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The President's Power: Veto, Override, and the Pocket Veto

Short Answer Key

1. A pocket veto occurs when the President takes no action on a bill, Congress adjourns within the ten-day window, and the bill does not become law.
2. Requiring a two-thirds majority vote in Congress to override a presidential veto ensures that such a significant decision reflects strong support and consensus among lawmakers.
3. The President's power of veto contributes to the system of checks and balances by allowing the Executive Branch to scrutinize and potentially reject legislation passed by the Legislative Branch.
4. No, a bill cannot become law if the President takes no action, and Congress does not adjourn. The bill remains in a state of limbo.
5. It is important for the President to have a specific time frame to consider a bill to prevent delays in the legislative process and provide clarity on the bill's fate.

