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Harmonizing House and Senate Bills: The Process of Reconciling Differences

Short Answer Key

1. The role of the conference committee is to negotiate and reach a compromise between the House and Senate versions of a bill.
2. It is important for both chambers to approve the conference report without further amendments to ensure that the agreed-upon compromise remains intact and that the bill reflects the conference committee's decision.
3. If the President vetoes a bill approved by Congress, it can be overridden by a two-thirds majority vote in both the House and the Senate.
4. The conference committee's responsibility is to reconcile differences between House and Senate bills, negotiate compromises, and create a unified version for approval.
5. After being approved by the conference committee and both chambers, the reconciled bill becomes law when signed by the President or when Congress overrides a presidential veto.

