


# *WELCOME !!*

*Navigating the CT Legislature*  
with your State Representative


## **GREG HOWARD**

**Thursday, February 20th**  
6:00 PM  
**North Stonington  
Education Center**  
298 Norwich-Westerly Rd.  
North Stonington

“*Come learn the legislative process and how to influence important legislation.*”



PRESENTATION WILL BE LIVESTREAMED.  
YOU WILL NEED TO DOWNLOAD THE  
MICROSOFT TEAMS APP ON YOUR  
COMPUTER OR MOBILE DEVICE TO JOIN.



# *...AND THANK YOU!*

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***210 Capitol Ave, Hartford, CT 06106***

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*HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

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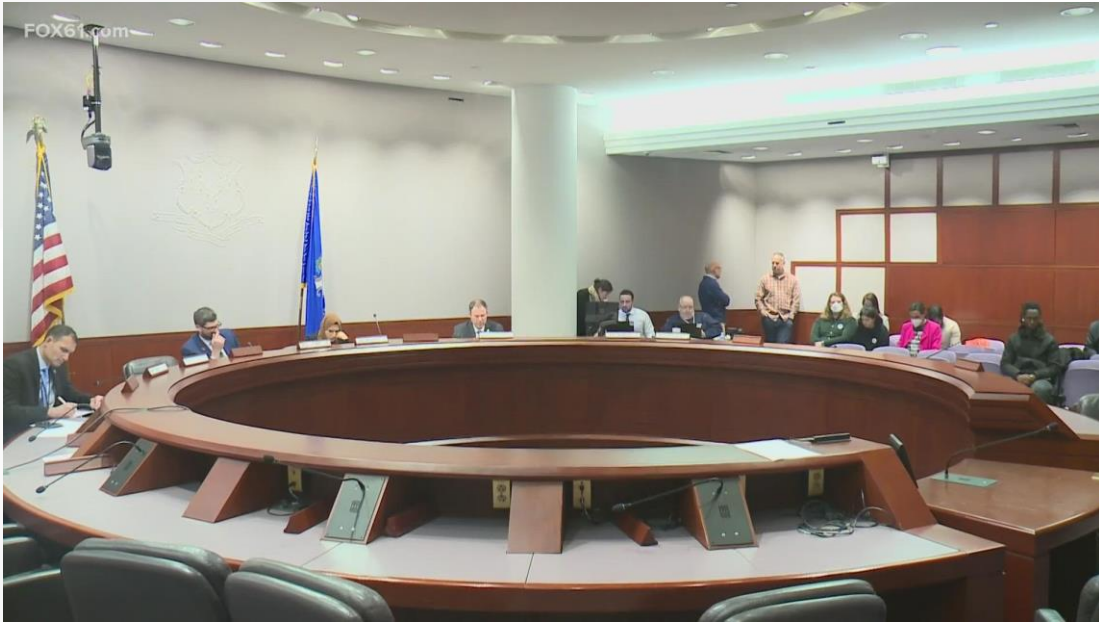
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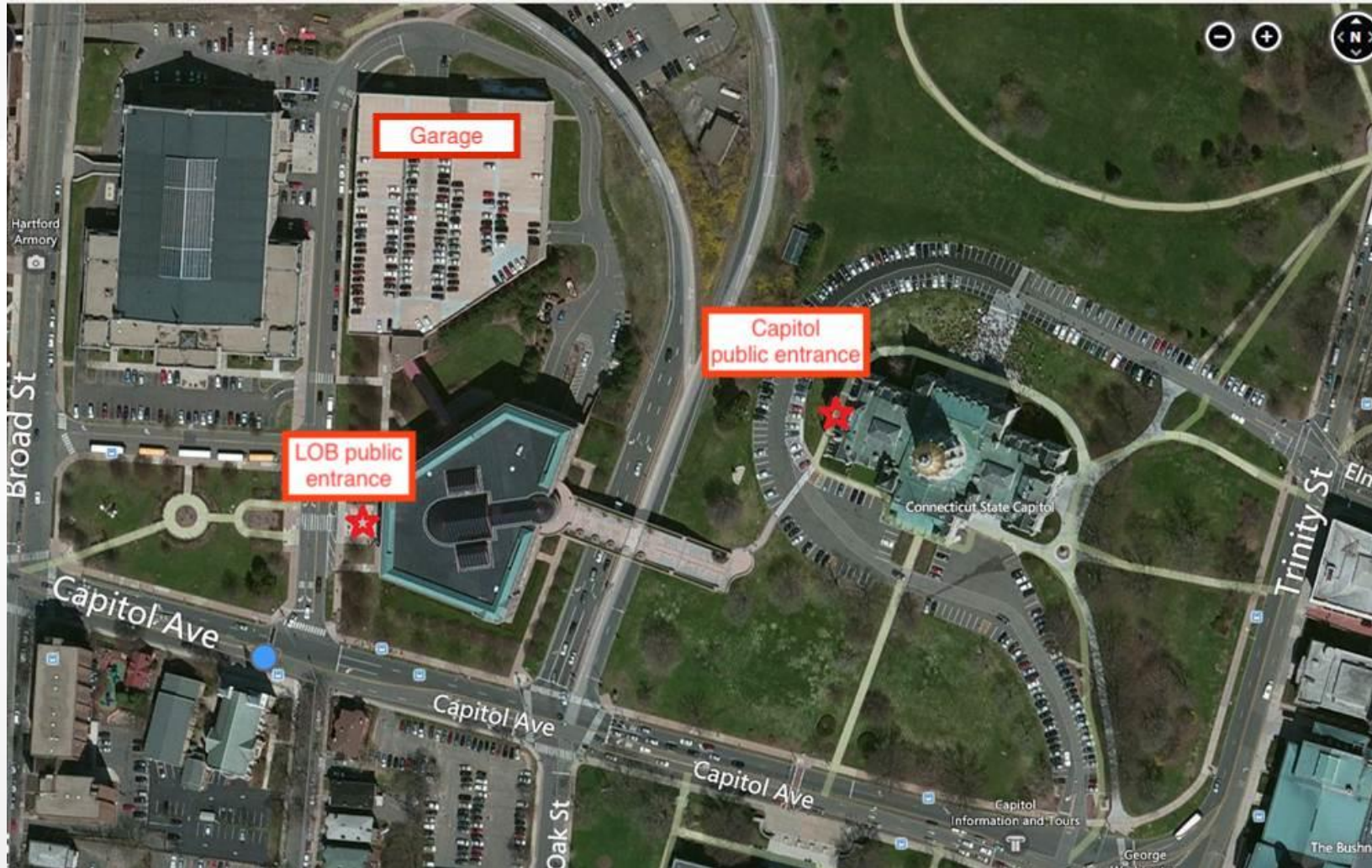


## ***HEARING ROOMS***

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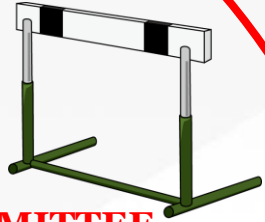


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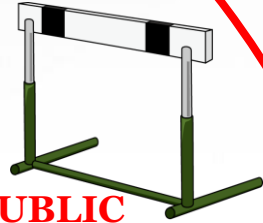
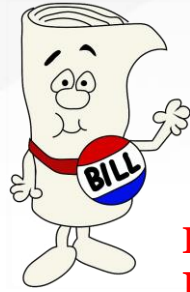


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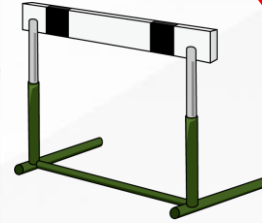
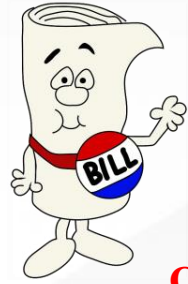




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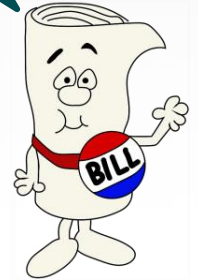
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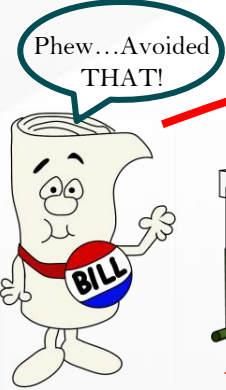
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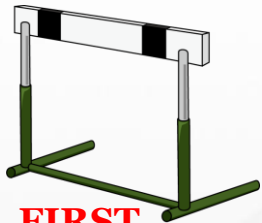
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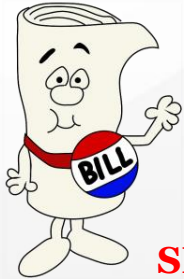
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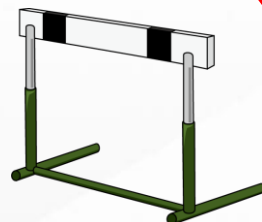
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# Proposed Bills

A “Proposed Bill” is an idea that is introduced by individual legislators; it can be introduced by one or more legislators, and others may “co-sponsor”.

During the long session (odd years) individual legislators can introduce whatever they want; but in the short session (even years) individual legislators may only introduce bill related to budgetary issues.

During the short session, new bills must be introduced by a committee, so legislators can request a committee raise a bill.

Proposed bills get referred to committees

*Off to committee it goes!!*



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## **Wait.... Hold on.....**

# **What's a Committee, who is it and what do they do?**

In Hartford, we have joint committees. This means that committees are made up of Senators and Representatives. There are 151 House Members and 36 Senators. So, as you would imagine, there are several more house members on each committee, and Senators usually serve on more committees than Representatives do. The D's maintain a majority in each committee that generally reflects their majority in the legislature.

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***Rep. Howard***

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**Public Safety (RM)**

**Judiciary**

**Education**

**Committee Leadership: Co-Chairs (One Senate D, One House D) Rankings (One Senate R, One House R)**  
**There also Vice Chairs (D)**

*Proposed Bill*

*COMMMITTEE OF COGNIZANCE*

**APPROPRIATIONS  
FINANCE, REVENUE, BONDING  
JUDICIARY  
PUBLIC HEALTH  
INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE  
EDUCATION  
ENVIRONMENT  
COMMERCE  
ENERGY & TECH  
HUMAN SERVICES  
VETERANS**

**TRANSPORTATION  
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AGING  
CHILDREN  
PUBLIC SAFETY  
BANKING  
GENERAL LAW  
GOVERNMENT ADMIN & ELECTIONS**

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**SCREENING**

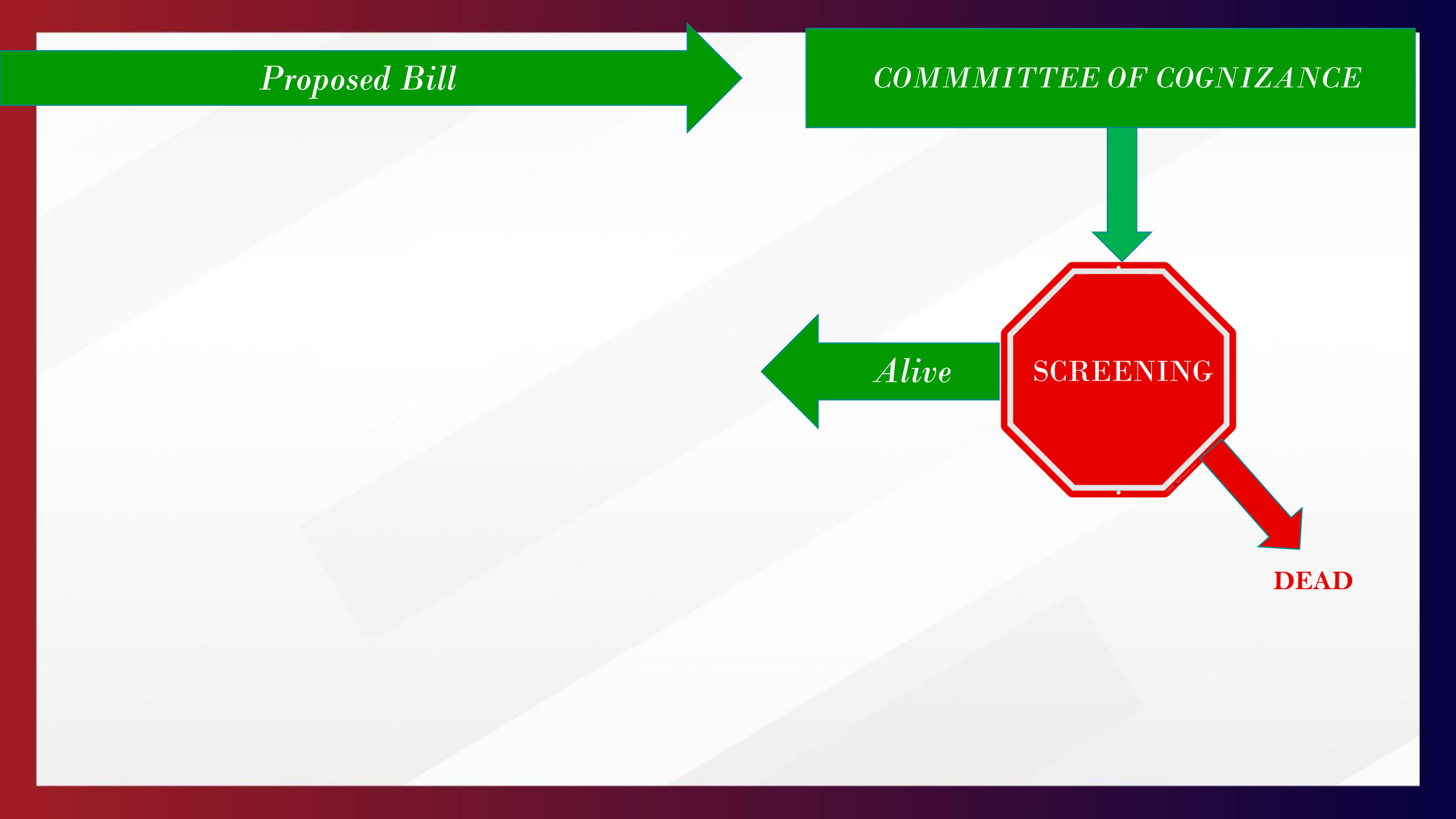
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*Alive*

**SCREENING**

**DEAD**



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***PUBLIC  
HEARING***

**What's a PH? How do I participate? What should I expect? Does it really matter?**



**This is where members of the public, other legislators (not members of that particular committee), commissioners, lobbyists, other elected officials such as mayors, first selectmen, etc give feedback about a bill**

*Raised Bill, Committee Bill, et al*

## ***PUBLIC HEARING***

**What's a PH? **How do I participate?** What should I expect? Does it really matter?**

*5 days notice*

**You can participate in-person by driving to Hartford and appearing in the committee room, or you can testify remotely via zoom from your home, office, or really anywhere. We'll go over how to register shortly.....**

YOU CAN ALSO SUBMIT WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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## ***PUBLIC HEARING***

### **What's a PH? How do I participate? What should I expect? Does it really matter?**

**Your testimony, in-person or virtual, is limited to 3 minutes. However, if any committee member asks you a question, then you are afforded time to answer. So, if you have 5 minutes of testimony, and its on a committee that one of us is on, be sure to let us know that you are coming and share your testimony with us ahead of time. This way, we know what to ask to be able to allow you to finish. For example, if you have 3 points to make, and only get through 2 of them in the first three minutes, I can ask you a question that leads to you the third point so you can finish your thoughts.**

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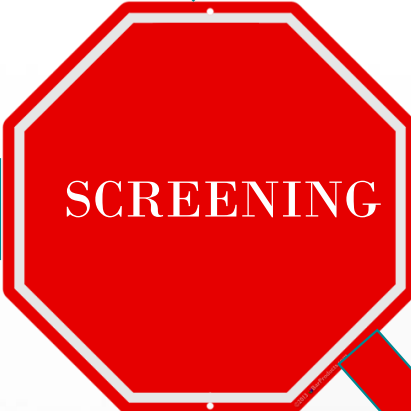
**You can submit written testimony and testify in-person/virtual if you want**

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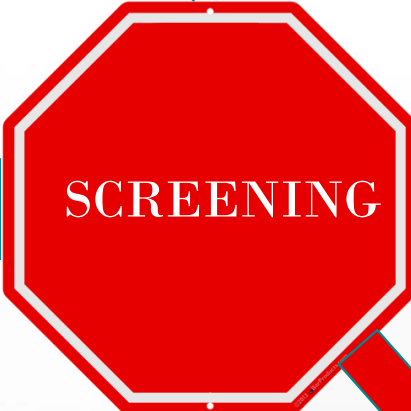


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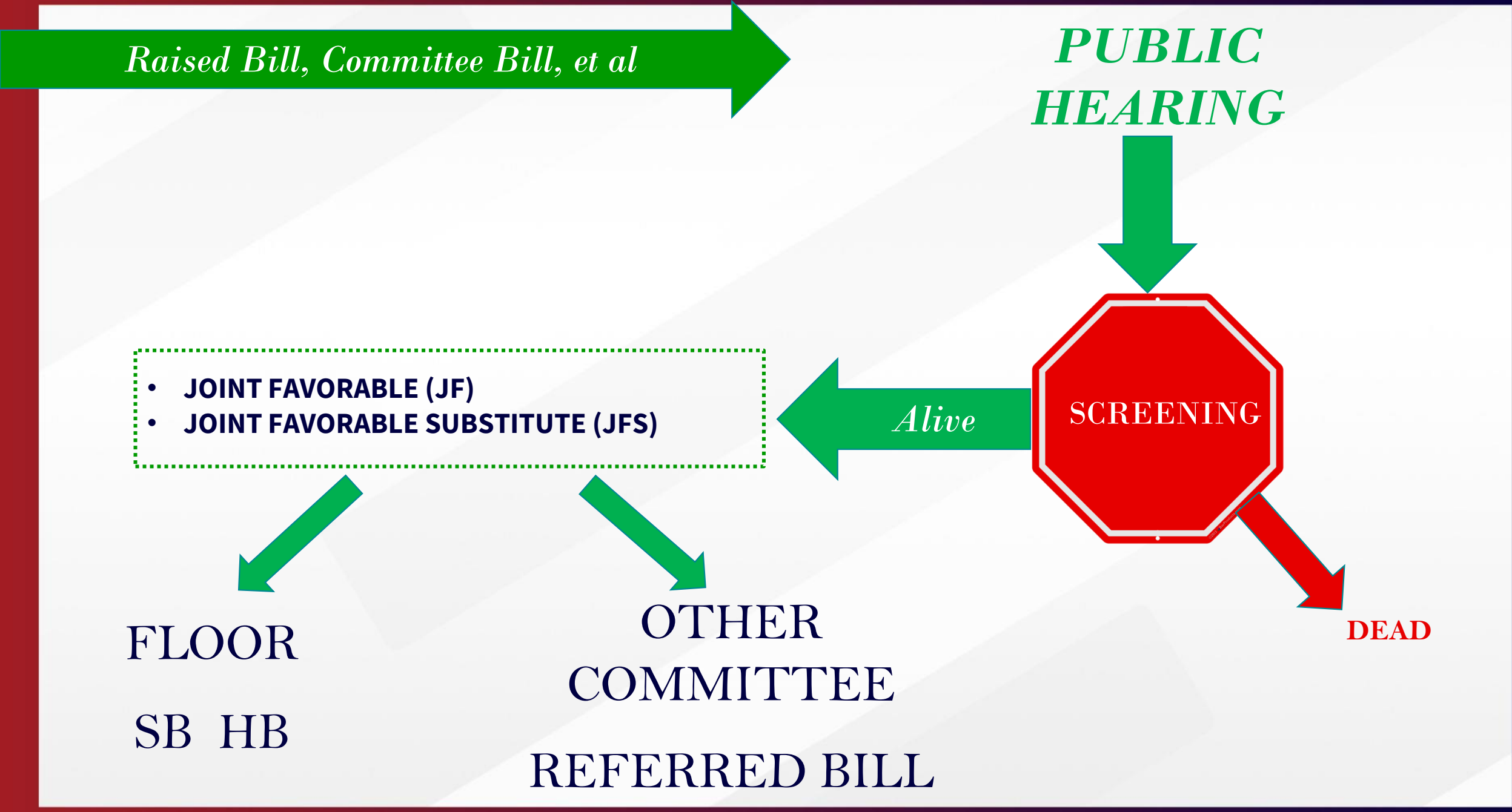
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**SB HB**

**OTHER  
COMMITTEE**

**REFERRED BILL**



*JF'D OUT OF COMMITTEE*



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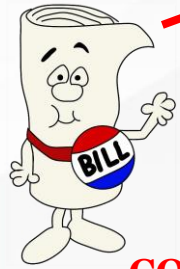
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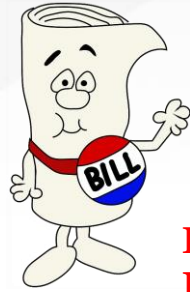
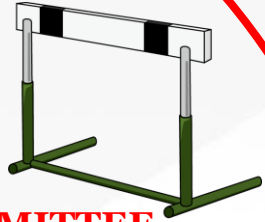
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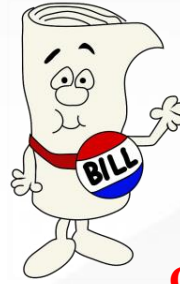
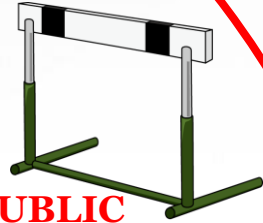
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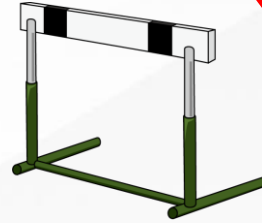
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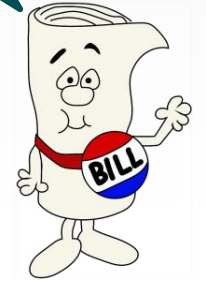
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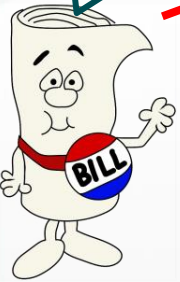
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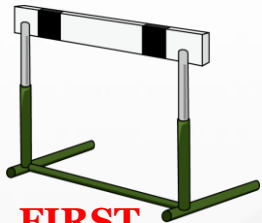
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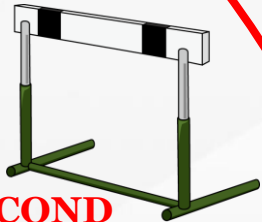
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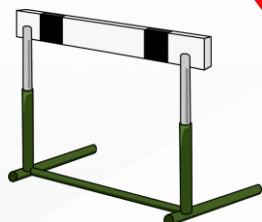
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