

ACTIVITY 15.3**Logrolling Across the Land**

Voter	Programs			
	Defense Contract (in billions)		Farm Subsidies (in billions)	
	Benefits to Constituents	Costs to Constituents	Benefits to Constituents	Costs to Constituents
Eastern senator	\$40	\$20	\$5	\$20
Midwestern senator	\$5	\$20	\$40	\$20
Western senator	\$5	\$20	\$5	\$20

1. Which of these programs is economically efficient (i.e., benefits exceed costs)?
2. If majority voting is used and only these three senators vote (perhaps in a key Senate subcommittee), which of these programs is likely to be approved?
3. If you were the Eastern senator, what could you do to try to get one of the other senators to vote for the defense contract?
4. What role does the Western senator play in this election?

Source: Jeffrey Blais and Raymond J. Pouliet. *The Senior Economist*, National Council on Economic Education, 1992.