

# **Lesson 8**

# **American Government**

## **B: System of Government**

### **Section: Legislative Branch**

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20, 24, 20, 22, 21, 25, 23, 47, 33**

# The System Of Government



## Question # 2



- ★ sets up the government
- ★ defines the government
- ★ protects basic rights of Americans

The National Mall in Washington, D.C.,  
seen from the observation area of the  
Washington Monument, circa 1945.

Courtesy of the Library of Congress.  
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# United States: A Democratic Government



- A government of the people, by the people, for the people
- The way that we have a voice in our government is to vote for politicians that will represent our beliefs and opinions.

## Question # 49



- ★ serve on a jury
- ★ vote in a federal election



## Democratic and Republican

Democratic (donkey) and Republican (elephant) Party icons from a 1962 political cartoon urging citizens to vote. Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-USZ62-116449.

# Three Levels Of Government



Federal Government

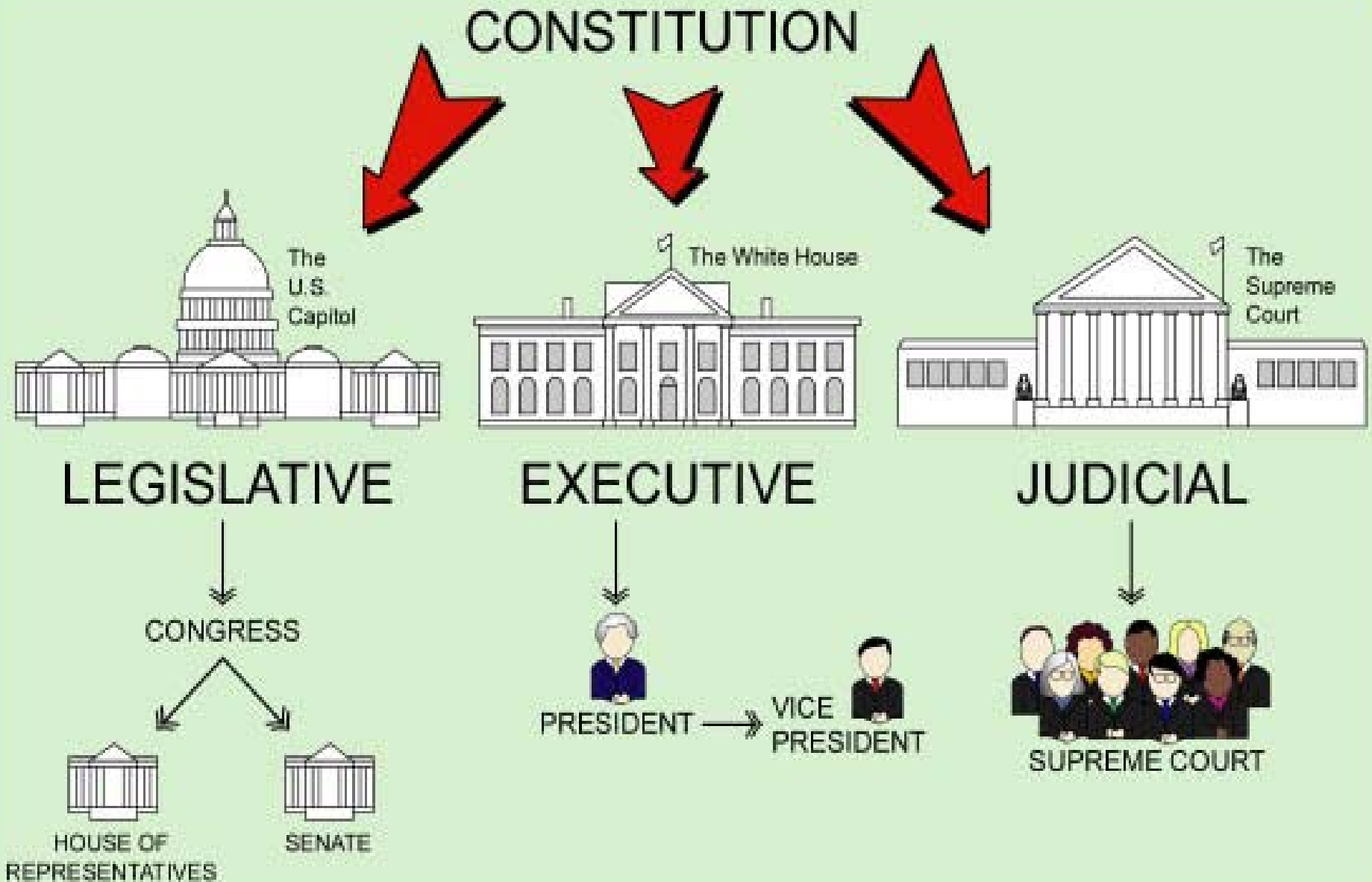


State Government



Local Government  
(city, town, county)

# The Three Branches Of Government





## Question # 13

- ★ **Congress**
- ★ **legislative**
- ★ **President**
- ★ **executive**
- ★ **the courts**
- ★ **judicial**

The U.S. Capitol (legislative branch)  
and the U.S. Supreme Court (judicial  
branch) buildings in Washington, D.C.



## Question # 14



- ★ checks and balances
- ★ separation of powers



The  
U.S.  
Capitol

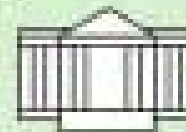
# LEGISLATIVE



CONGRESS



HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES



SENATE

# The Federal (US) Legislative Branch

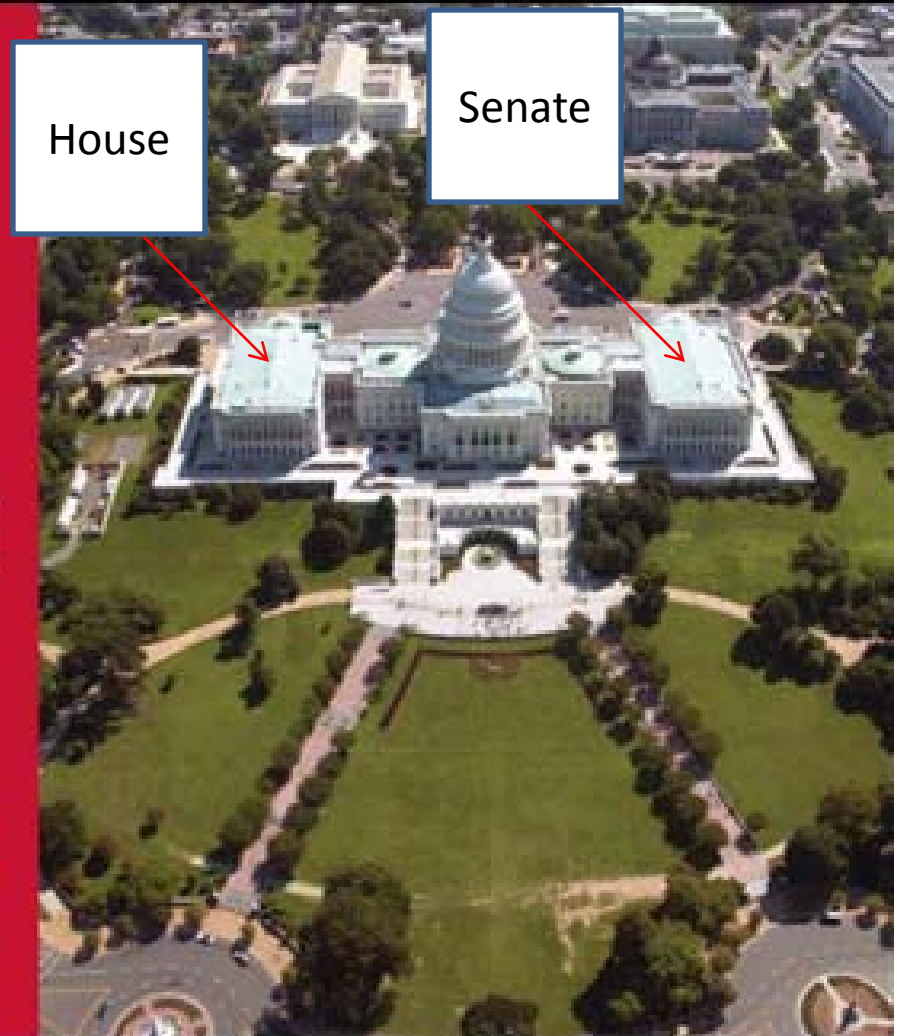


*The United States Capital Building, Washington DC*

## Question # 17

# the Senate and House (of Representatives)

Aerial view of the west front of the  
U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.  
*Courtesy of the Architect of the Capitol.*



# Congress Makes Laws



## Question # 16



- ★ **Congress**
- ★ **Senate and House  
(of Representatives)**
- ★ **(U.S. or national)  
legislature**

The U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.



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UNITED

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STATES

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SENATE

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## Question # 18



**one hundred (100)**

**The Senators of the 109th Congress.**  
Courtesy of the U.S. Senate Photo Studio.

## Question # 19



**six (6)**

Senate hearing on the confirmation of  
John G. Roberts, Jr. in 2005.  
Courtesy of the U.S. Senate Historical Office.

## Question # 24

# A United States Senator Represents All the People Of Their State



# Connecticut's 2 U.S. Senators

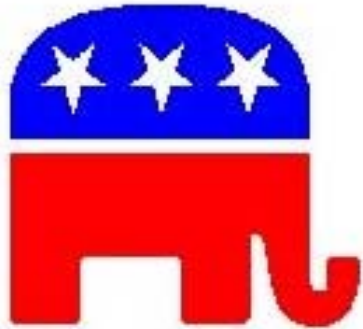
Joe Lieberman



Richard Blumenthal



# Republicans and Democrats in the Senate



2008: Democrats:58, Republicans:41, Independents: 2

2010: Democrats: 51, Republicans:46,Independents:2



## Question # 22



two (2)

Interior view of the Chamber of the  
U.S. House of Representatives, circa 1861.

Courtesy of the U.S. House of Representatives,  
Office of Photography.

## Question # 21



**four hundred  
thirty-five (435)**

President George W. Bush  
delivering the State of the Union  
Address before a joint session of  
Congress, January 23, 2007.  
Courtesy of the U.S. House of Representatives,  
Office of Photography.

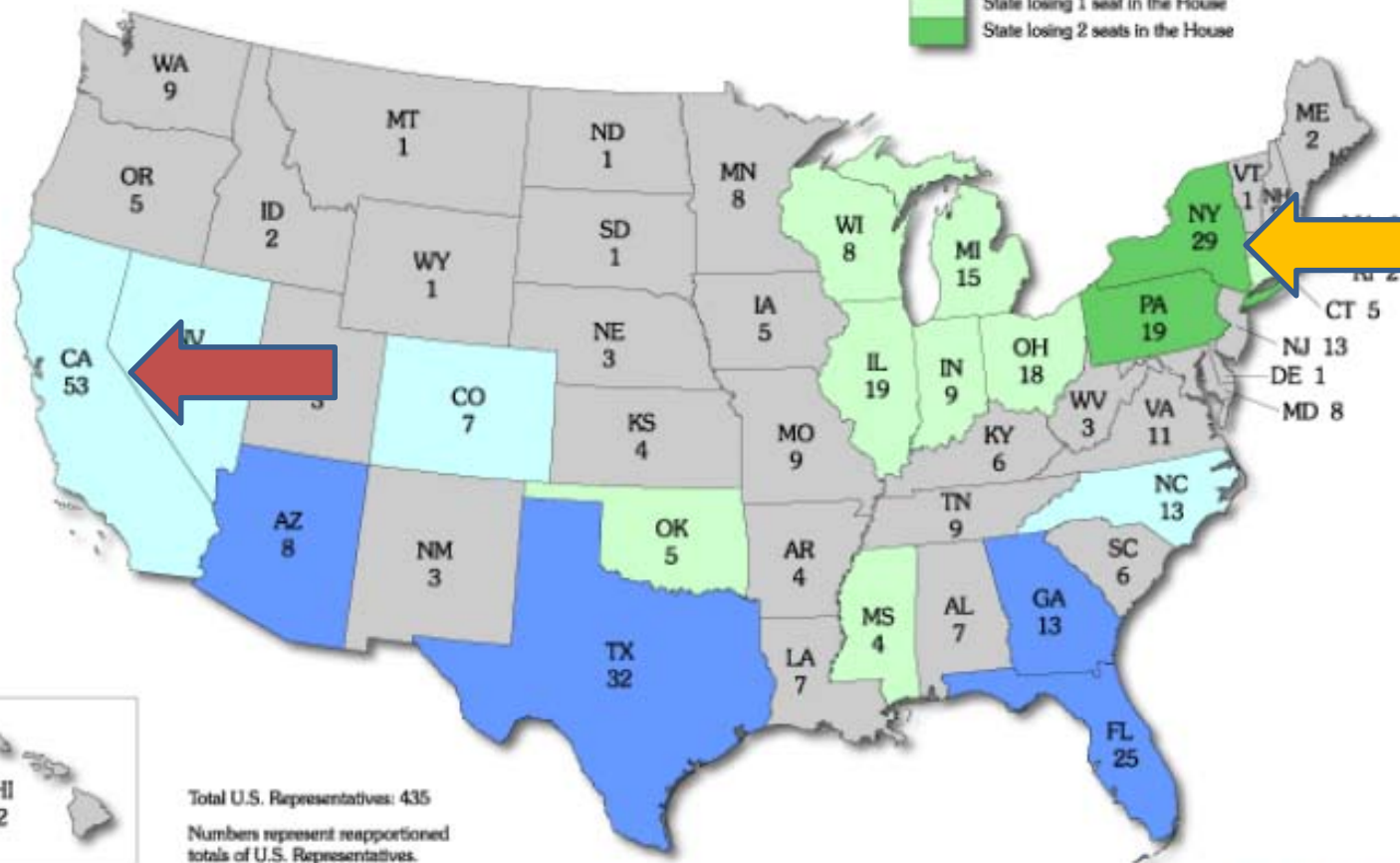




**Figure 3. Apportionment of the U.S. House of Representatives for the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Change from 1990 to 2000

- State gaining 2 seats in the House
- State gaining 1 seat in the House
- No change
- State losing 1 seat in the House
- State losing 2 seats in the House

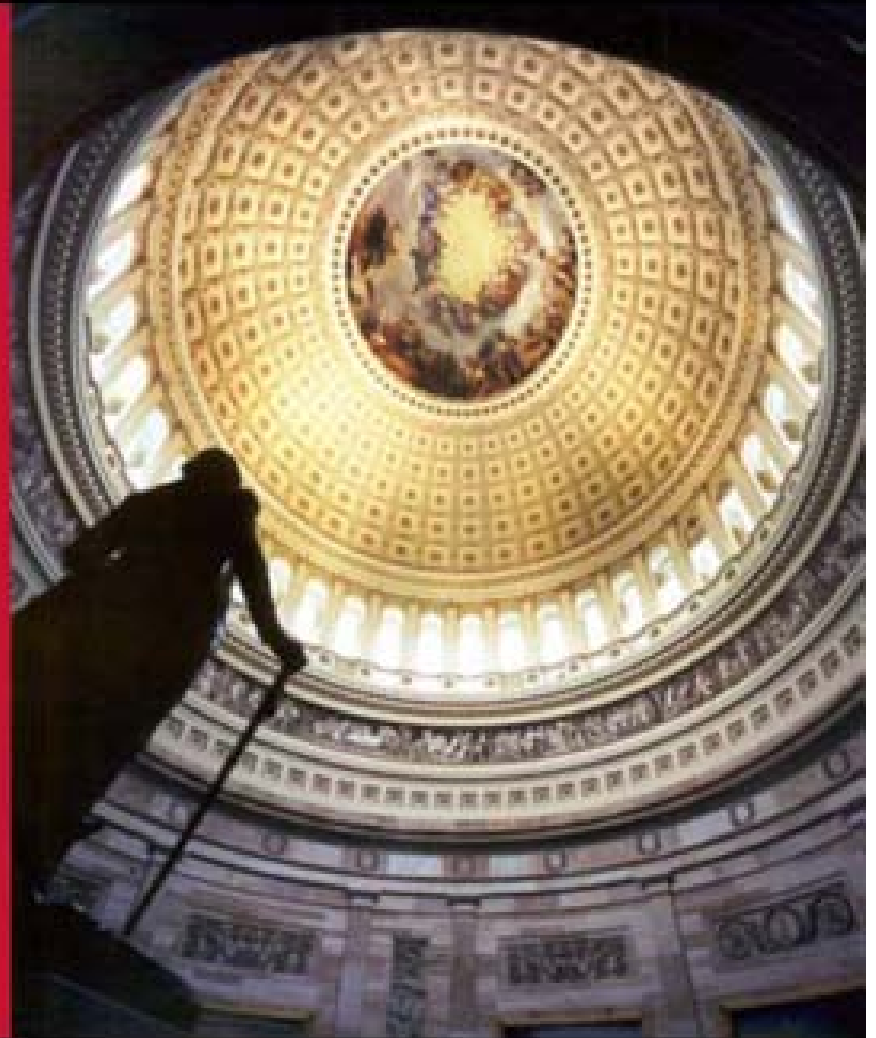


Total U.S. Representatives: 435  
Numbers represent reapportioned totals of U.S. Representatives.

## Question # 25

- ★ (because of) the state's population
- ★ (because) they have more people
- ★ (because) some states have more people

The Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol.  
Courtesy of the Architect of the Capitol.



## Question # 23

Hartford



### Representative Gallery



John Larson, CT-01



Joe Courtney, CT-02



Rosa DeLauro, CT-03



Jim Himes, CT-04



Chris Murphy, CT-05

## Connecticut Congressional Districts

District #1 John B. Larson (D)			
Barkhamsted	East Hartford	Middletown New	Torrington
Berlin	East Windsor	Hartford	West Hartford
Bloomfield	Glastonbury Granby	Newington	Wethersfield
Bristol	Hartford	Portland	Winchester
Colebrook	Hartland	Rocky Hill	Windsor
Cromwell	Manchester	Southington	Windsor Locks
East Granby		South Windsor	
District #2 Joe Courtney (D)			
Andover	Eastford	Madison	Stafford
Ashford	Ellington	Mansfield	Sterling
Bolton	Enfield	Marlborough	Stonington
Bozrah	Essex	Montville	Suffield
Brooklyn	Franklin	New London	Thompson
Canterbury	Glastonbury	North Stonington	Tolland
Chaplin	Griswold	Norwich	Union
Chester	Groton	Old Lyme	Vernon
Clinton	Haddam	Old Saybrook	Voluntown
Colchester	Hampton	Plainfield	Waterford
Columbia	Hebron	Pomfret	Westbrook
Coventry	Killingly	Preston	Willington
Deep River	Killingworth	Putnam	Windham
Durham	Lebanon	Salem	Woodstock
East Haddam	Ledyard	Scotland	
East Hampton	Lisbon	Somers	
East Lyme	Lyme	Sprague	

**District #3**  
**Rosa L. DeLauro (D)**

Ansonia	Guilford	North Branford	Wallingford
Beacon Falls	Hamden	North Haven	Waterbury
Bethany	Middlefield	Orange	West Haven
Branford	Middletown	Prospect	Woodbridge
Derby	Milford	Seymour	
Durham	Naugatuck	Shelton	
East Haven	New Haven	Stratford	

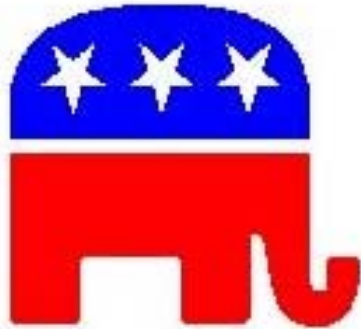
**District #4**  
**Jim Himes (D)**

Bridgeport	Monroe	Ridgefield	Westport
Darien	New Canaan	Shelton	Wilton
Easton	Norwalk	Stamford	
Fairfield	Oxford	Trumbull	
Greenwich	Redding	Weston	

**District #5**  
**Christopher Murphy (D)**

Avon	Farmington	Newtown	Thomaston
Bethel	Goshen	Norfolk	Torrington
Bethlehem	Harwinton	North Canaan	Warren
Bridgewater	Kent	Plainville	Washington
Brookfield	Litchfield	Plymouth	Waterbury
Burlington	Meriden	Roxbury	Watertown
Canaan	Middlebury	Salisbury	Wolcott
Canton	Morris	Sharon	Woodbury
Cheshire	New Britain	Sherman	
Cornwall	New Fairfield	Simsbury	
Danbury	New Milford	Southbury	

# Republicans and Democrats in the House of Representatives



2008: Democrats: 253, Republicans: 177, Independents: 0, Vacancies: 5

2010: Democrats: 188, Republicans: 239, Independents: 0, Vacancies: 7

# Speaker of the House



Democrat Nancy Pelosi



**Republican John Boehner**

# How Laws Are Made



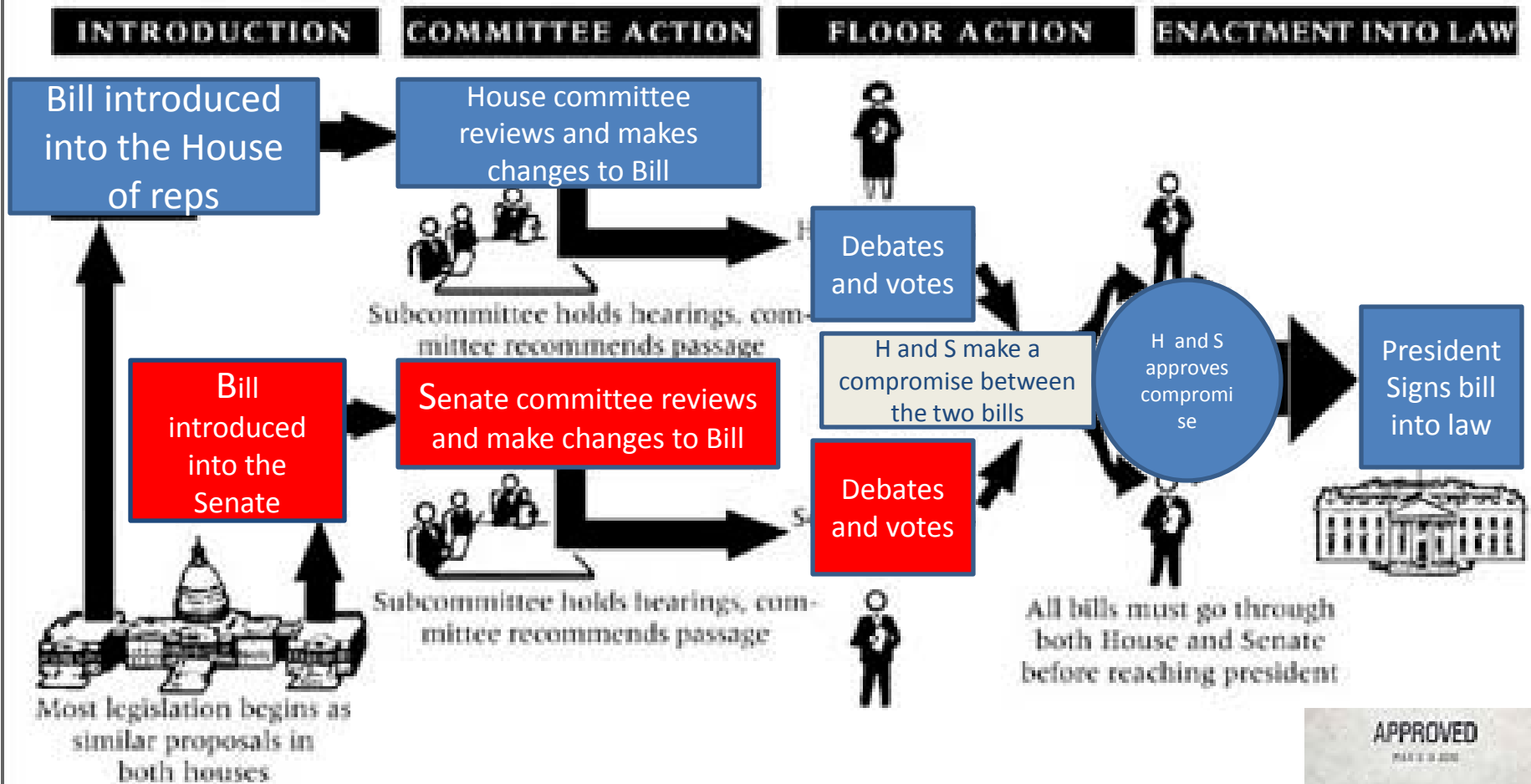
**Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act**  
March 23, 2010





# HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

This graphic shows the most typical way in which proposed legislation is enacted into law. There are more complicated, as well as simpler, routes, and most bills fall by the wayside and never become law.





President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden wait in the Blue Room of the White House before delivering remarks and signing the health insurance reform bill. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)  
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President Barack Obama signs the health insurance reform bill in the East Room of the White House, March 23, 2010. (Official White House Photo by Chuck Kennedy)  
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**the President**

The White House in Washington, D.C.