Homework Assignment 1/3

- America COMPETES Reauthorization Act (H.R. 1806 - 114th Congress) – House Science Majority Bill
  - Provides authorizations for NSF, DOE Science, and NIST
  - Breaking with tradition, bill authorizes at the NSF Directorate level (i.e., CISE, BIO, GEO, etc)
  - Provides increased funding for CISE (+$100M), MPS (+$134M), ENG (+$85M), BIO (+$87M) at the expense of SBE (-$141M) and GEO (-$165M)
Homework Assignment  2/3

• Rationale from Majority:
  – Funding for CISE, ENG, MPS and BIO creates jobs and fuels innovation that drives US economy
  – Climate change research in GEO and work in the Social, Behavioral and Economic sciences are less useful and not a compelling use of Federal funds
  – Under strict budget environment, priorities have to be set
Homework Assignment 3/3

Pretend you were a witness at a committee hearing on the bill. Draft a 1 minute response that could serve as an answer to the question of why you would support or oppose the Majority’s approach. Make sure you justify your rationale.