Bill → Law
Flowchart

Bill is Drafted
Member of Congress, Executive Branch, or outside groups can draft bills.

House
Bill is introduced and assigned to a Committee which refers it to a Subcommittee.

Subcommittee
Members study the bill, hold hearings, and debate provisions. Marks up bill. If it passes goes to Committee.

Committee
Full Committee considers bill. If it approves the bill in some form, it goes to the Rules Committee.

Senate
Bill is introduced and assigned to a Committee which refers to a Subcommittee.

Subcommittee
Members study the bill, hold hearings, and debate provisions. Marks up the bill. If it passes, goes to Committee.

Committee
Full Committee considers the bill. If it approves the bill in some form, the bill goes to the Rules Committee.

Rules Committee
It issues a rule to govern debate on the floor. Sends it to the Full House/Senate.

Full House
Debates the bill and may amend it. If it is different from the Senate version it must go to a Conference Committee.

Full Senate
Debates the bill and may amend it. If it is different from the House version, it must go to a Conference Committee.

Conference Committee
Senators and Representatives meet to reconcile differences between bills. When agreement is reached, a compromise bill is sent to the Full Senate

Full House
Votes on bill. If it passes it goes to the President.

Full Senate
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President
Can sign or veto the bill. Congress can override it by 2/3 majority vote in the House and Senate. President can sign the bill, veto it, or do nothing.

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