

Political Science 367
Lecture 9

1. Interest Group as Principal
 - What do interest groups need from legislators?
 - How does this create a principal-agent problem?
2. Incentives to shirk
 - How do cross-pressures cause members to shirk?
 - Why are members risk-averse?
 - How does risk-aversion cause members to shirk?
 - Why do priorities change over the course of a term?
3. Interest group solutions
 - How do interest groups get members to follow through with the deal?
 - What do the examples of the Farm Bureau, Irradiation of beef, and Religious Right illustrate?
4. Public Lobbying
 - What is necessary for public lobbying to be successful?
 - What does the example of Mathew Carey (not to be confused with Matthew Perry) say about public lobbying?
5. Enforcement of principal-agent relationships
 - What is positive enforcement (carrot)?
 - What is negative enforcement (stick)?
 - How are the two interrelated?
 - Which type of enforcement do members use when they are the principal?
 - Which type of enforcement do interest groups use when they are the principal?
6. Scales of Justice
 - How are the scales of justice balanced?
 - What do interest groups need from members and what do they provide?
 - What do members need from interest groups and what do they provide?