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How a Bill Becomes a Law - Vocab Cards

amendment]>

a change or addition to a legal document, like a bill or constitution.

The US Founding Fathers didn't put free speech in the original Constitution, but they eventually added an _amendment_ guaranteeing it to all citizens.

Synonyms: change, revision, modification



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bill]>

a written suggestion of a new law that has been presented to lawmakers but not yet passed.

If Congress passes the tax reform _bill_, the president will sign it into law.



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committee]>

a group of people chosen to deal with, work on or make decisions about something.

I joined my class's party-planning _committee_ because I wanted to help organize the dance.

Synonyms: board, panel



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Congress]>

the group of people who are elected to make laws in the United States. It is made up of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

If you meet a member of _Congress_, he or she will either be a Senator or a member of the House of Representatives.

Synonyms: legislative branch



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filibuster]>

a practice, often an extended speech, used to delay or prevent a decision in a legislative body.

A group of Senators stalled a vote on a voting rights bill with a 15-hour _filibuster_.



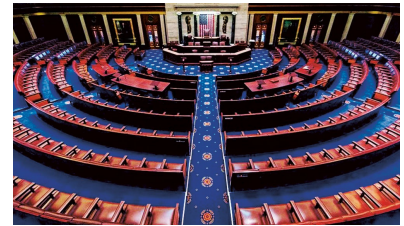
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House of Representatives]>

the lower legislative house in the United States Congress.

Bills must receive majority approval from both chambers of Congress—the Senate and the _House of Representatives_—in order to pass.



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law]>

a rule or system of rules usually made by a government.

The union fought for years to make small changes to state labor
laws.



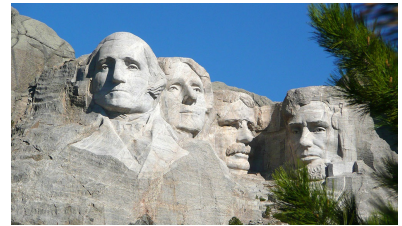
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president]>

the elected leader of a country's government.

Every four years, Americans vote to choose a new _president_ to lead
the United States.



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Senate]>

one of the two legislative houses in the United States Congress, or a similar part of other governments.

The United States _Senate_ has fewer members than the House of Representatives, which is the other house of Congress.



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veto]>

to reject or cancel a decision or proposal using official authority.

The president disagreed with the new tax proposal and _vetoed_ the bill the minute it reached her desk.



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