

how a bill becomes a law

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1. An idea comes from constituent (that's you) or a Member of Congress.

2. The bill is written and placed in "the hopper" by Member. Only a Member of the House or Senate can introduce a bill.

3. The Clerk assigns the bill a number and it is introduced to the House.

4. The bill is assigned to a committee where it is studied and debated.

5. The bill is forward by the committee to the House Floor.

6. The bill is debated on the House Floor and approved.

7. The approved bill is sent to the Senate.

8. The bill is assigned to a Senate committee who may "mark up" or ammend the bill.

9. The bill is "reported favorably" to the Floor of the Senate.

10. The bill is debated by the Senate if 60 Senators agree to end debate, the bill is voted on.

11. The Senate approves the bill.

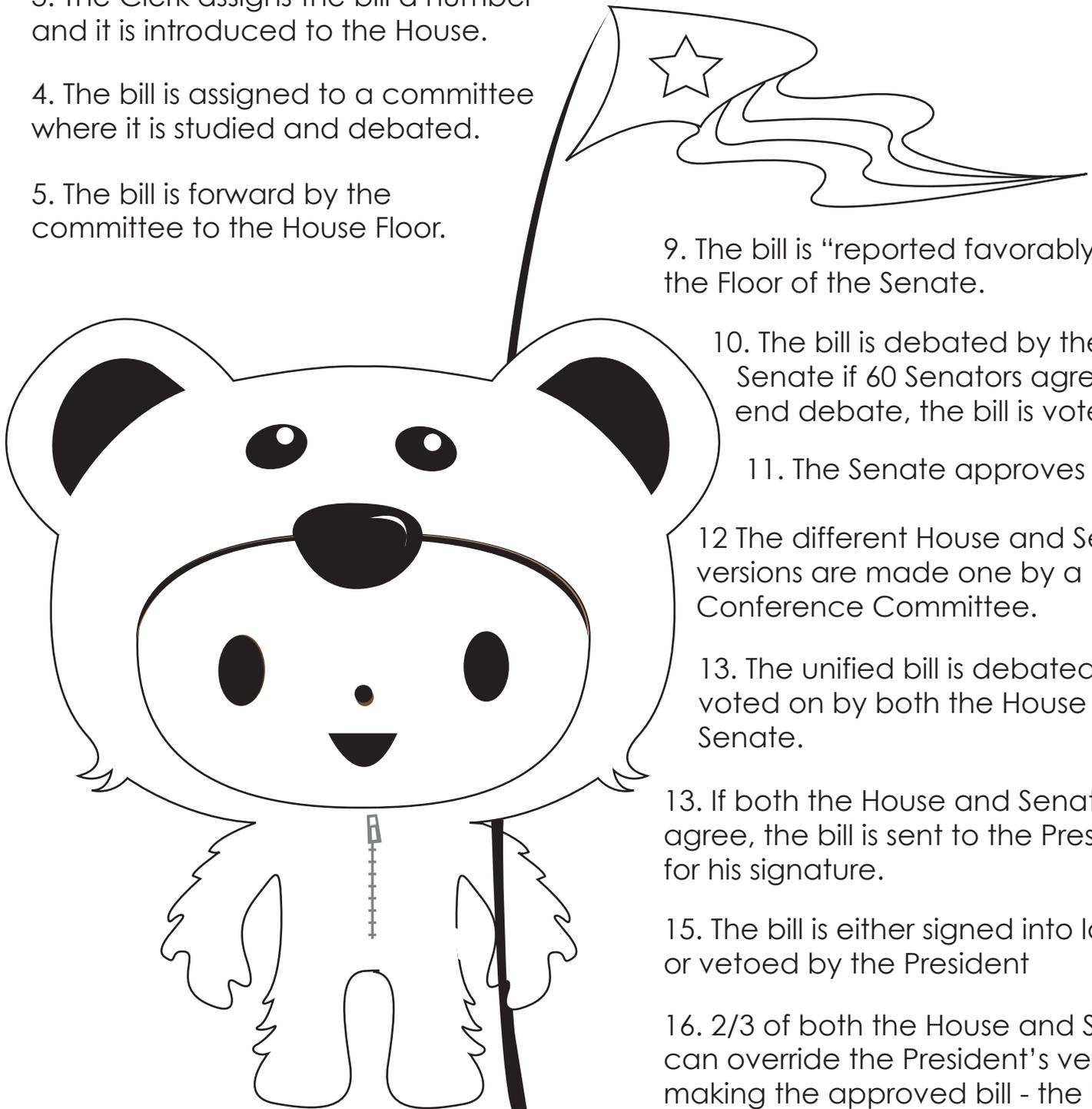
12. The different House and Senate versions are made one by a Conference Committee.

13. The unified bill is debated and voted on by both the House and Senate.

13. If both the House and Senate agree, the bill is sent to the President for his signature.

15. The bill is either signed into law or vetoed by the President

16. 2/3 of both the House and Senate can override the President's veto making the approved bill - the law.



what bill would you pass?