*QUESTIONS*

1. Do you have any comments about the discussion of food jurisdictions on page 433?
2. The text mentions Max Weber early in the chapter; read the following and comment on his bureaucratic theory:
   1. Wikipedia's [page](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bureaucracy#Max_Weber_on_bureaucracy) on Weber
   2. John Kilcullen's [lecture](http://www.humanities.mq.edu.au/Ockham/y64l09.html) on Weber
   3. Weber, [excerpt](http://www.faculty.rsu.edu/users/f/felwell/www/TheoryWeb/readings/WeberBurform.html) from *Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft* (*Economics and Society*)
   4. *Journal of Libertarian Studies* [article](http://www.mises.org/journals/jls/18_1/18_1_1.pdf)
   5. Ezra Suleiman's [lecture](http://www.afsp.msh-paris.fr/activite/2006/colllinz06/txtlinz/suleiman.pdf)
   6. Aby Jain's [lecture](http://csdl.computer.org/comp/proceedings/hicss/2004/2056/05/205650127c.pdf)
3. Comment on your impressions of the “myths” about bureaucracy:
   1. Americans dislike bureaucrats.
   2. Bureaucracies are growing bigger each year.
   3. Most federal bureaucrats work in Washington, D.C.
   4. Bureaucracies are ineffective, inefficient, and always mired in red tape.
4. What do you find interesting about Figure 15.1?
5. Find information regarding some of the General Schedule (GS) ratings on the U.S. Office of Personnel Management [website](http://www.opm.gov/) and comment on the process.
6. Use Figure 15.2 as your base; identify each of the cabinet departments' secretary and the overall job description of each department.
7. Discuss the five main independent regulatory commissions; i.e., the Federal Reserve Board (FRB), National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Federal Trade Commission (FTC), and Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).
8. Do a little Internet research and profile three of the largest independent executive agencies:
   1. General Services Administration (GSA)
   2. National Science Foundation (NSF)
   3. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
9. Why is border security so difficult?
10. Discuss the evolution of the federal bureaucracy.
11. How should we regulate?
12. Explain how the president, Congress, and iron triangles and issue networks influence the bureaucracy.