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Debating and Voting on Bills: How Members of Congress Shape Laws

Short Answer Key

1. The purpose of debate on the congressional floor is to allow members of Congress to present arguments, share viewpoints, and persuade their colleagues in favor of or against a bill.
2. Amendments during the legislative process allow members of Congress to propose changes or modifications to a bill. These amendments are discussed and voted upon separately.
3. After a bill is approved by Congress, it becomes law when the President signs it into law or when Congress overrides a Presidential veto with a two-thirds majority vote in both chambers.
4. A conference committee may be formed during the legislative process when the House and the Senate pass different versions of the same bill, and they need to reconcile the differences.
5. Voting on a bill is a critical step in the legislative process because it determines whether the bill will proceed to become law or not. It represents the collective decision of the elected representatives.

