

**U.S. Government**  
**Legislatures: Laying Down the Law**

*Take notes during the film that will allow you to answer the questions later*

1. After years of pushing for campaign finance reform, supporters were strengthened in their efforts by the scandal that erupted over Enron. How do contributions to campaigns sometimes corrupt our system of government?
  
2. The campaign finance bill was, in the end, passed because several legislators were willing to compromise and accept some provisions that they were not happy to support. What does this tell us about legislators and the legislative process?
  
3. Is the bipartisan support for the campaign finance bill really that unusual?
  
4. What interests should a representative represent?
  
5. What should a legislator do if the constituents' views clash with the representative's?
  
6. Should legislators do what is best for their constituents or what is best for the nation?
  
7. What kinds of services should legislators perform for their constituents?
  
8. Are there services that legislators should not provide?

