# HOW LAWS ARE MADE

Laws may be initiated in either chamber of Congress, the House of Representatives or the Senate. As the majority of laws originate in the House of Representatives, this summary will focus principally on the procedure in that body.

I. When a Representative has an idea for a new law, s/he becomes the sponsor of that bill and introduces it by giving it to the clerk of the House or by placing it in a box, called the hopper. The clerk assigns a legislative number to the bill, with H.R. for bills introduced in the House and S. for bills introduced in the Senate. The Government Printing Office (GPO) then prints the bill and distributes copies to each representative.

2. Next, the bill is assigned to a committee (the House has 22 standing committees, each with jurisdiction over bills in certain areas) by the Speaker of the House so that it can be studied.

The standing committee (or often a subcommittee) studies the bill and hears testimony from experts and people interested in the bill. The committee then may release the bill with a recommendation to pass it, or revise the bill and release it, or lay it aside so that the House cannot vote on it. Releasing the bill is called reporting it out, while laying it aside is called tabling.

3. If the bill is released, it then goes on a calendar (a list of bills awaiting action). Here the House Rules Committee may call for the bill to be voted on quickly, limit the debate, or limit or prohibit amendments. Undisputed bills may be passed by unanimous consent, or by a two-thirds vote if members agree to suspend the rules.

4. The bill now goes to the floor of the House for consideration and begins with a complete reading of the bill (sometimes this is the only complete reading). A third reading (title only) occurs after any amendments have been added. If the bill passes by simple majority (218 of 435), the bill moves to the Senate.

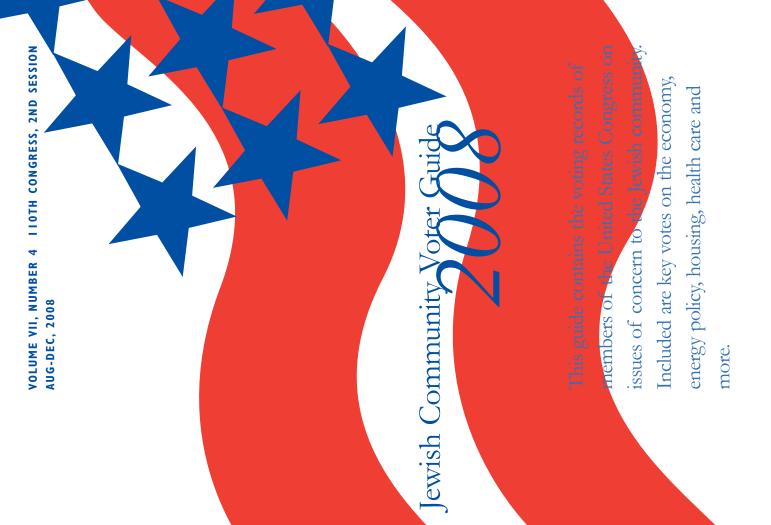
5. In order to be introduced in the Senate, a senator must be recognized by the Presiding Officer and announce the introduction of the bill. Sometimes, when a bill has passed in one house, it becomes known as an act; however, this term usually means a bill that has been passed by both houses and becomes law.

6. Just as in the House, the bill then is assigned to a committee. It is assigned to one of the Senate's 16 standing committees by the Presiding Officer. The Senate committee studies and either releases or tables the bill just like the House standing committee.

7. Once released, the bill goes to the Senate floor for consideration. Bills are voted on in the Senate based on the order they come from the committee; however, an urgent bill may be pushed ahead by leaders of the majority party. When the Senate considers the bill, they can vote on it indefinitely. When there is no more debate, the bill is voted on. A simple majority (51 of 100) passes the bill.

8. The bill now moves onto a conference committee, which is made up of members from each chamber. The committee works out any differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill. The revised bill is sent back to both the House and Senate for their final approval. Once approved, the bill is printed by the Government Printing Office (GPO) in a process called enrolling. The clerk from the introducing chamber certifies the final version.

9. The enrolled bill is now signed by the Speaker of the House and then the Vice President. Finally, it is sent for presidential consideration. The President has 10 days to sign or veto the enrolled bill. If the President vetoes the bill, it can still become a law if two-thirds of the Senate and two-thirds of the House then vote in favor of the bill.



- 1. HR 6899 Energy Policy/Recommit. Peterson (R-PA) motion to recommit the bill to the Natural Resources Committee with instructions that it be reported back with a substitute amendment that would repeal the existing 125-mile moratorium on oil and gas exploration and production in the eastern Gulf of Mexico and allow coastal states to opt out of oil and gas production from 25 miles to 50 miles offshore within one year of enactment. Motion rejected 191-226; 9/16/08.
- 2 HR 6899 Energy Policy/Passage. Bill that would give the states the option to allow oil and gas offshore drilling between 50 miles and 100 miles off their Pacific and Atlantic coasts, except for waters in the Gulf of Mexico off the Florida coast. The federal government could permit drilling from 100 miles to 200 miles offshore and would collect all royalties from new oil and gas leases permitted under the bill. The bill would require utilities to obtain 15 percent of their power from renewable sources by 2020, and includes \$19 billion in new tax incentives for renewable energy, new coal technologies and alternative-fuel vehicles. Passed 236-189; 9/16/08. A "nay" was a vote in support of the president's position. Bill Status: This bill did not become law. At the end of each session all proposed bills and resolutions that haven't passed are cleared from the books.
- 3. HR 6842 District of Columbia Gun Laws/Passage.

  Bill that would repeal DC laws prohibiting firearm possession, including the possession of semiautomatic firearms. It would repeal the District's requirements for firearm registration and the requirement that firearms be disassembled or secured with a trigger lock in the home. It would remove criminal penalties for possessing firearms in the home and allow District residents to purchase firearms in Maryland and Virginia. Passed 266-152; 9/17/08. A "yea" was a vote in support of the president's position. Bill Status: This bill did not become law. At the end of each session all proposed bills and resolutions that haven't passed are cleared from the books.
- 4. HR 6983 Mental Health Parity/Passage. Pallone, D-NJ, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require health insurers that cover mental illness to do so on a par with physical illness, including equal standards on co-pays, deductibles, number of doctor visits, days in the hospital and financial limits on coverage. The standards would not have to be upheld if they increase coverage costs by more than 2 percent during the first year of enactment and more than 1 percent in subsequent years. Employers with fewer than 50 employees would be exempt. Motion agreed to 376-47;9/23/08. A 2/3 majority of those present and voting (282 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules. Bill Status: Provisions of this bill were rolled into HR 1424. [See vote 7.]

- 5. HR 7060 Tax Extensions/Passage. Bill that would extend expiring tax provisions through 2009, including the tax credit for research and development, rules for active financing income, state and local sales tax deductions, expenses for teachers and deductions for tuition expenses, as well as increase the child tax credit. The measure would also provide tax incentives for carbon capture and sequestration demonstration projects and renewable energy production. It would be offset by several provisions, including curtailing an offshore deferred-compensation technique often used by hedge fund executives to reduce their taxes, and freezing the deduction amount for oil and gas companies. Passed 257-166; 9/26/08. A "nay" was a vote in support of the president's position. Bill Status: This bill did not become law. At the end of each session all proposed bills and resolutions that haven't passed are cleared from the books.
- 6. HR 7110 Supplemental Appropriations (Job Creation and Unemployment Relief)/Passage. Bill that would appropriate \$60.8 billion to extend unemployment benefits and provide additional fiscal 2009 funds for food assistance programs, infrastructure projects, energy development, public housing, state Medicaid plans and other programs. The bill includes \$12.8 billion for highway infrastructure investment; \$5 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers; \$7.5 billion for grants for drinking water and sewer projects; \$3 billion to modernize and repair schools; \$3.6 billion for grants to expand public transportation and \$2.6 billion for food assistance for seniors, people with disabilities and low-income families. Passed 264-158; 9/26/2008. A "nay" was a vote in support of the president's position Bill Status: This bill did not become law. At the end of each session all proposed bills and resolutions that haven't passed are cleared from the books.
- 7. HR 1424 Mortgage-Backed Securities Buyout/Motion to Concur. Frank (D-MA) motion to concur in the Senate amendments to the bill that would allow the Treasury to use up to \$700 billion, in installments, to buy certain mortgage assets. The bill would require the Treasury to create a program to insure mortgage assets, would provide for congressional oversight and would limit compensation for executives of companies whose troubled assets are purchased. It would temporarily increase federal deposit insurance to \$250,000 per bank account. It would extend dozens of expired or expiring tax provisions, provide a one-year adjustment to the alternative minimum tax and require private insurance plans to put mental health benefits on par with other medical benefits. Motion agreed to, (thus clearing the bill for the president), 263-171; 10/3/2008 A "yea" was a vote in support of the president's position. This bill became public law 10/3/2008.

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4	Smith	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	
5 6	Garrett Pallone	Y N	N N	Y N	N Y	N Y	N Y	N Y	
7	Ferguson	Ϋ́	N	Y	Ϋ́	N	N	Ý	
8	Pascrell	N	Y	N	Ϋ́	Y	Y	Ϋ́	
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10	Payne	N	N	N	Y	NV	Y	N	
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	McCarthy	N	Y	N	Υ	Ϋ́	Ϋ́	Υ	
5	Ackerman	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Υ	Y	
	Meeks	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	
7	Crowley Nadler	N N	Y Y	N N	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	
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L	Clarke	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Υ	Y	
2	Velazquez	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	
3 4	Fossella Maloney	Y N	N Y	Y N	NV Y	N Y	N Y	Y Y	
5	Rangel	N	Ϋ́	N	Ϋ́	Ý	Ϋ́	Ϋ́	
6	Serrano	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	
7	Engel	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Υ	Y	
8	Lowey	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	
9	Hall Gillibrand	N N	Y Y	N Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y N	
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	Foxx	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	
	Coble	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	
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0	McHenry	Ϋ́	N	Ϋ́	N	N	N	N.	
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2	Watt	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	
3 Nor	Miller TH DAKOTA	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	
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2	Schmidt	Ϋ́	N	Ϋ́	Ϋ́	N	N	Ϋ́	
3	Turner	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	
4 5	Jordan	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	
	Latta	Υ	N	Y	N	N	N	N	

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	7 Hobson	Υ	N	Y	Y	N	N	Υ	6	Barton	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N
	8 Boehner	Y	N	Y	NV	N	N	Y	7	Culberson	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N
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	3 Blumenauer	N	Υ	N	Y	Y	Υ	N		Ortiz Cuellar	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	4 DeFazio	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N		Green, G.	N N	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y V	Y Y	Y N
	5 Hooley	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y		Johnson, E.B.	N	Ϋ́	N	Ϋ́	Ϋ́	Ϋ́	Y
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	3 Barrett	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Υ	5	McMorris Rodgers	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N
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	2 Duncan	Υ	N	Υ	N	Y	N	N	3 Wis	Rahall CONSIN	N	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y
	3 Wamp	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	<u>***</u>	Ryan	v	M	v	v	м	M	v
	4 Davis, L.	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	2	Ryan Baldwin	Y N	N Y	Y N	Y V	N	N Y	Y V
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	7 Blackburn	Y	N	Ϋ́	Y	N	N	N	4	Moore	N	Ϋ́	N	Υ	Y	Ϋ́	Υ
4	8 Tanner	N	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Ϋ́	5	Sensenbrenner	Y	N	Y	Υ	N	N	N
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# **DESCRIPTION OF SENATE VOTES**

# 1. HR 1424 Mortgage-Backed Securities Buyout/

Passage. Bill that would allow the Treasury to use up to \$700 billion, in installments, to buy certain mortgage assets. The bill would require the Treasury to create a program to insure mortgage assets, would provide for congressional oversight and would limit compensation for executives of companies whose troubled assets are purchased. It would temporarily increase federal deposit insurance to \$250,000 per bank account. It would extend dozens of expired or expiring tax provisions, provide a one-year adjustment to the alternative minimum tax and require private insurance plans to put mental health benefits on par with other medical benefits. Passed 74-25; 10/1/08. By unanimous consent, the Senate agreed to raise the majority requirement for passage of the bill to 60 votes. A "yea" was a vote in support of the president's position. This bill became public law 10/3/08.

# 2. HR 7005 Automobile Industry Loan Program

Shell/Cloture. Motion to invoke cloture(thus limiting debate) on the motion to proceed to a bill on the alternative minimum tax, which would serve as the vehicle for an emergency loan package for domestic automakers. Motion rejected 52-35; 12/11/08. Three-fifths of the total Senate (60) is required to invoke cloture. A "yea" was a vote in support of the president's position.

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Sessions	N	N	
Shelby	N	N	
ALASKA			
Murkowski	γ	N	
Stevens	Ϋ́	NV	
ARIZONA			
Kyl	Υ	N	
McCain	Ÿ	N	
ARKANSAS			
Lincoln	Υ	N	
Pryor	Υ	Υ	
CALIFORNIA			
Boxer	Υ	Υ	
Feinstein	Y	Y	
Colorado			
Allard	N	N	
Salazar	Υ	Υ	
CONNECTICUT			
Dodd	Υ	Y	
Lieberman	Ÿ	Ÿ	
DELAWARE			
Biden	γ	NV	
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FLORIDA			
Martinez	Y	N	
Nelson	N	Ÿ	
GEORGIA			
Chambliss	γ	N	
Isakson	Ϋ́	N	
Hawaii	•	-	
Akaka	Y	Υ	
Inouye	Ϋ́	Ϋ́	
IDAHO			
Craig	Υ	NV	
Crapo	N.	N	
ILLINOIS		-	
Durbin	γ	γ	
Obama	Ϋ́	•	
Indiana	•		
Bayh	Υ	Υ	
Lugar	Y	Υ	
lowa			
Grassley	Y	N	
Harkin	Ÿ	Ÿ	
Kansas			
Brownback	N	Υ	
Roberts	N	N	

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Bunning	N	N	
McConnell	Υ	N	
Landrieu	N	γ	
Vitter	N	N	
	N	N	
Maine Collins	Υ	Υ	
Snowe	Ϋ́	Ÿ	
MARYLAND	•	•	
Cardin	γ	γ	
Mikulski	Ϋ́	Ϋ́	
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Kennedy	NV	NV	
Kerry	γ	NV	
MICHIGAN			
Levin	Y	γ	
Stabenow	N	Υ	
MINNESOTA			
Coleman	Y	N	
Klobuchar	Y	Υ	
MISSISSIPPI			
Cochran	N	N	
Wicker	N	N	
Missouri	.,		
Bond McCaskill	Y	Y	
	Υ	Υ	
Montana Baucus	v	M	
Tester	Y N	N N	
NEBRASKA	N	N	
Hagel	Υ	NV	
Nelson	Ϋ́	Y	
NEVADA	'		
Ensign	Υ	N	
Reid	Ϋ́	N	
NEW HAMPSHIRE			
Gregg	Υ	N	
Sununu	Y	NV	
New Jersey			
Lautenberg	Y	γ	
Menendez	Y	Υ	
NEW MEXICO			
Bingaman	Y	Y	
Domenici	Y	Υ	
NEW YORK			
Clinton	Y	Y	
Schumer	Υ	Υ	
North Carolina	.,		
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Inhofe	N	N N	
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Smith	Υ	NV	
Wyden	N	NV	
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PENNSYLVANIA			
Casey	Υ	Υ	
Specter	Υ	Υ	
RHODE ISLAND			
Reed	Υ	Υ	
Whitehouse	Υ	Y	
SOUTH CAROLINA			
DeMint	N	N	
Graham	Υ	NV	
SOUTH DAKOTA			
Johnson	N	Υ	
Thune	Υ	N	
TENNESSEE			
Alexander	Y	NV	
Corker	Υ	N	
TEXAS			
Cornyn	Υ	NV	
Hutchison	Υ	N	
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Bennett	Υ	N	
Hatch	Υ	N	
VERMONT			
Leahy	Υ	Υ	
Sanders	N	Y	
VIRGINIA			
Warner	Υ	Υ	
Webb	Υ	Υ	
Washington			
Cantwell	N	Υ	
Murray	Y	Υ	
WEST VIRGINIA			
Byrd	Y	Υ	
Rockefeller	Y	Y	
Wisconsin			
Feingold	N	Υ	
Kohl	Y	Υ	
WYOMING			
Barrasso	N	N	
Enzi	N	N	



Democrats

Republicans

Independents

Y = "Yes" (vote in favor of the measure described in vote description)

N = "No" (vote against the measure described in vote description)

NV = No vote recorded on the measure described in vote description

Blank space indicates that person was not in office when votes were cast

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As you read this guide, take note of how your senators and representative voted on issues that matter to you. Contact them regularly and let them know where you stand. Your message may be as simple as the samples below:

Addresses:

The Honorable
Washington, DC 20510
Washington, DC 20310
The Honorable
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515
Sample letter/e-mail:
Dear Senator/Rep.
I am writing to ask you to support/vote against
(issue, bill #, if you know it).
This issue is important and deserves your attention.
Sincerely,
Your name, address
Phone: Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3121
Sample phone call:
"Hello. My name is
I would like to register my opinion on the issue of
this information along to Senator/Rep.
Thank you."

E-mail: www.Congress.org provides access to all elected officials. To contact your senators and representative, just enter your zip code.

Please take the time to communicate with your elected officials after a vote has taken place. Thanking them for favorable votes is as important as expressing disapproval for unfavorable ones.

Calls, mail and faxes are tallied.

They do make a difference.



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- · which legislative issues are important
- what Congressional action has been taken

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