Mr. Smith Goes to Washington

Please answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Who was Jefferson Smith and what is his job before he gets picked for the Senate?
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2. Why did they need to pick a new Senator?
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3. Why did they pick Jefferson Smith to be the new Senator?
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4. Describe Jefferson Smith’s first couple of days in Washington D.C.
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5. What bill does Jefferson Smith propose?
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6. Why is this bill such a sensitive issue for Senator Payne?
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7. What steps are taken for this bill to become a law? Are they all of the steps in the process?
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8. What is a filibuster?
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9. Why does Sen. Smith filibuster? What does he hope to accomplish?
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10. Is he successful? Why or why not?
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11. Compare characters, issues and decision of the movie to today’s government. How are they similar and how are they different?
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