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Senate
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House Committee/Subcommittee
Releases
Revises & Releases
Table

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White House
President signs
President vetoes

2/3 vote in Congress can override veto

*Legislation may be introduced in either chamber except for tax law, which must originate in the House. **Most major legislation goes to conference committee; When one chamber passes legislation originating in the other without making changes, bill goes directly to President.