THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Measure Introduced
Measure referred to committee
Hearings Held
Subcommittee Hearings
Subcommittee Mark up
Subcommittee Reports back to Full Committee

Full Committee Report
Full Committee Mark Up

Leadership Schedules Measure for Floor Consideration

Floor Debates, Amendments Made

Measure Passed from either House OR Senate

Measure accepted as is by other chamber

Each chamber appoints members to a conference committee to reconcile the differences and agree to a conference report

House approves conference report
Senate approves conference report

House and Senate exchange amendments and reach agreement

Measure must pass both chambers in identical form before it is sent to the president

President signs – Measure becomes LAW
If President does not sign measure within 10 days

If President Vetoes Measure; Does not become law unless both chambers override veto by 2/3 majority

If Congress in session, measure becomes LAW
If Congress not in session, measure does NOT become LAW (pocket veto)