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Legislative Superstars: Exploring the Role and Structure of the Legislative Branch

Short Answer Key

1. The process of how a bill becomes a law involves several steps: idea, drafting, committees, debate and vote, conference committee (if needed), presidential signature or veto, and, if vetoed, possible override by Congress.
2. The two chambers in Congress, the House of Representatives and the Senate, provide a system of checks and balances. They both must approve a bill before it becomes law, ensuring that decisions are not made hastily or without thorough consideration.
3. Bills can be introduced in Congress by any member, whether in the House of Representatives or the Senate. They can also be introduced by citizens through their representatives.
4. Committees play a crucial role in examining and discussing bills in detail. They allow for expert input and help filter out bills that may not be suitable for a full debate on the floor.
5. Congress can override a presidential veto by a two-thirds majority vote in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

