The Checks and Balances System: A Worksheet

Various governmental powers are listed below. Identify the branch doing the checking and the branch being checked. More than one answer is possible per section.

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| **Power** | **Which Branch Has The Power?** | **Which Branch's Power is Being Checked?(Could be more than one)** |
| **1) Create and pass legislation.**    |     |     |
| **2) Veto bills.**    |     |     |
| **3) Ratify treaties.**    |     |   |
| **4) Appoint Federal judges.**    |   |   |
| **5) Impeachment of federal**  **officials.**  |   |   |
| **6) Confirm the appointment**  **of presidential appointments.**  |   |   |
| **7) Declare laws unconstitutional.**    |   |   |
| **8) Override Presidential Vetoes.**    |   |   |
| **9) Judges are appointed for life.**    |   |   |
| **10) Controls appropriations of**  **money.** |   |   |