

Student Assignment

1. Use the example of raising the minimum wage to \$9.20 an hour to complete the flowchart. The bill originated in the House of Representatives.

<p>Steps in the Bill Making Process (Policy Making)</p>	
<p>The idea is introduced, and the bill is proposed.</p> <p>The idea is written up as a bill or resolution and introduced to a chamber of Congress (the House of Representatives or the Senate).</p> <p>Example: HR 107-35 S 123 HR = House of Representatives S = Senate</p>	<p>Who can propose a bill to Congress?</p> <p>Can a bill start in either chamber of Congress, or does it have to start in the House of Representatives?</p> <p>Which kinds of bills HAVE to start in the House of Representatives? Why?</p>
<p>HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</p> <p>The bill is referred to several committees throughout its journey.</p> <p>The committee or subcommittee holds hearings, accepts documents, reports favorably or unfavorably, and advises changes.</p>	<p>This is where most of the work of Congress takes place. Explain why.</p> <p>What committees would your bill progress through in the House of Representatives? Be specific in your explanation of what committees the bill goes through, what kind of committees they are, and what they do.</p>
<p>The House of Representatives debates the bill and votes.</p>	<p>The House and Senate have different rules when it comes to floor debate. State the differences below.</p> <p>House Floor Debate Characteristics:</p> <p><i>The bill has passed in the House. Now it goes to the other chamber, and the</i></p>

	<i>process starts all over again.</i>
<p>SENATE</p> <p>The committee or subcommittee holds hearings, accepts documents, reports favorably or unfavorably, and advises changes.</p>	<p>What committees would your bill progress through in the Senate? Be specific in your explanation of what committees the bill goes through, what kind of committees they are, and what they do.</p>
<p>The Senate debates the bill and votes.</p>	<p>The House and Senate have different rules when it comes to floor debate. State the differences below.</p> <p>Senate Debate Characteristics:</p>
<p>Both the House and Senate pass similar versions of the bill, so the bill goes to the Conference Committee.</p>	<p>What happens in the Conference Committee?</p>
<p>The final version of the bill is passed.</p>	<p>Both chambers of Congress have to pass the final version of the bill. How many members of each chamber must vote in favor of the bill?</p>
<p>The bill is presented to the president to become public law.</p>	<p>When a bill lands on the president's desk, what options do they have with the bill?</p>