Consumers complained after EpiPen maker Mylan “hiked the price of the emergency auto-injector by $100 in recent months for no obvious reason. . . . The price has increased 450 percent since 2004, when a dose cost $100 in today’s dollars, to its current price of more than $600. . . . The medication itself isn’t expensive. Analysts calculate that the dosage contained in a single pen is worth about $1.”

Washington Post, August 23, 2016

After reading the scenario, respond to A, B, and C below:

(A) Describe a power Congress could use to address the comments outlined in the scenario.

(B) In the context of the scenario, explain how the use of congressional power described in Part A can be affected by its interaction with the presidency.

(C) In the context of the scenario, explain how the interaction between Congress and the presidency can be affected by linkage institutions.

How to Answer the Concept Application Question

Questions

(A) Describe a power Congress could use to address the comments outlined in the scenario.

- The scenario: Over cost of medication
- What can Congressional power to impact the scenario
  - Hold hearings
  - Pass a law
- **ANSWER:** Congress can pass legislation to regulate the pharmaceutical industry

(B) In the context of the scenario, explain how the use of congressional power described in Part A can be affected by its interaction with the presidency.

- What Presidential Powers can impact Congress
  - Hold hearings: The President can use his Bully Pulpit
  - Pass a law: The President can Veto the law
- **ANSWER:** The President can sign or veto a law which limits Congress’ ability to act alone

(C) In the context of the scenario, explain how the interaction between Congress and the presidency can be affected by linkage institutions.

- How can elections, parties, interest groups, or the media impact what the COTUS and POTUS do?
  - People--------Vote for or against COTUS or POTUS------ Which could affect the action of COTUS or POTUS
  - Political Parties:------Make platform goals-------POTUS develops new platform for party
  - Interest Groups-----Could lobby COTUS or POTUS------Which could affect the action of COTUS or POTUS
  - Media--------Could question COTUS or POTUS stance-------- Which could affect the action of COTUS or POTUS
- **ANSWER:** Interest groups and lobbyist could meet with the president or congress to affect the actions of the president or congress