

This thesis named Line-Item Veto in the U. S. Political System aims to describe the line-item veto issue to the Czech political science audience as this topic has not been studied extensively by Czech political scientists. The thesis focuses first on the problem of gubernatorial line-item veto power. It categorises the states by their forms of veto power and analyzes the differences among the 44 states which use some sort of the line-item veto. The second part of this thesis analyzes the issue at the federal level and examines the aims of many presidents who wanted to procure this power. The paper uses two case studies; first of the state Wisconsin, and the second case study, which analyzes the Clinton administration. President Clinton was the first and only president who was granted this power by Congress. The main questions which this thesis seeks to answer are whether or not the line-item veto is a threat to the separation of powers and the system of checks and balances and how presidents who wish to be granted this power argue in order to receive it.