

Bill (Permanent or temporary; general or specific; ^{public} or private)

Joint resolutions

Concurrent resolution — not leg. used for expressing facts, principles, opinions, and purposes of the two Houses.

Simple resolution — a matter concerning the rules, the operation, or the opinion of either House alone.

General approp. bills originate in the House of Reps.

When a joint resolution amending the Const. is approved by $\frac{2}{3}$ of both Houses, it is not presented to the Pres. for approval.

Sent directly to the U.S. Archivist for submission to the several states where ratification by the leg. $\frac{3}{4}$ of the states (w/in the period of time prescribed in the joint resolution).

House: a member may not be added or deleted as a co-sponsor after the bill has been reported by the last committee authorized to consider it, but in no event shall the Speaker entertain a request to delete the name of the sponsor.

Sen: unlimited multiple sponsorship of a bill is permitted.

concerns or issues



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inter-agency working group

International Human Rights Treaties.

19 standing committees in the House
16 " in the Senate

④ several select committees.

4 standing joint committees of the 2 houses
that have oversight responsibilities but no
legislative jurisdiction.

Bill to Committee

Transmits copies to relevant depts. and agencies

Maybe submitted to GAO (w/ a request for an official
report of views on the
necessity or desirability
of enacting the bill into law)

Rpts. of depts. and agencies are submitted first to OMB.

Hearings on the budget are required to be held by the
Committee on Appropriations in open session w/in
30 days after its transmittal to Congress.

After hearings — "mark-up"

Consideration of bill (views of both sides)

Vote taken to determine the action of the
subcommittee.

Decide whether:

- ① to report the bill favorably to the full committee
(with or without amendment)
- ② report bill unfavorably
- ③ report bill without recommendation.

At full committee meeting:

reports on bills may be made by subcommittees

bills are read for amendment by section

-members may offer germane amendments.

If Comm. has approved extensive amendments, the committee may decide to report the original bill w/ one "amendment in the nature of a substitute."

If committee votes to report the bill favorably to the House, one of the committee staff in the name of a committee member writes the committee report. The report describes the purpose and scope of the bill and the reasons for its recommended approval.

Can also get a minority report

Report is assigned a number upon its filing and sent to Govt. Printing office for printing.

(in committee and subcommittee)

Immigration bills

①

HR. 3553

To amend NACARA to give amnesty to El Sal / Guat / Honduras / Haitians.

Rep. Gutierrez 3/25/98

Referred to ^{sub}committee - no act. ~~10/5/98~~ 14 co-sponsors

②

H.R. 3231

A bill to adjust the immigration status of certain Honduran nationals in the U.S.

Rep. Meek 2/12/98

Referred to House Comm. on Jud

① Subcommittee on Immig.

2 co-sponsors

Diery-Belant / Dos-Lehtinen

③

H.R. 3049

Adjust status of Haitians

Rep. Conyers 11/13/97 to full Comm 12/9/97 to sub

9 co-sponsors

④

HR 3054

Bill to adjust status of certain nationals of El Sal / Guat & Haiti & amend INA to eliminate the special rule relating to termination of the period of continuous physical presence for cancellation of removal

Gutierrez

11/13/97

HR 2412

modify the religious worker visa programs (7)

extend visa waiver pilot program

(4)
amend IIRIRA to modify the effective date for certain paperwork changes in the employer sanctions programs.

Lamar Smith 9/5/97

Abraham in the Senate: S. 1198

HR 3597

Rep. Meek

A bill to amend the INA to prohibit discrimination in the issuance of nonimmigrant visas.

3/30/98 - referred to Jud Comm

4/3/98 - referred to Immig. Subcommittee

HR 2413

tech amend to IIRIRA

S. 1503 - Haitians (Graham)

Reported to the Sen. from Comm w/out amendment

Became
law
PL
105-54

HR 3273

A bill to treat certain IT occupations as if the Secy of Labor had made a determination under § (a)(5)(A) to limit such determinations.

James Moran 2/25/98

3/5/98 — referred to subcomm.



H.R. 2548

Rep. Filner

Increased enforcement of the employer sanctions provisions of the INA.

9/25/97

10/3/97 — referred to subcomm

HR 2578

Lamar Smith

Visa waiver pilot program

S. 1178 passed in lieu

Became law on 4/27/98 PL 105-173

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