

Consideration of a measure by the full House can be a simple or very complex operation. In general, debate time for a measure is normally divided between proponents and opponents. Each side yields time. After all debate is concluded and a vote is taken, the House is ready to vote on final passage.

After a measure passes in the House, it goes to the Senate for consideration. A bill must pass both bodies. If the Senate changes the language of the measure, it must return to the House for concurrence or additional amendments.

Often a conference committee is appointed with both House and Senate members. This group will negotiate differences between the two versions of the measure.

Votes on final passage, as well as all other votes in the House, may be taken by the electronic voting system. Votes in the House may also be by voice vote, and no record of individual responses is available.

After a measure has been passed in identical form by both the House and Senate, it is considered "enrolled" and sent to the President for signature.