

## Ch. 14 #3

# Diplomatic & Military Power of the President

### The Power to Make Treaties

- usually through the Sec. of State (right hand man/woman) may negotiate treaties or international agreements

### Executive Agreements

- most international agreements today
- don't req. Senate approval (made b/t Pres. & foreign leader)

### Power of Recognition

- Presidents have power to recog. legal existence of foreign countries  
(Very powerful .....impacts new government's future)

previous examples include.....

Can also reject foreign reps....."persona non grata"

## Dominant Role in Military Affairs

- shares war power w/ Congress but has much latitude as Commander in Chief
- delegate most command authority but is decision maker
- Only Cong. can Dec. War, but has used military many times w/out formal Dec. of war
- Many Undec. Wars. (Korea, Vietnam)

[Congressional Resolutions to support use of military]

- may use the military including state militias to keep peace in times of domestic turmoil
- in reaction to Vietnam.....Congress passes

### ***War Powers Resolution of 1973***

1. Req. Pres. to inform Cong. of any commitment of troops abroad w/in 48 hrs.
2. Req. Pres. to gain Cong. approval if the commitment lasts longer than 60 days

(this act is controversial..... Constitutionality)

## Chapter 14 #4

# The Legislative & Judicial Powers of the President

### Legislative:

- gives State of the Union & proposes budgets
- recommends specific legislation (laws) to Congress
- has power to veto laws
- “line item veto” (doesn’t have anymore)
- can call special sessions of Congress, can also adjourn a Congressional session if the Congress can’t agree on a date

### Judicial Powers

- can grant pardons (legal forgiveness) and reprieves (postponement of a sentence) involving federal law
- can commute or reduce sentences
- can grant amnesty or a general pardon to people who have violated the law (Ford.....Nixon) (even prior to a trial)

## **Chap. 14 #5** (Ch. 15-2 & 15-3 in book at home)

# **The Executive Office of the President & the Cabinet**

## **Executive Office of the Pres.**

- made up of many different offices .....White House Staff.....includes: advisors, Chief of Staff, Press Secretary

## **National Security Council**

- advises Pres. on all matters of national security incl.: VP, Sec. of State, Sec. of Defense, Sec. of Homeland Security, Director of the CIA, & the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

## **The Cabinet**

- Most members have been white males
- Pres. makes use of their cabinet in diff. ways. Has to do with their relationship w/ individuals