

An Overview of the Legislative Process

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Speakers



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Objectives



After attending this webinar, attendees will be able to:

- Explain the difference between grassroots advocacy and direct lobbying
- Understand the basics of the legislative process in the United States
- Understand importance of grassroots advocacy to health legislation
- Complete Academy Action Alerts.

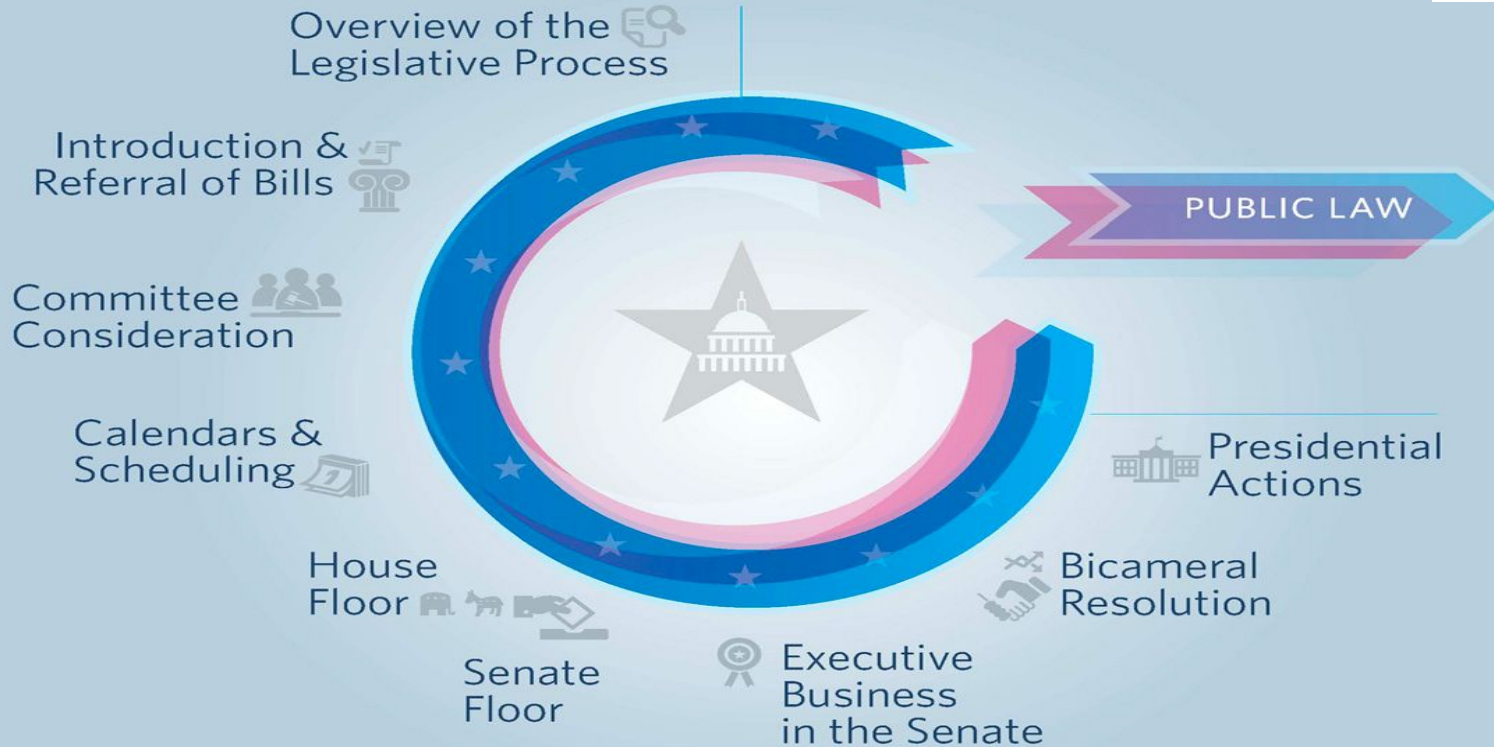
Some definitions...

- Policy
- Advocacy
- Direct Lobbying vs. Grassroots Advocacy

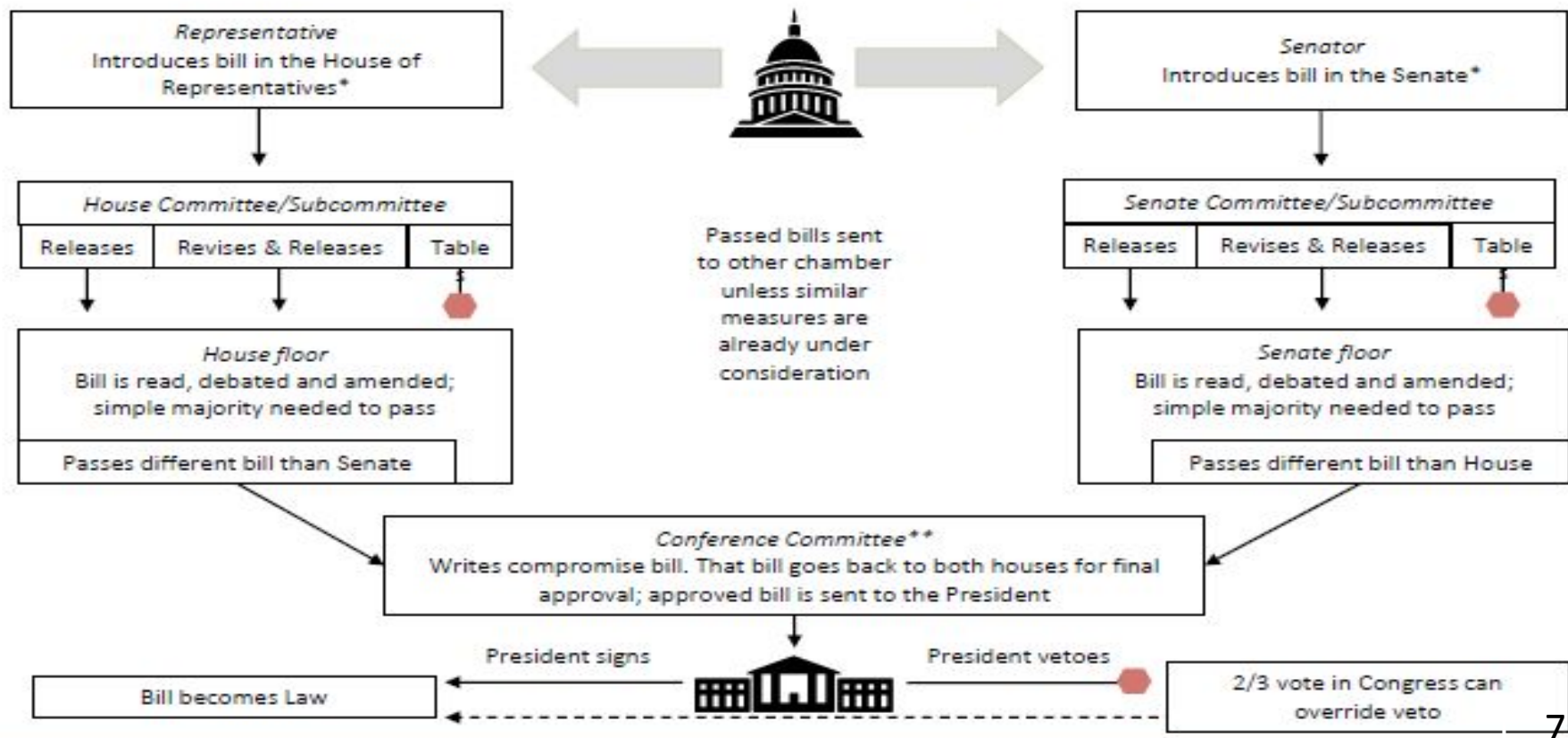




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Legislative Process: How a Bill Becomes a Law

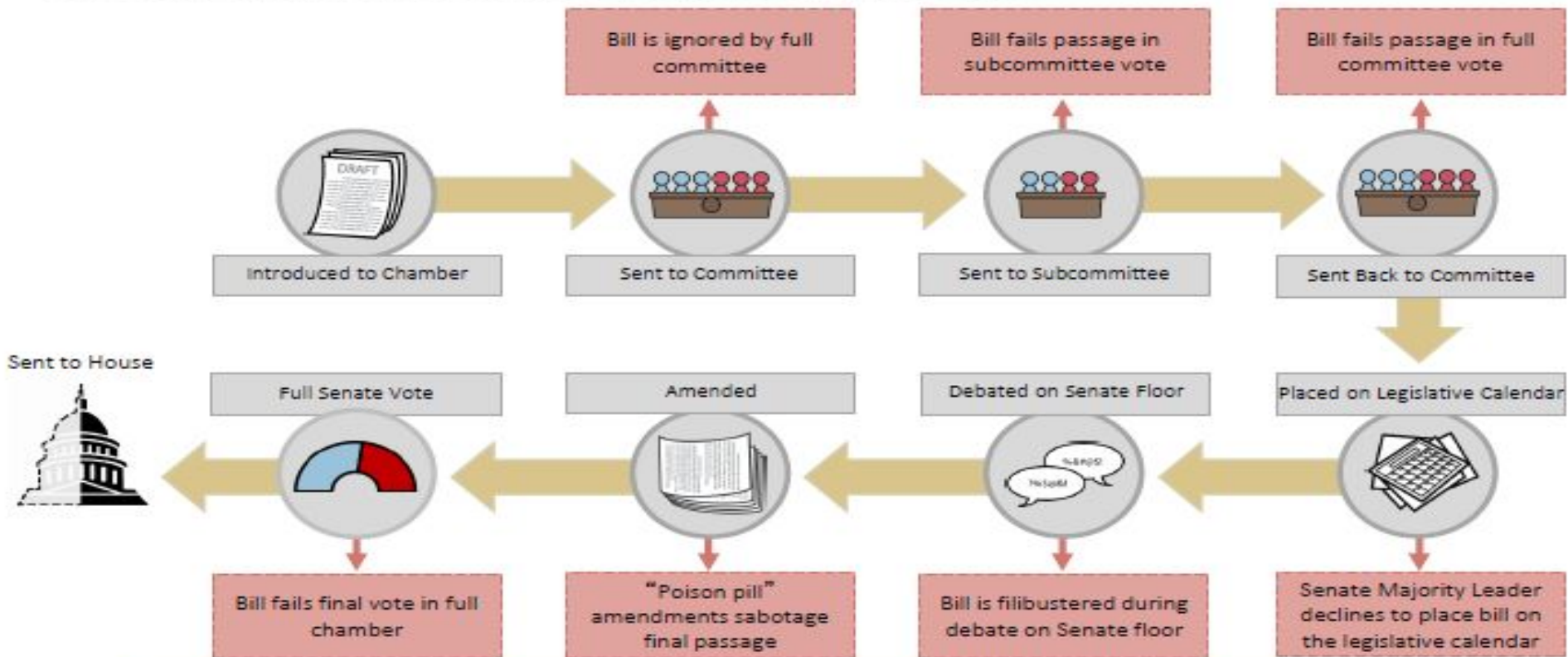


*Legislation may be introduced in either chamber except for tax law, which must originate in the House

**Most major legislation goes to conference committee; When one chamber passes legislation originating in the other without making changes, bill goes directly to President

Bills Face Numerous Obstacles to Passage in Senate

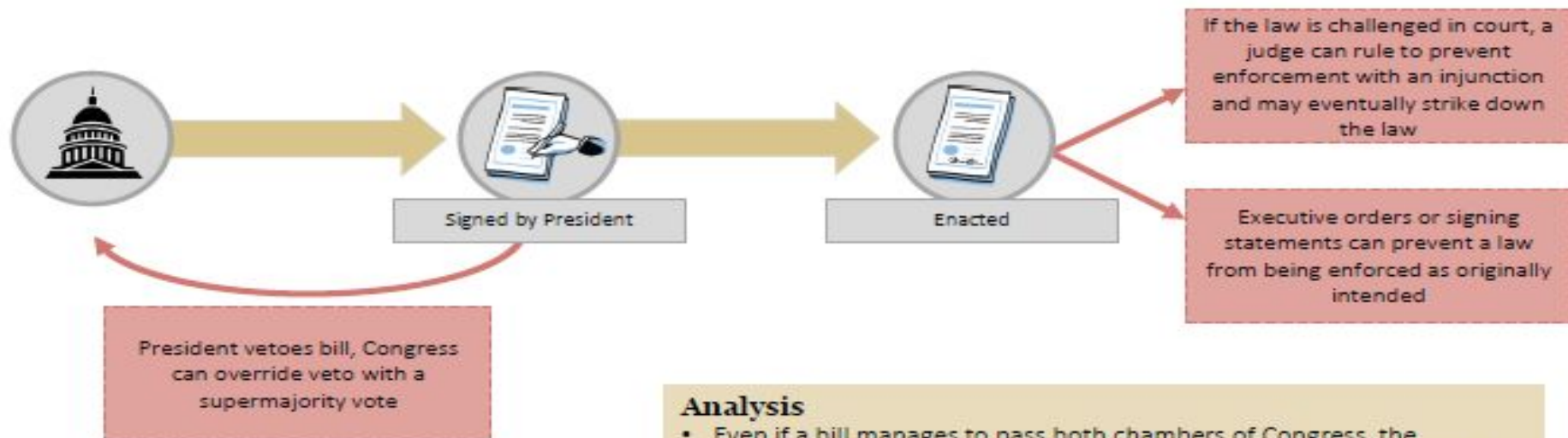
The Legislative Process and Obstacles in the Senate



The Senate relies on unanimous consent to operate efficiently; therefore, individual Senators have the power to delay or prevent a bill's passage by creating additional procedural hurdles, including filibusters.

Bills Continue to Face Hurdles After Passage

Process and Obstacles for Enacting and Enforcing Laws



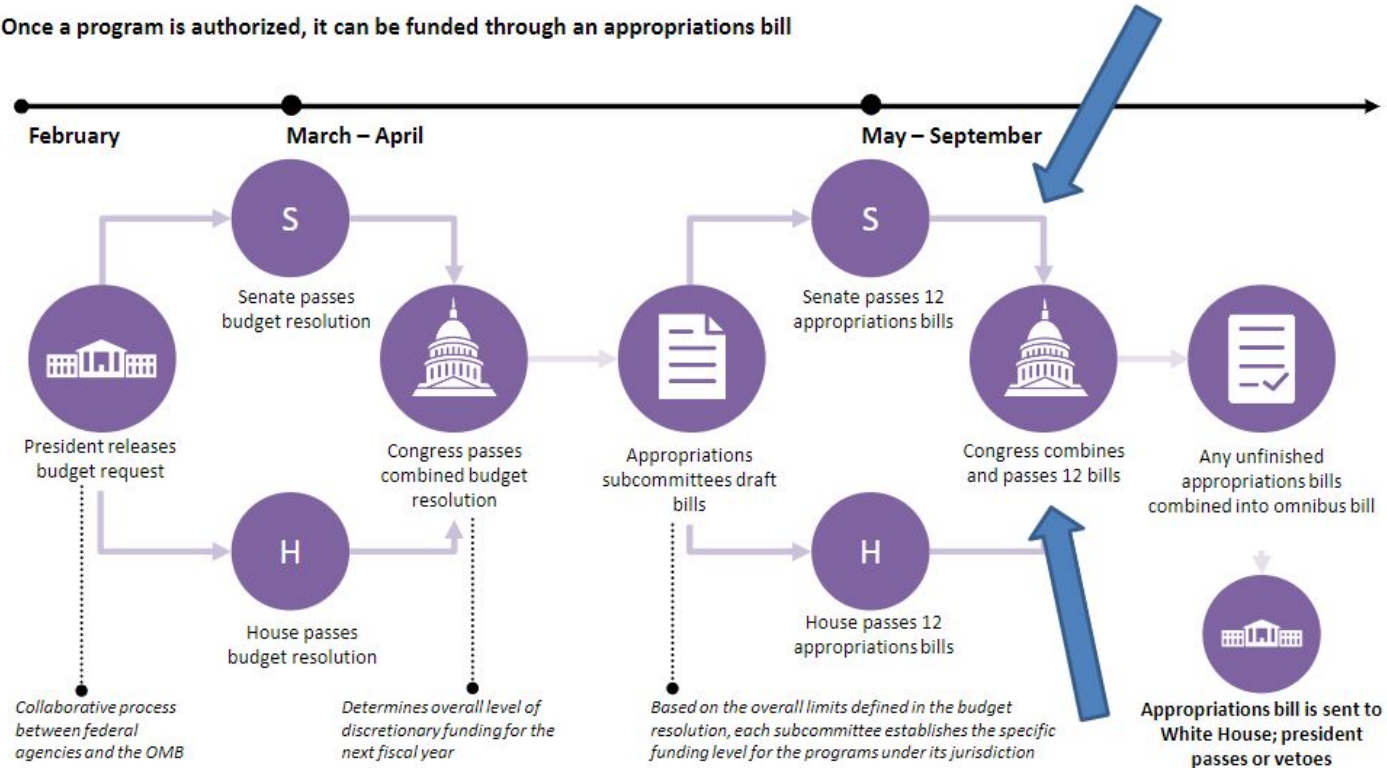
Analysis

- Even if a bill manages to pass both chambers of Congress, the President can use vetoes, executive orders, or signing statements to prevent the bill from being enacted or enforced
- Opponents of the bill, including those outside of the legislative process, can prevent the law from being enacted by mounting a successful legal challenge

An example: Child Nutrition Reauthorization (CNR)

- Marker bills
- Appropriations process for FY 2020 funding
- Strategic meetings w/ legislators
 - Committees involved
- House & Senate have to reach consensus on 1 bill
- [Click for more information on CNR](#)

Once a program is authorized, it can be funded through an appropriations bill



Sources: Congressional Research Service
Slide last updated on: May 30, 2019

Slide taken from Academy CNR Update Call, 11/13/19

How Can You Be Involved in Advocacy?

Advocacy Steps



- Complete AND's Action Alerts
- Meet in-district with legislators
- Attend IAND's Day at the Statehouse
- Attend the Nutrition & Dietetics Advocacy Summit in Washington D.C.
- Donating to INPAC and/or ANDPAC

Action Alerts

- AND-sponsored way to reach legislators on federal legislation
- Takes only 2 minutes to complete!
- Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics Action Center
 - New Action Center coming soon!
 - Stay tuned for more information

In-district legislator meetings

- Town hall meetings
- Meet at district office
- Meet at other public event
- Attend fundraising event
 - Request PAC funds!
 - Contact Martha McClurg for more information



IAND's Day at the Statehouse

- February 27, 2020



AND Nutrition & Dietetics Advocacy Summit



- In-depth advocacy training in Washington D.C.
- Date for 2020 to be announced



Become part of the PAC



- Political Action Committee (PAC)
- Member donations used together to strategically help advocacy efforts
- [ANDPAC](#)
- INPAC
 - Contact Martha Rardin, MSM, RDN, LD, FAND (martha.rardin@hendricks.org)

Public Policy Announcements



- **2019-2020 Public Policy Webinar Series**
 - Next webinar: Monday, December 16, 6-7 p.m.
 - Cases of Harm: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
 - Free for IAND members!
 - Worth 1 CPEU.
 - Webinar will be recorded and is approved for CPEU credit.
- **Day at the Statehouse - February 27, 2020**

Questions?



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