

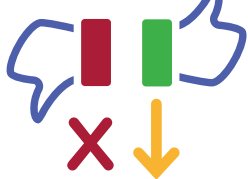
The US Legislative Process

It starts with an idea...

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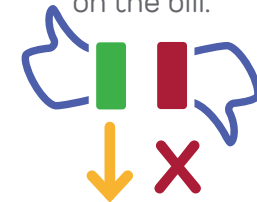
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A bill is introduced by a member of the House and assigned to a committee for review.

The committee meets to discuss, amend, and vote on the bill.



If approved, bill proceeds to the full House for further discussion, amendments, and voting.



Bill must pass through both chambers before being sent to the President.



A conference committee, made of members of both chambers, meets to resolve any differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill.

Both chambers vote on final bill.



President signs the bill and it becomes a law



President vetoes the bill and sends it back to Congress.

The veto can be overridden by Congress with a 2/3 vote.