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What Happens After a Bill is Introduced in Congress?

Short Answer Key

1. Committee review in the legislative process aims to thoroughly examine the bill, hold hearings, debate its merits, and often make amendments to ensure it is well-crafted and addresses important issues.
2. A conference committee is formed when the House and Senate disagree on the final details of a bill. Its role is to reconcile the differences between the two chambers' versions of the bill and create a compromise.
3. The President can sign the bill into law, veto it, take no action (allowing it to become law after 10 days if Congress is in session), or use a pocket veto (effectively vetoing it if Congress adjourns within 10 days).
4. Understanding the legislative process is important for citizens because it allows them to grasp how laws are made, participate in the democratic process, and hold their representatives accountable.
5. When a bill is assigned a public law number, it becomes part of the United States Code, the official compilation of federal laws.

