The informal amendment process is an effective way to keep the Constitution up-to-date. The Supreme Court is constantly reviewing decisions of lower courts and, in the process, continuously amending the Constitution. Since its landmark decision in 1962 outlawing organized, officially-sponsored prayers in school, the Supreme Court has continued to amend informally the Constitution and place restrictions on school prayer. Study the cartoon below and answer the following questions.

**News Item: High Court Cracks Down on Prayers Before Football Games?**

**Remember, Boys, If Anyone Asks, We're Looking for a Contact Lens!**

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**Interpreting Political Cartoons**

1. What is the coach about to do?
2. What is the "High Court"?
3. Why is the coach telling the players to pretend they are looking for a contact lens?
4. **Demonstrating Reasoned Judgment** How does the Supreme Court's ability to amend the Constitution informally serve as a check and balance on the other branches of government?