

## How a Bill Becomes a Law

- A bill is what a law is called before it is passed
- A bill can be proposed in either part of congress
- The bill is typically assigned to a committee to research and then the committee may make changes to it before it is brought in front of the entire house or senate
- The bill is discussed in either the house or senate
- A vote takes place and a majority is required or the bill is considered "dead"
- If a majority pass the bill it then moves to the other part of congress where they discuss it before voting
- The other part of congress will then vote and if a majority vote for it then it passes to the President
- The President may sign the bill and it becomes a law or he/she may **veto**- reject the law and then it goes back to the congress where a 2/3 majority is needed to override the President's veto.
- If the President veto's a bill then he/she normally tells what changes would be required for his/her signature or why they rejected it.
- When congress gets a bill back after a Presidential veto and they cannot get a 2/3 majority it is dead or can be modified and resubmitted.