**How a Bill Becomes a Law:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pd.\_\_\_\_

**So, what about the law making?**

The members of the House and Senate have a really important job. They are in charge of making the laws that run this country! Representatives and Senators are called legislators because they have the unique power to write **bills**, or ***legislation***, that could become laws. How is a law made? It starts with having an idea about how to deal with a problem facing the country. Then there is a lot of research, conversation, compromise, and more conversation! Then it goes to the president for approval (or not). Bills can start in either chamber of Congress, but the example below starts in the House of Representatives.

**5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**If changes are made, the bill is read again, and the whole House is called to vote on the bill. They can vote yes, no, or present (if they don’t want to vote on that particular bill).**

**Exit Slip: If a President vetoes a bill, is that the end for the bill? Explain.**

**\*Congress can override a veto if there are enough votes (2/3 of Congress) to do so. The president can also ignore the bill. If a bill is ignored while Congress is in session, it automatically becomes a law after ten days. If Congress is not in session, it doesn't.**

**7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**If both chambers of Congress approve, the bill lands on the president’s desk. If it is signed, it becomes a law. If it is vetoed, it doesn’t.\***

**4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**All of the representatives get a chance to read the bill and debate whether it should be supported or opposed. The bill is read again and changes are suggested.**

**6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**The bill arrives at the Senate, where it goes through the same debate, changes are made, then another vote is held before it can move on.**

**1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**A representative writes a bill and gets support from others in the House.**

**2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**The bill is assigned a number and is read aloud to the other Representatives. Then it is sent to a committee for a close review.**

**3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**If the committee likes it, it will be sent to the whole House for debate.**