


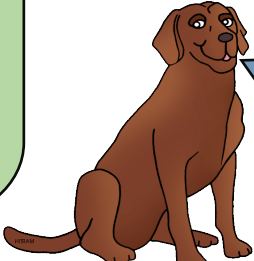
First, a *Senator* or *Delegate* introduces an idea, called a *bill*, to their fellow Senators or Delegates...



Then the bill is assigned to a Senate or House of Delegates *committee* based on who *sponsors* the bill, and its subject. Once it passes through that committee, it moves to the *floor* in front of the entire Senate or House of Delegates, and if it passes from there, it gets sent to the other house to go through the same process!


*I'll be extinct before this process concludes!*

If the opposite house passes the bill *with amendments*, meaning the majority vote for it to pass into law with changes made to it, the original house goes back through the same process now that the bill has changed a little. Once the changes are made and both houses agree the bill can move on now, it goes...



*Even though it's exhausting, long and sort of confusing, it's an important part of how the society we live in is run!*

If the opposite house passes the bill without making any amendments, it means it can go...



*...to the Governor!* Once here, the Governor can *veto* the Bill, which means it will not become a law, unless *two-thirds of the entire Senate and House of Delegates* vote to override his veto. If the Governor vetoes and a two-thirds vote is not reached, however, the bill can only become law if a Senator or Delegate sponsors it the following session, and the legislative process takes place once more the following January *through* April. *BUT*, if the Governor *DOESN'T* veto the bill, it is signed into a law to become a part of our society!

