Making your own Federal Bill Assignment /27

## Step 1 – choose an issue

Choose an issue you think should be changed (see the “Passing Bills and Making Laws” handout for ideas).

My Issue: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## Step 2 – where will you introduce your bill? /2

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| House of Commonshttp://www.electionalmanac.com/ea/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/house.jpg | Senatehttps://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/6/6b/Canadian_Senate_Chamber.jpeg/280px-Canadian_Senate_Chamber.jpeg |

## Step 3 – Introduction and First Reading

Formally introduce your bill to the house you have chosen. State the idea you want to make into a law below:

(ex: Public washrooms will be clean all the time.)

My proposed bill: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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## Step 4 – Second Reading /7

Members of the house debate the strengths and weaknesses of the bill.

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They then vote on the bill – did it pass your vote? (it must pass to move on) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## Step 5 – Committee /4

Now that the bill has passed, you get a chance to look closer at it in Committee. Add 3 sentences to your original bill to make it more detailed:

(ex: They will be cleaned after 2 uses. There will be hand sanitizer outside the washroom.)

2 sentences added: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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## Step 6 – Report /2

The Committee sends a Report back to the House and they add more changes. Add 1 more sentence to your original bill.

(ex: There will only be paper towel, no hand dryers.)

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## Step 7 – Third Reading /5

With all the changes, the House now debates the strengths and weaknesses again. Consider all the things you’ve added, what are the strengths and weaknesses now?

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Now they vote on the bill again. Did it pass? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## Congratulations! Your bill has passed one House. Now it needs to go to the other house to go through the same process.

My bill will now go through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

## All 6 steps are repeated in the next house. Put the steps in order: /6

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| Third ReadingCommitteeFirst ReadingIntroductionSecond readingReport | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

## Congratulations! Your bill has passed the second House.

## Now your bill needs Royal Assent from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/1

Write out your completed bill with all the changes below (4 sentences):

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