Terms Used in Congress

Instructions: Match all the terms to the definitions

1. _____ Whips
   A. Relevant or closely related for an amendment on a subject of a pending bill or other business.

2. _____ Seniority
   B. Status given senators according to their length of service. This entitles a senator to preferential treatment, for example committee assignments.

3. _____ Chairman
   C. Voters represented by an elected official living in his/her state or district.

4. _____ Germane
   D. Assistants to the floor leaders responsible for gathering votes within their parties on major issues. In the absence of a party floor leader, the whip often serves as acting floor leader.

5. _____ Constituents

6. _____ Chaplain
   E. After a committee has amended legislation, the chairman may be authorized by the panel to assemble the changes and what remains unchanged from the original bill and then reintroduce everything. This _____ bill may expedite Senate action avoiding separate floor consideration of each committee amendment.

7. _____ Clean bill
   F. Presiding officer of a committee or subcommittee. In the Senate, this position is based on seniority, but a senator can only chair one standing committee at a time.

G. A clergyman elected by the Senate to open its daily sessions with prayer.