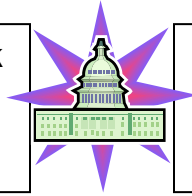


House

How a Bill Becomes a Law

Senate

1. Representative hands bill to clerk or drops it in hopper.
2. Bill given *HR* number.



1. Senator announces bill on the floor.
2. Bill given *S* number.

Committee Action

1. Referred to House standing committee.
2. Referred to House subcommittee.
3. Reported by standing committee.
4. Rules Committee sets rules for debate and amendments.

Put on calendar

Sent to subcommittee for changes

Standing committee may recommend it pass or be killed

1. Referred to Senate standing committee.
2. Referred to Senate subcommittee.
3. Reported by standing committee.

Floor Action

1. House debates, votes on passage.
 2. Bill passes; goes to Senate for approval.
- OR
- Different version passes; goes to conference committee.

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Conference Action

Conference committee works out differences and sends identical compromise bill to both chambers for final approval.

House votes on compromised bill.

Senate votes on compromised bill.

Pass

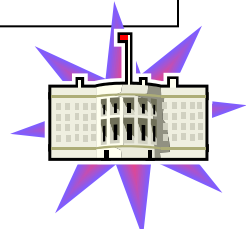
Approved Bill Sent To President

President signs bill, or allows bill to become law without signing.

OR

President vetoes bill or uses a "pocket veto."

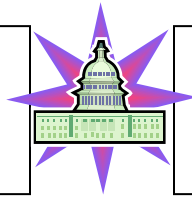
Congress can override veto with 2/3 majorities in both chambers. If not the bill dies!



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How a Bill Becomes a Law

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Sent to
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Floor Action

1. House _____, _____ on passage.
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compromised bill.

Pass

Approved Bill Sent To President

President _____ bill, or allows bill to _____ without signing.

OR

President _____ bill or uses a "_____".

Congress can _____ veto with _____ majorities in both chambers. If not the bill _____!

