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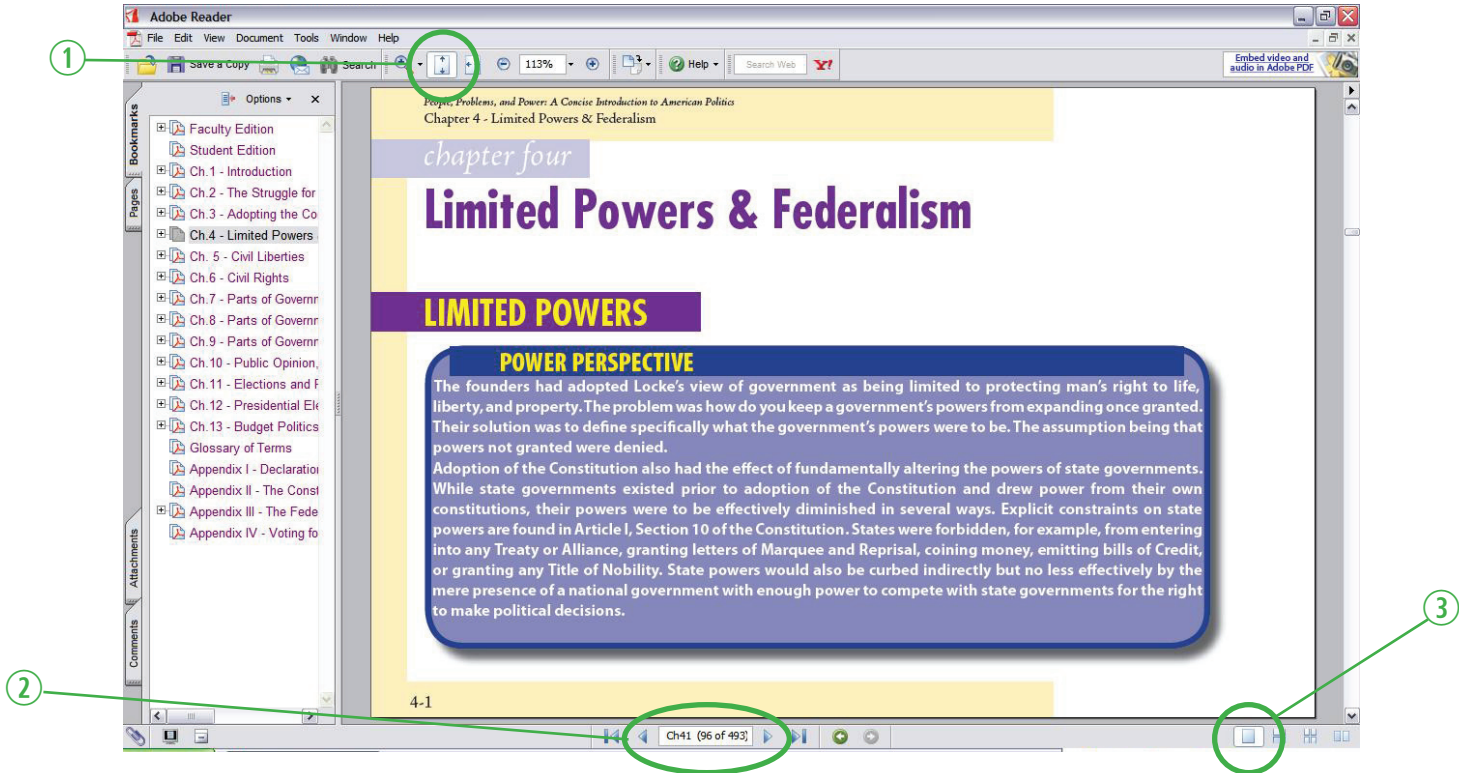
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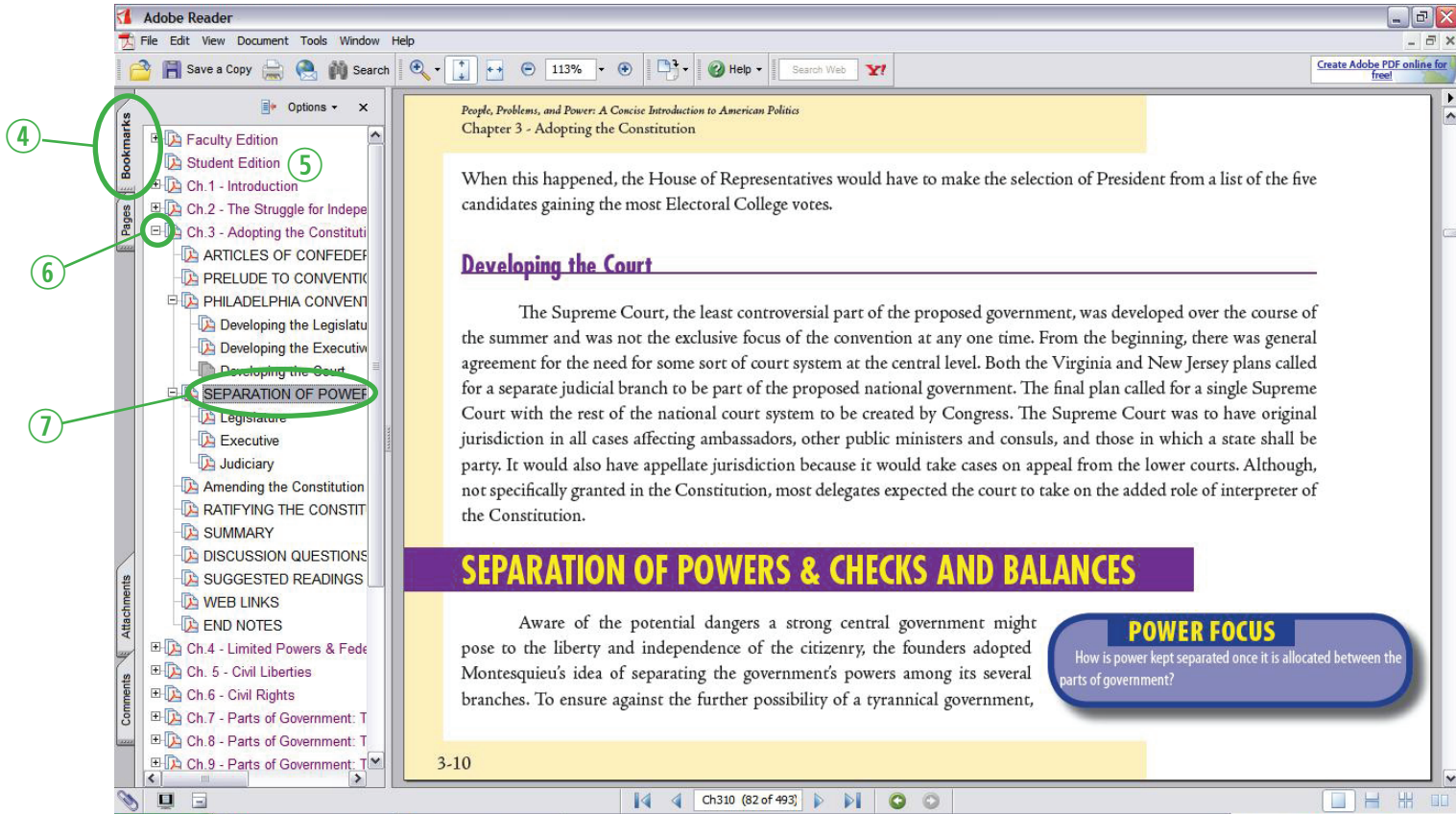
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Chapter 8 - Parts of Government: The Executive Branch

slightly less than 7,000 employees and the tendency was for people to keep it government.

Phase 2 begins with Jackson's presidency in 1829 and ends with his passing. Jackson gained the presidency in part through his ability to build a strong Jeffersonian Party. Upon assuming office, he declared that government jobs were to be rotated in office. Jackson's new "spoils system" had an immediate effect on the federal bureaucracy. Rotation in office opened up jobs to new blood, provided wanted jobs and allowed the common person into the bureaucracy for the first time in size between 1831 and 1861 going from 11,000 plus to over 36,000. By the time of Lincoln, it was so strong that Lincoln on more than one occasion complained how it drew public concern over abuses to the bureaucracy brought about by the spoils system. The **Civil Service Reform Act** of 1883, popularly known as the **Pendleton Act**, required that federal employees be recruited and hired based on "merit" and be given protection against removal.

Phase 3 begins with the Pendleton Act in 1883 and ends with the New Deal. The spoils system of selection coincides with a rapid expansion of the federal bureaucracy into the area of regulatory public policy. It had taken the federal government to reach the 50,000 mark in employment. It would add another 100,000 between 1900 and 1930 as agencies were added and the government created the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce. As dramatic as that growth had been it paled in comparison to the growth experienced because of the policies of the New Deal and the requirement that federal employees in 1931. On the eve of our entry into WWII, in 1941, the number of federal government employees continued during and after WWII and employment reached 1,000,000.

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Glossary of Terms

**Spoils system (8)** The spoils system was introduced by President Andrew Jackson by having party loyalists rewarded with government jobs. One of his associates allegedly said, "to the victors go the spoils."

**stagflation (1)** Word coined by economists in the 1970s to describe a combination of high inflation and high unemployment.

**standing committee (7)** Congressional committees given fixed jurisdiction because they address issues of continuing concern.

**Stanton, Elizabeth Cady (6)** One of the first Women's Rights leaders.

**strong president (8)** A President who will argue he has the power to do whatever he wants.

**subcommittee (7)** A further division of labor in a committee. A subcommittee is a smaller committee that reports to a larger committee.

**substantive due process (5)** Legal doctrine that protects individual liberties from government action.

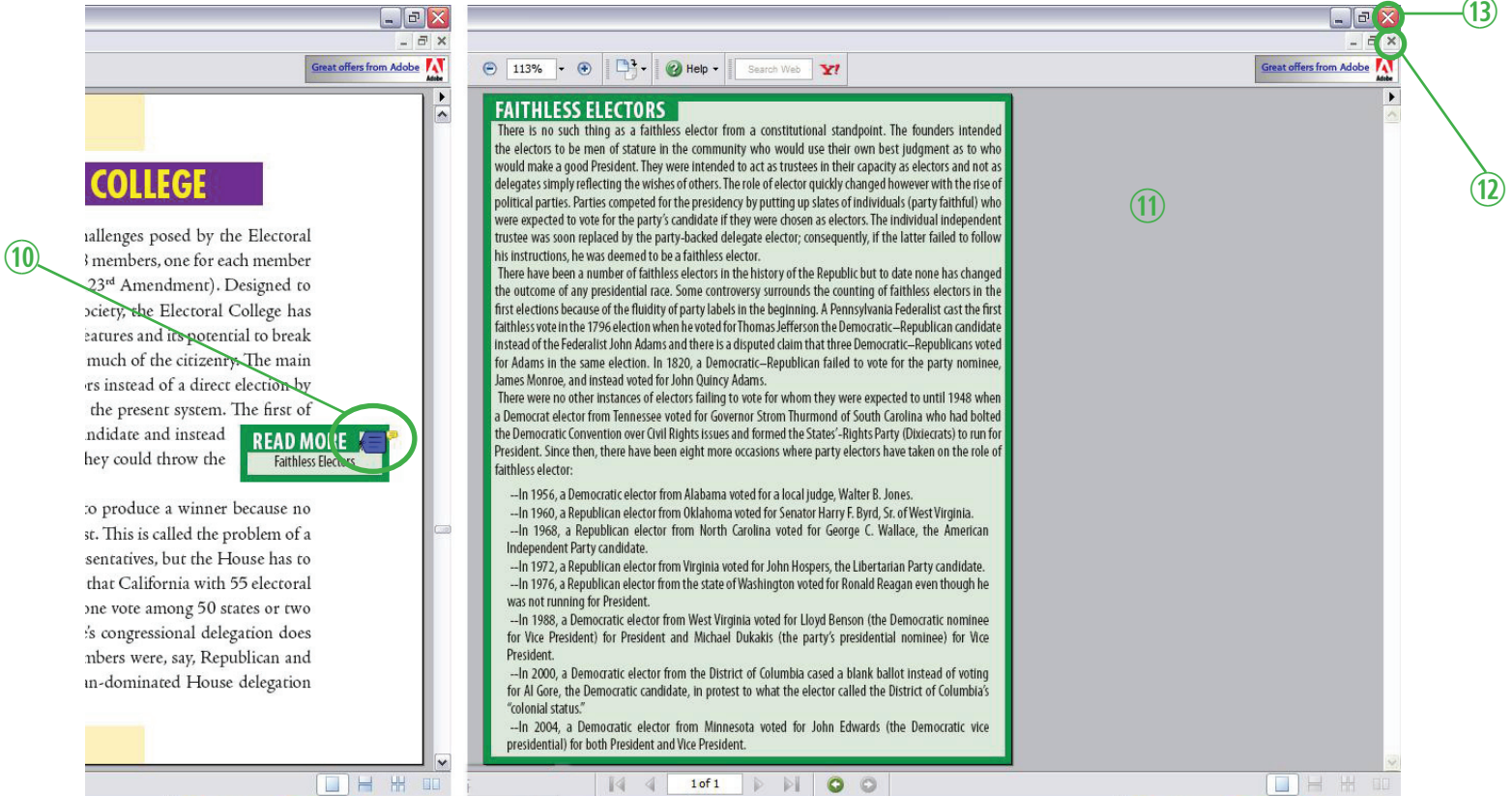
**succession (11)** The problem associated with passing power from one president to another.

**sugging (10)** The practice of selling something under the guise of public interest.

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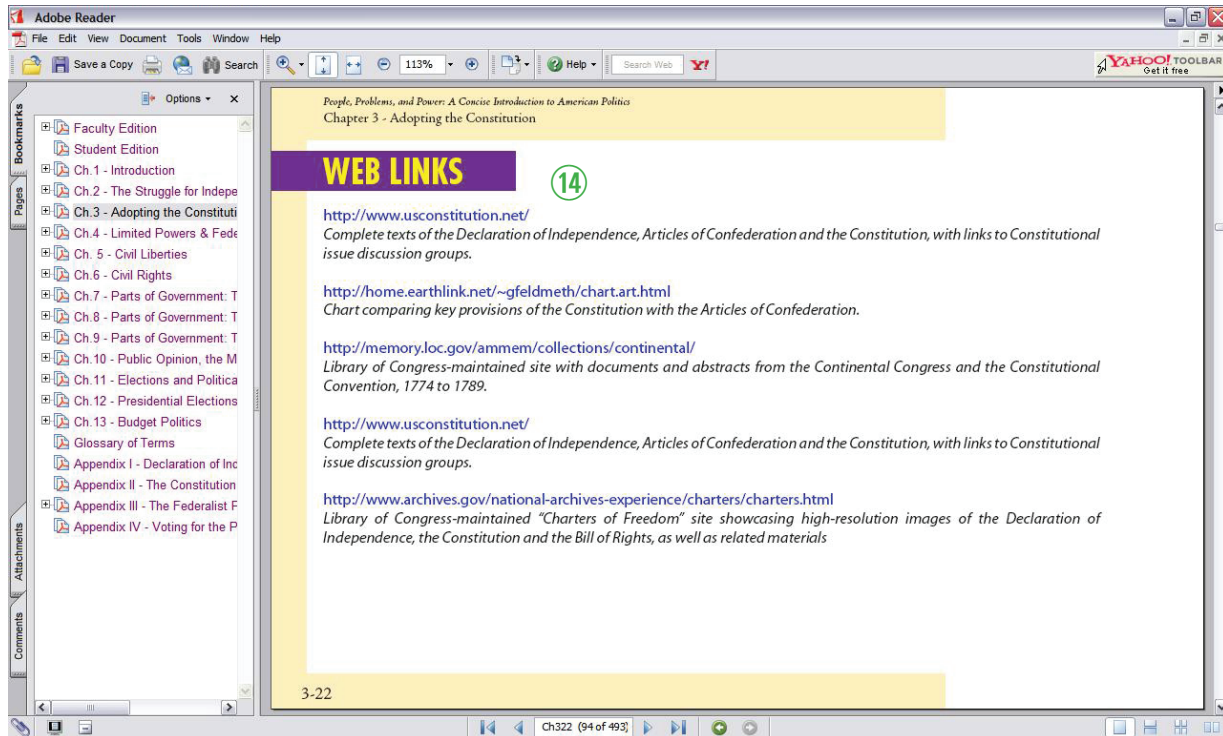
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