Passing Bills and Making Laws

Think of your lives and the rules that we have to follow. What do you see that needs changing? Make a list of things you don’t like, or you think are problematic.

Any solutions to these ideas could be made into a law, but first they have to go through a huge process.

Two groups of people can propose bills: the House of Commons and the Senate. Here’s what happens when they do:

Pg. 30-31 in *Our Country, Our Parliament* (the smelly books)

**Royal Assent**

* Governor General gives the final **approval**

for it to become

**law**

If at any point the bill doesn’t pass a vote, it goes back to the first step for changes

**Third Reading**

* **Debate** the changes

 made

* **Vote** on the bill

**Report Stage**

* Committee

**reports** the bill back to the place where it started

* The Senate AND the House of Commons **debate**  it
* Suggest changes

**Second Reading:**

* **Debate** the idea
* Consider if it’s a good idea, what needs to be changed
* **Vote** on the bill

**First Reading:**

* Write down the idea to make a **bill**
* It’s **read** in the House of Commons, or the Senate (whoever came up with the idea)