

Teddy Roosevelt's Square Deal

Business/Economy

- 1) **Dept. of Commerce and Labor** – Monitors businesses engaged in interstate commerce; keeps businesses from abusing employees
- 2) **Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC)** – Oversees Railroad industry that does business with more than one state
- 3) **Hepburn Act** – Government can regulate shipping and other transportation fees (bridges, tollways, canals, etc)
- 4) **Elkins Act** – Imposed fines on railroad companies that gave special rates to favored companies
- 5) **Sherman Anti-Trust Act** – Forced monopolies/trusts to split into smaller companies
- 6) **Meat Inspection Act** – Inspection of all meat that crosses state lines
- 7) **Food and Drug Act** – Monitor companies to make sure people are not hurt by dangerous substances or dishonest labels

Environment

- 1) **Creation of National Forests** – Preserve natural resources like timber and water
- 2) **National Reclamation Act** – Government owned land with water to be equally distributed among farmers and others living in Western United States.