



# How a bill becomes law

## You can

Search for a bill you are interested in on [congress.gov](http://congress.gov)

Find out where the bill is in the process

Find committee assignments for your members of Congress on their websites

Ask your member to support or oppose the bill

Thank your member of Congress if you like how he or she voted

### HOUSE



### SENATE



**Member of Congress** introduces bill that addresses issue important to member or constituents

**Other members of Congress** co-sponsor bill, which demonstrates that it has initial support and interest

**Congressional committees**

- debate, amend and vote on bill
- refine bill with debate from members experienced in relevant topics

**All members** debate, amend and vote on bill

**Committee members** resolve differences, if any, between House and Senate bills

**President** signs bill into law or vetoes it

- If signed, law must be implemented and enforced
- If vetoed, two-thirds majority vote in House and Senate is required to override



**Mennonite Central Committee**