Preliminary Outline for Dispute Length Project

Main idea: extend SOP_repeated model to endogenize length of dispute

- Adapt SOP_repeated (or SOP)

  - Note: Chad wonders if repeated game / self-enforcement constraint is essential to story

- When is it worth it for lobby to exert effort to prolong trade war?

- Chad and Maurizio Zanardi are working on a paper on AD 5-year reviews

  - After five years, they come up for review

    * Some AD measures get removed, some not, some go to dispute
    * This is, of course, conditional on getting to five years

  - 40 percent of all WTO disputes have to do with AD, but of course not all AD measure go to dispute

  - They have the data, but are not exploiting cross-industry variation

    * Instead, aggregate variation, things like recessions, exchange rates

  - They don't have a theory for the cross-industry variation, because the economic determinants are meaningless after five years

    * No injury, import surges: they've been protected for five years. No variation in new economic date b/c they've been insulated
    * What's the economic test? There really isn't one. "Would there be injury if we removed the duty?"
    * Politics could be that theory (my theory from above)
      · Q: Does hiring of lawyers for AD procedure get caught up in LDA data?