

**ENACTMENT  
BY LAW**

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

**FINAL ACTION**

Introduced in House

Referred to House committee, which holds hearings and recommends passage

House debates and passes

Much legislation begins as similar proposals in both houses

House and Senate members confer, which compromise between the two versions

House and Senate approve compromise

President signs into law

Bill introduced in Senate

Referred to Senate committee, which holds hearings and recommends passage

Senate debates and passes

All bills must be approved by the House and Senate in identical form before they can be sent to the president

FIGURE 1-1 How a Bill Becomes Law

strategic maneuver or the threat of... have more incentive... major bills came in... they were used in... dominated Congress... federal programs... involved packaging... voted up or down... mostly today than... high, and they... notice. In this... Mansfield, D-Vt... headed by a... their... making... of the 1970s. In... example, the... everything... had served as a... enact it within... gave them... GOP House... Reducing the... the... weeks of the... one-third more... previous Congress... said Democrats... situation every... cannot have a... House, employed... legislation and... the creation of... not Hill newspaper... structure that... died by committee... a large number... policy influence. In... composed of the... issues, to create...