THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

1. The Representative gets support from others to sponsor the bill and it is sent to committee.
2. Committee discusses the bill and makes changes before it is sent back to the floor of the House.
3. Representatives debate the bill and make changes before they vote.
4. The House votes on the bill. If a majority of the House votes "Yes", the bill is passed and moves on to the Senate.

5. Bill first goes to a Senate committee that discusses the bill and makes changes and amendments.
6. The bill is then debated on the Senate floor before it is voted on with a "Yea" or "Nay" vote.
7. If a majority of the Senators vote "Yea" on the bill, it is passed back to the House for review.
8. House and Senate members in a joint committee discuss the differences between the two bills and make any final changes.

9. The jointly approved bill goes back to the House and the Senate for final vote. If approved by Congress, it goes to the President.
10. The President can sign the bill, veto it, or do nothing (will become a law after 10 days if Congress is in session.)
11. If vetoed, it goes back to the House and Senate to reconsider. If 2/3 of Congress vote to pass the bill, the veto is overridden.
12. The bill becomes a law!

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