

How a Bill Becomes Law

Match the descriptions with the stage.

First Reading	Second Reading	Committee Stage	Report Stage	Third Reading	Senate	Royal Assent

This is when Senators debate and change the bill.	No debate takes place at this time.	This stage follows the committee stage.	Debate begins.	This stage comes before the report stage.	This stage is when the Governor General or a deputy gives approval.	The bill only gets this far if both the House and the Senate approve it.
Government officials and experts come to answer questions.	At this stage, members may change their vote on the bill.	This stage is before the Royal Assent.	This stage comes before third reading.	This is when hearings are held to gather information.	Members of the House may suggest changes to the bill.	During this stage, the entire House debates the bill.
This stage is after the third reading.	At this time, amendments (changes) can be made.	This step follows the first reading.	This stage follows the Report stage.	This stage follows the Senate stage.	The bill is printed.	This step is before the committee stage.
This stage follows second reading.	This is the final stage in the passing of a bill.	This is when the committee members study the bill.	This stage comes before the bill goes to the Senate.	All members of the House and Senate are present.	This is one of Parliament's oldest ceremonies.	This ceremony happens in the Senate Chamber.