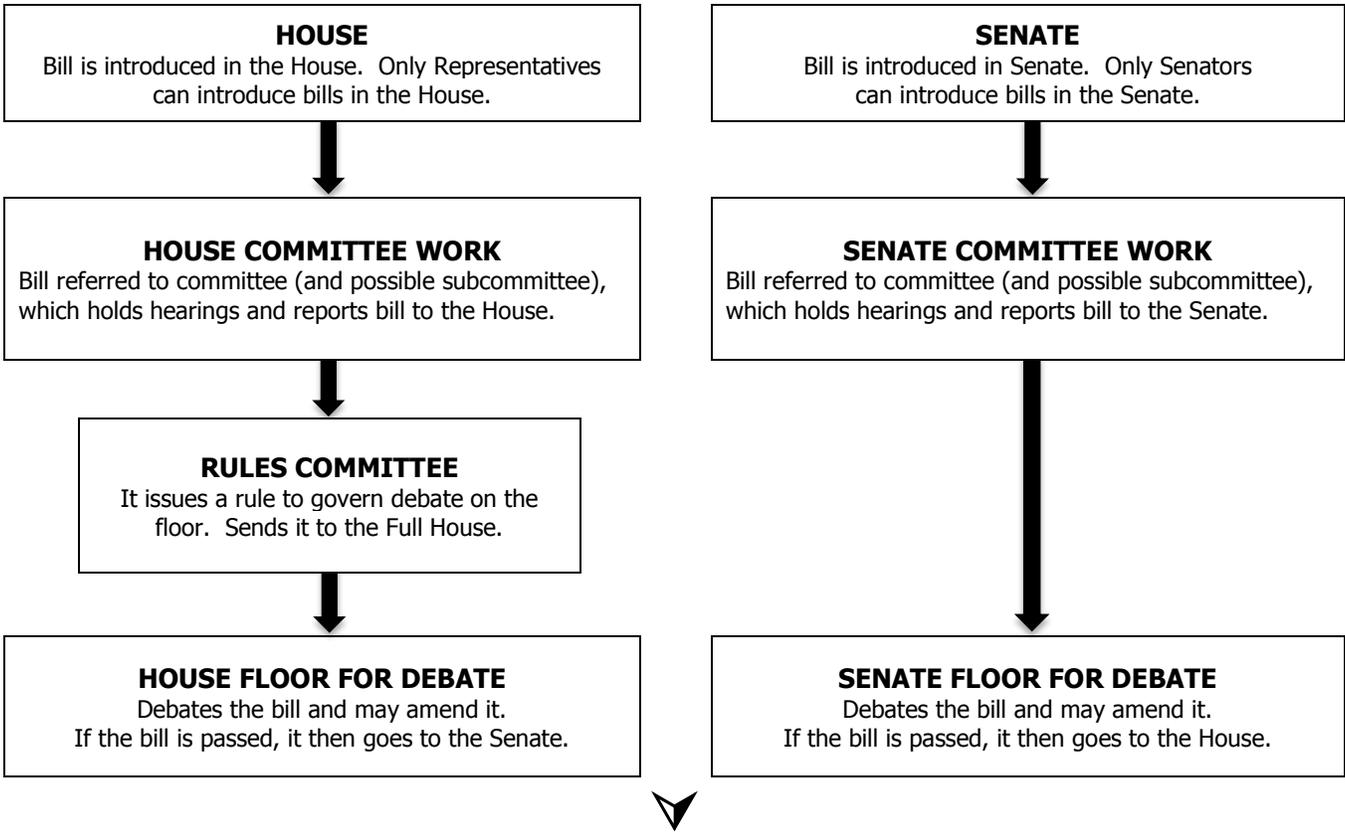
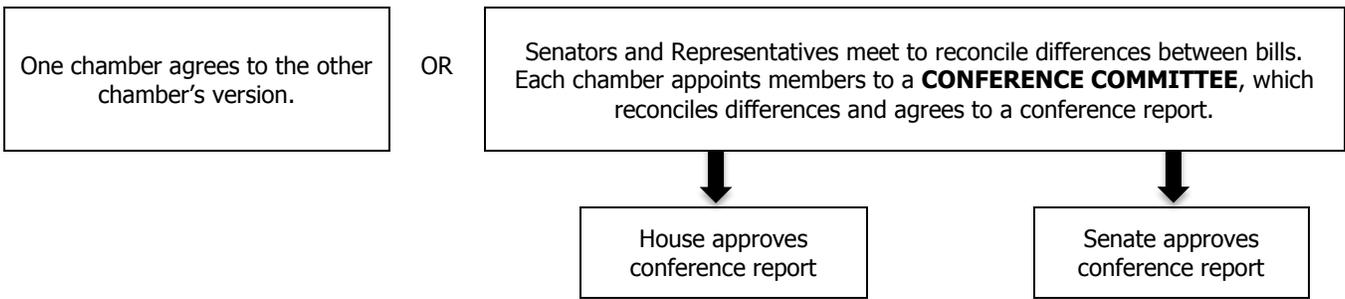


HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW FLOWCHART

Bills, or proposed laws, begin in Congress. Only a member of Congress can introduce a bill in either house. Legislation may begin in either chamber. Similar proposals are often introduced in both chambers.



Measures must pass both the House and the Senate in identical form before being presented to the President. If different versions are passed, the bill must go to a conference committee.



Legislation presented to the President.

President signs bill	If President does not sign bill into law within 10 days		President vetoes bill
Bill becomes law	If Congress is in session, bill becomes law	If Congress is <i>not</i> in session, bill does not become law ("pocket veto")	Bill does not become law, unless both chambers override veto by 2/3 majority