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### How Our National Laws Are Made

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### How Does a Bill Become a Law?

## Redo Version

#### A. Getting the Facts

Reading a Flow Chart. The flow chart below shows the many steps involved in the passage of a bill. Study the chart, then complete the activity.

#### Moving a Bill Through Congress

Introduction	Member of one house introduces bill. Bill is referred to a committee.	Using the flow chart as a guide, number the following steps in order from 1 to 6.
Committee Action	Committee refers bill to subcommittee, which holds hearings and studies bill.	a. subcomittee holds hearings and studies bill
	Bill goes back to full committee. Committee votes to report bill to full house.	b. President signs bill into law
Floor Action	Debate on bill.  Majority of house votes to approve bill.  Bill goes to other	c. bill was amended after it went to the second house so it is now in a conference committee
	house to repeat steps to this point.	d. member of one house introduces bill
Conference Action	If the two houses have approved different versions of the bill, the bill goes to a conference committee made up of members of both houses to resolve differences.	e. back to both houses for approval
	Bill goes back to both houses for approval.  One or both houses kill bill.	f. committee reports bill to full house
Presidential Action	Bill goes to President. President signs bill into law, allows bill to become law without signing, or vetoes bill. Both houses have to override veto, or the bill is dead.	>

### B. Using the Facts

**Apply information.** Each of the following situations tells about an imaginary bill that has gone through one of the steps listed on the flow chart in Section A (on reverse side). In the spaces below each situation, write what the next (2) two steps (places) the bill will go through in the bill-to-law process. Use the flow chart in Section A (on reverse side) to help you with your answers. (Assume the bill passes all steps.)

1.	A bill to give additional funding to states who lengthen their school year to 200 days is introduced into the Senate and given a title and number.
A.	<u> </u>
В.	
	The committee of the <u>second</u> house has made an amendment to the bill on low-cost housing loans to US veterans that it received from the house that it was originally introduced into.
В.	
3. A.	Debate is held in a committee of the house that a bill on federal funding for cancer research was introduced into.
В.	
c. <sup>-</sup>	Time for real life!
desk. they re Sectio	se one of the bills listed above has passed both houses of Congress and is on the president's Some members of Congress are still against the bill and want their constituents (the people epresent) to give the president their opinions on the bill directly. Choose one of the bills from n B above. In the space below, write a 10 to 15 word email urging the president to either sign I into law or to veto it, giving the reason for your opinion.