**How a Bill becomes a Law: Guided Notes**

Big Picture:

* The number **\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_** of the legislative branch is to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* Out of the thousands of bills introduced in each session of Congress **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** a few hundred become law
  + Most **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in Congress
  + Some are **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** by the President
* If a bill is not passed before the end of that congressional session (two years), it must be introduced **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in the next session to be given further**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
* The process for a bill to become law is **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and can take a long time
  + Fewer than **\_\_\_\_\_\_**of bills become law

First Step:

* To make a bill you need an **\_\_\_\_\_\_**!
* An idea for a bill may come from **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
  + However**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** members of congress can **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** it

Second Step:

* Bill is introduced by a member of Congress
  + Any member can introduce a bill it is called **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* Ideas for Bills come from **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, lobbyists, or other representatives of interest groups, and the executive branch
* Bills may be **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** by legislators, their staff, congressional lawyers, or a representative from an interest group
* A bill can have a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (the introducer) and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**(other congressmen)
  + This shows the bill has wide **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

How to introduce a Bill:

* In the House, a member drops the bill into the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,** a box near the clerk’s desk
* In the Senate, the presiding officer must first recognize the senator, who then **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** presents the bill.
* Once a bill is introduced:
  + It is given a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
    - For example in **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** its S.1 and the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it is H.R. 1
  + Printed and distributed to lawmakers
* These steps are considered the first “**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**” of the bill

Third Step:

* Committee **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* Bills are Sent to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** that deal with the subject
* What can a committee do?
  + **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** the bill- let it die, or pigeonhold it, which means they ignore it
  + **\_\_\_\_\_\_**the bill- reject it by a majority vote
  + **\_\_\_\_\_\_** on the bill
    - Rewrite the bill
    - Amend it- Mark Up
    - Or recommend it be adopted as is
* Committee sends it to the House or Senate once **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

Fourth Step:

* Once reported to the House or Senate by Committee it goes to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* A clerk reads the bill section by section- “**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**”
* Once a section is read Congressmen **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and can propose amendments to each section

Fifth Step:

* After **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** the bill is ready for **\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
  + This includes the bill and any **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** changes
* A **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (majority) must be present
* Bill is read for third time
* Vote is taken
  + **\_\_\_\_**ways to vote
    1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Vote: Members call out “Aye” or “No”
    2. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Vote: “Ayes” and “Nos” stand to be counted
    3. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Vote: Each member says “Aye” or “No” as names are called in Alphabetical Order
       1. The **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** also can use a fourth method where its recorded electronically and displayed on panels

Sixth Step:

* Once **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** by one house:
* Bill is sent to the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**house to repeat steps 3-5 or they can skip right to a vote

Seventh Step:

* Presidential Action
* Article 1, Section **7** states that “Every Bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall before it becomes a Law, be presented to the President.”
* After the bill has been approved **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**by House & Senate the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**receives it.
  + The President can either **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** it (sign it)into law
  + Or **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**it where it will return to the house where it Originated

Flow Chart

Directions: In the Space below create a Flow chart of the Seven Steps of how a Bill becomes Law. Make sure you label each step and give a short description. The design of how this will look is completely up to you.

Create Your Own Bill

Directions: You will be creating your own Bill. This must be original. You MUST use complete sentences and proper Grammar/Spelling to receive an A!

**Explain it:** 3-5 sentences explaining your Bill

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**Justify it:** 5 sentences justifying why there is a need for that Bill. Why is this Bill important?

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**Give it a Committee:** 1-2 sentences explain what committee do you believe your bill should be recommended to and why

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**Analyze it:** 3 Sentences explain if you think your bill will pass each step to becoming a Law or not. Why do you think this will easily pass/ fail?

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**Draw it:** Draw a picture below that represents the Bill