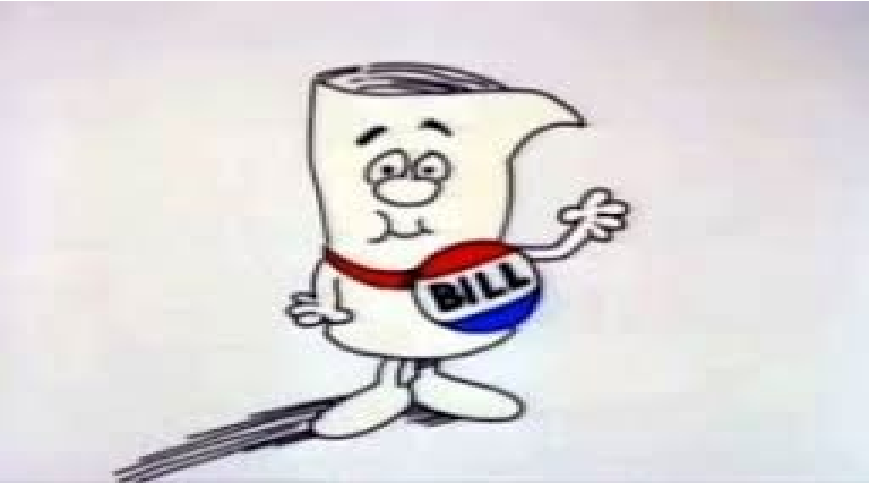


How to Make Your Idea a Law



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Today's Objectives

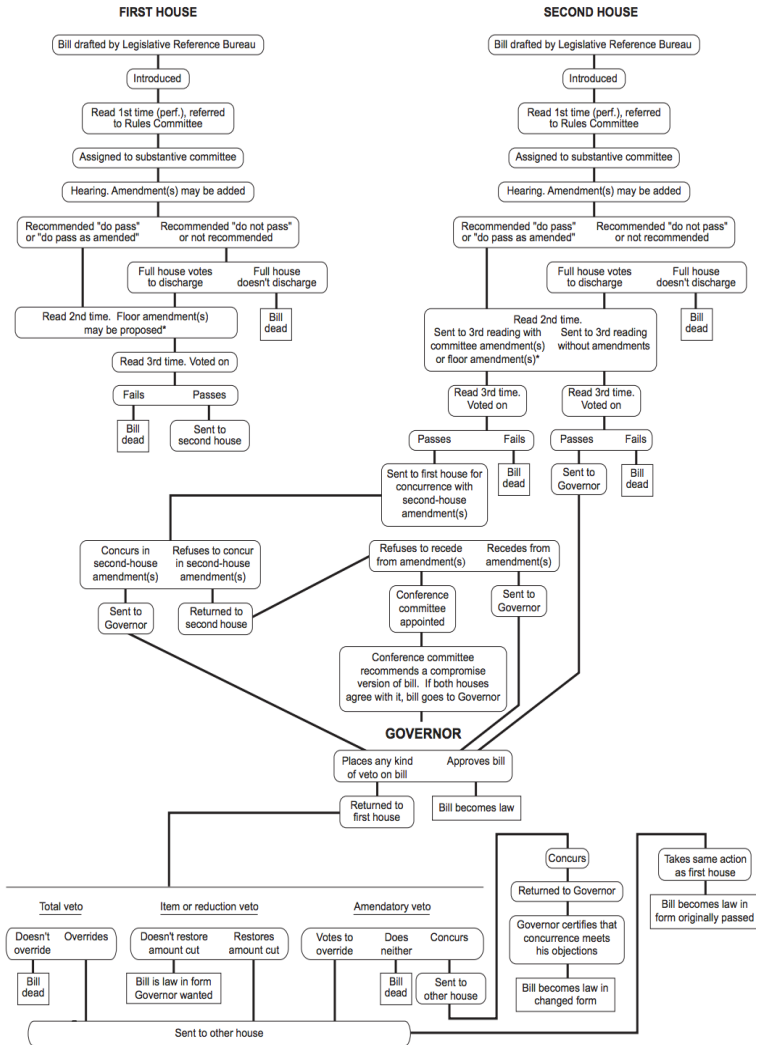
- Introduce (or re-introduce!) the legislative process
- Learn how to pass legislation that will benefit your school district (and likely many others!)
- Understand the challenges you will face and how you can overcome them

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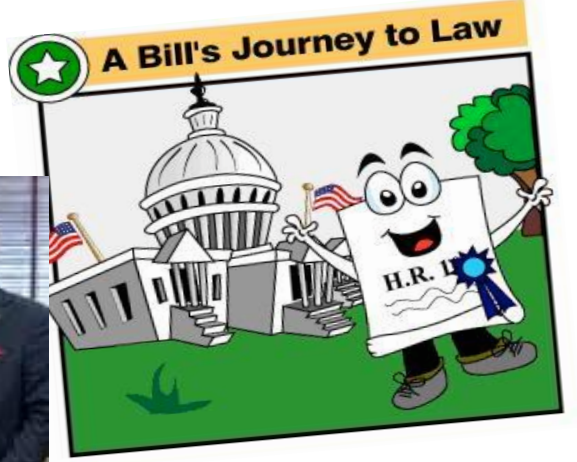
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HOW A BILL BECOMES LAW IN ILLINOIS



*Amendments proposed on the floor must go to the Rules Committee for approval before being considered.

Legislative Process; What do you know?



Getting Your Idea Into Bill Form

- Once you identify an issue you would like addressed by the General Assembly, put it in writing
- All bills and amendments are drafted by the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB), who will put your idea in proper form
- LRB will draft legislation and amendments only upon request of members of General Assembly
- You are best served by getting one House member and one Senate member to ask LRB to put your idea in writing
- LRB will draft a House Bill (HB) for the House member and a Senate Bill (SB) for the Senate member
- Once drafted, both should be offered in the appropriate chamber

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Getting Your Idea to Become Law

- It takes a great deal of effort for a bill to become law and the odds of it happening are not great
- You will be best served by pushing your bill through both chambers simultaneously
- If one chamber passes your bill, then it will be “engrossed” and will move over to the other chamber
- If the second chamber passes your bill without change, it will then be “enrolled”, signed by the Senate President and the Speaker of the House, and, within 30 days, delivered to the Governor for consideration
- The Governor has 60 days to act on delivered bills and, in the absence of action, they become law and convert from a bill to a Public Act

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Getting Your Idea to Become Law

- If the second chamber changes your bill in any way and then approves it, the bill returns to the first chamber for concurrence or non-concurrence
- If the first chamber concurs, it will then be “enrolled”, signed by the Senate President and the Speaker of the House, and, within 30 days, delivered to the Governor for consideration
- If the first chamber does not concur, the second chamber can reconsider its changes and withdraw them
- Or, your bill may be assigned to a Conference Committee comprised of members from both chambers in an effort work out their differences
- If the Governor vetoes your bill, that veto can be overridden during the fall veto session, which occurs in late October or early November

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“Those that respect the law and love sausage
should watch neither being made.”

-- *Mark Twain*

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Bill Process Beginning to End

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

FIRST READING

ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

CAUCUS

VOTE

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BILL PROGRESS

How AND what moves the legislative process?

SENATE
CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE

GOVERNOR'S
DESK

VETO?

PUBLIC ACT?



QUESTIONS?!?!

HOUSE

LOBBYISTS

PUBLIC
PRESSURE

PARTY
PRESSURE

CONCURRENCE

OVERRIDE?

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Questions and Answers

We thank you for your participation!



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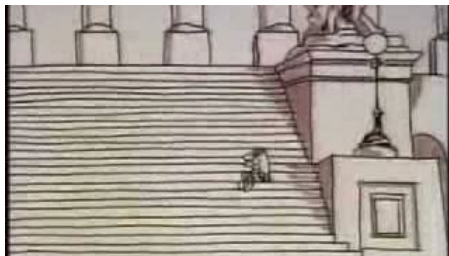
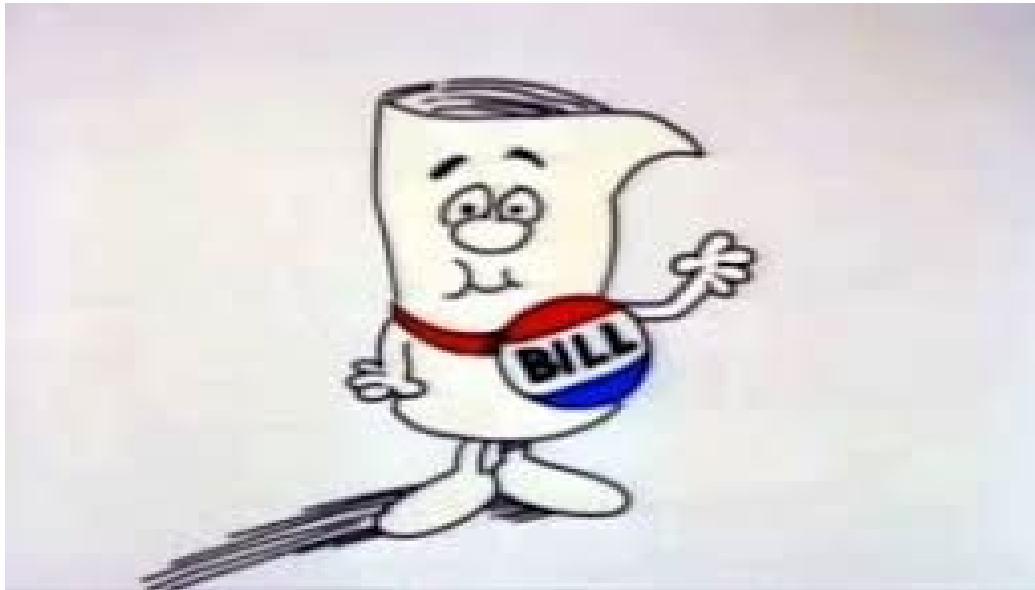


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What You Must Know First: How a Bill Becomes a Law

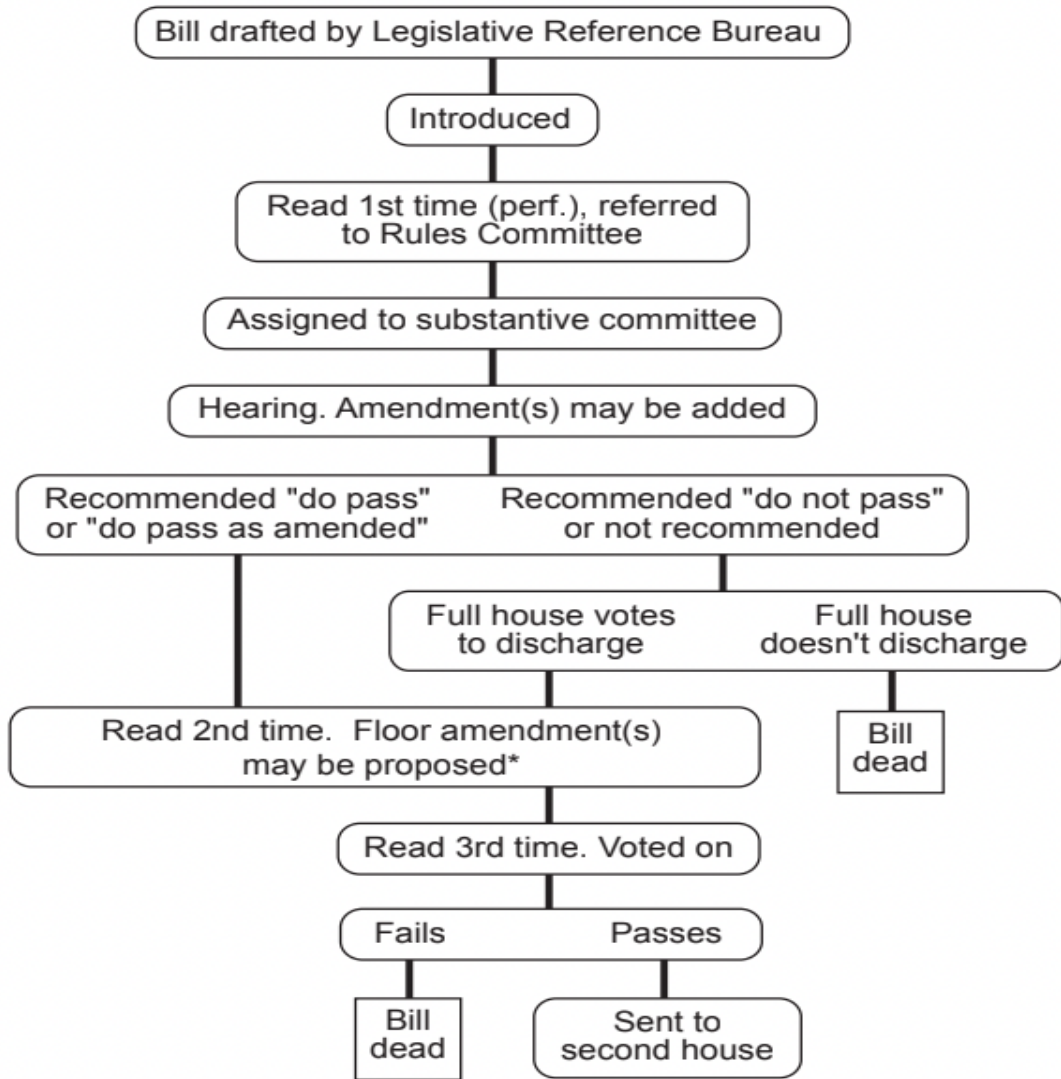


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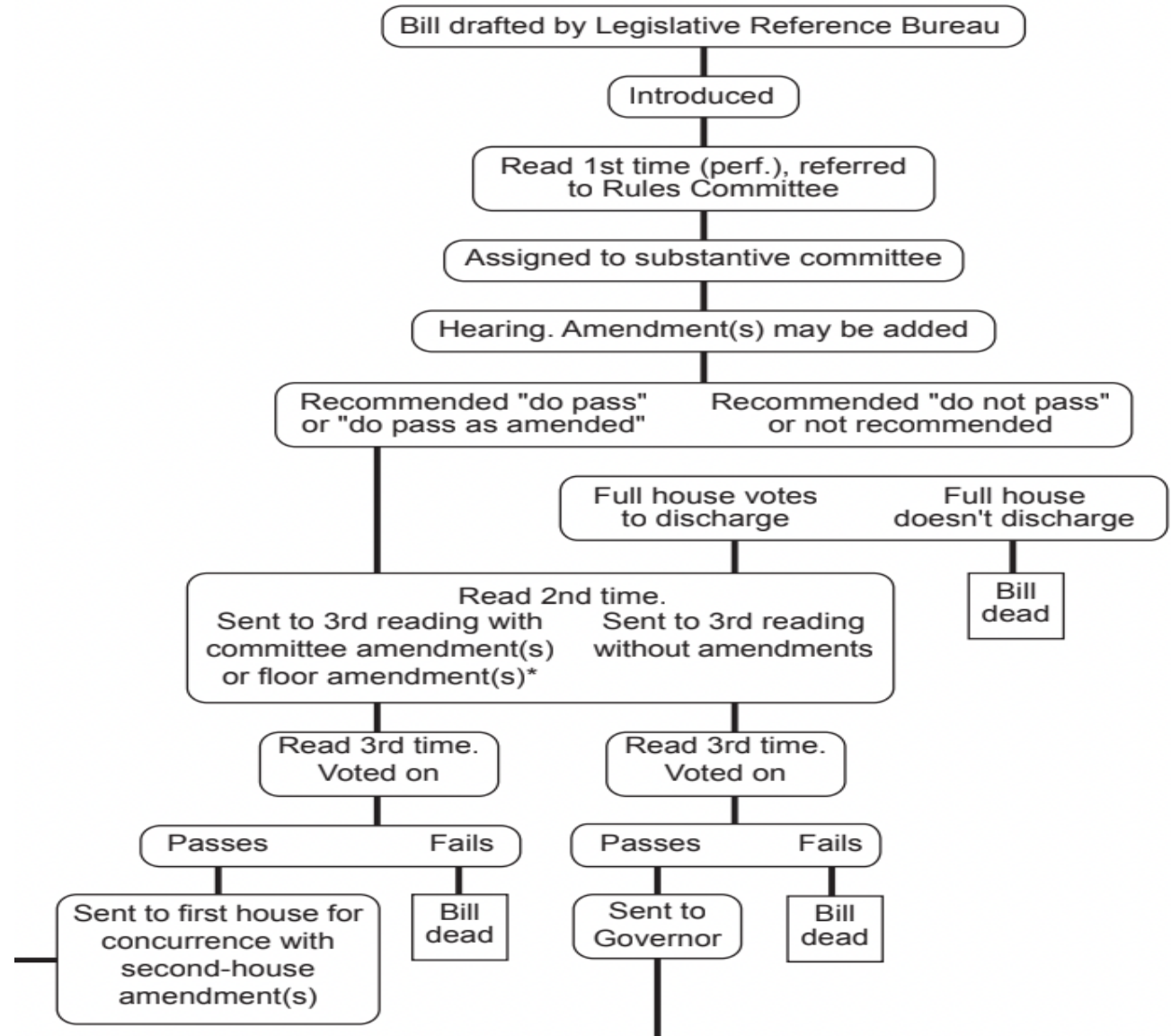
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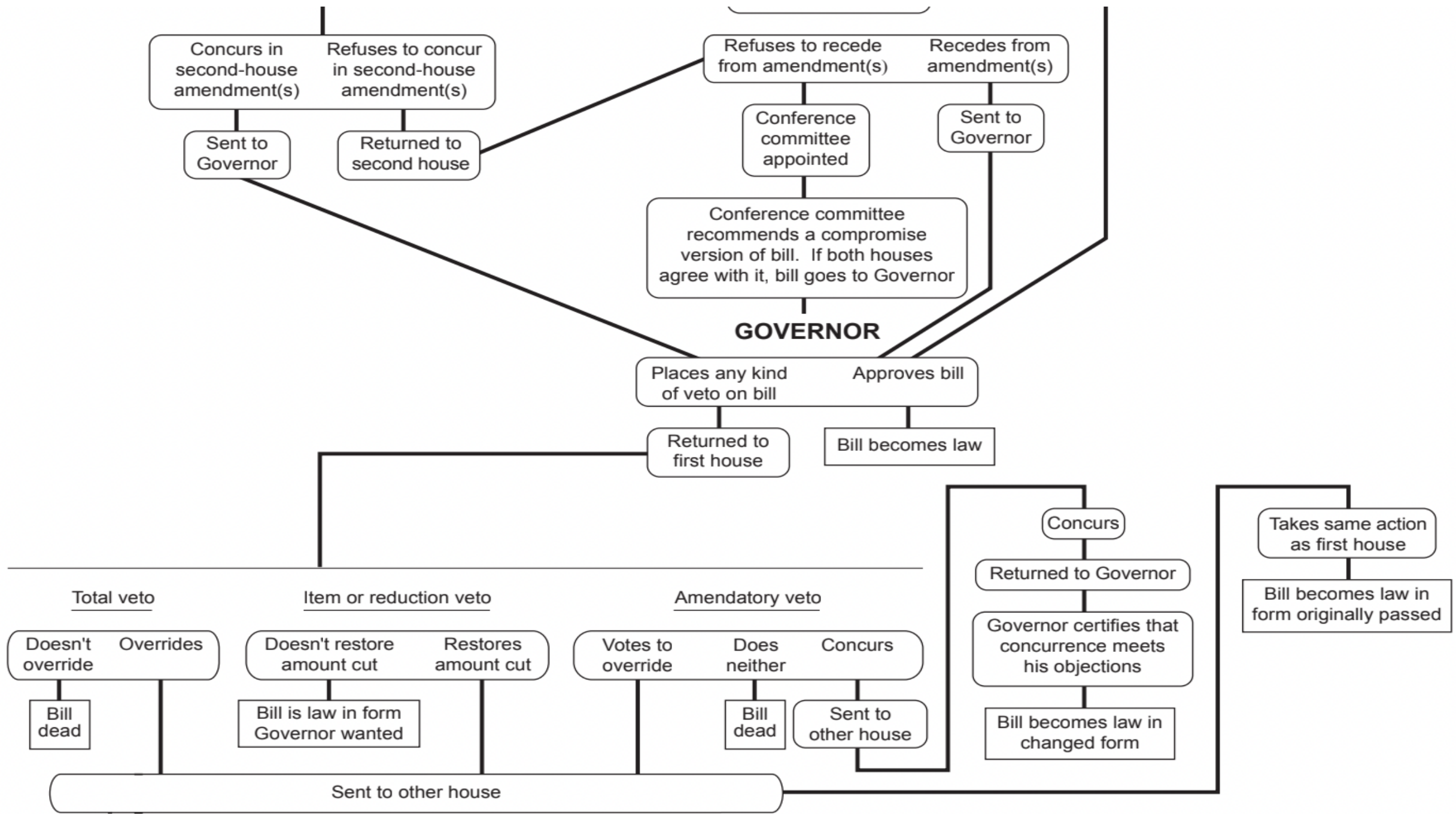
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FIRST HOUSE



SECOND HOUSE





Questions and Answers

We thank you for your time!

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