flint-spending.html?_r=0))
3. Assess whether you think each of the four voting blocks are voting sincerely or strategically. Justify your answer.
4. Is each voting block motivated by electoral considerations, policy considerations, or both? Justify your answer.