

WELCOME !!

Navigating the CT Legislature

with your State Representative

GREG HOWARD

Thursday, January 22nd

6:00 PM

North Stonington
Education Center
298 Norwich-Westerly Rd.
North Stonington



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

...AND THANK YOU!

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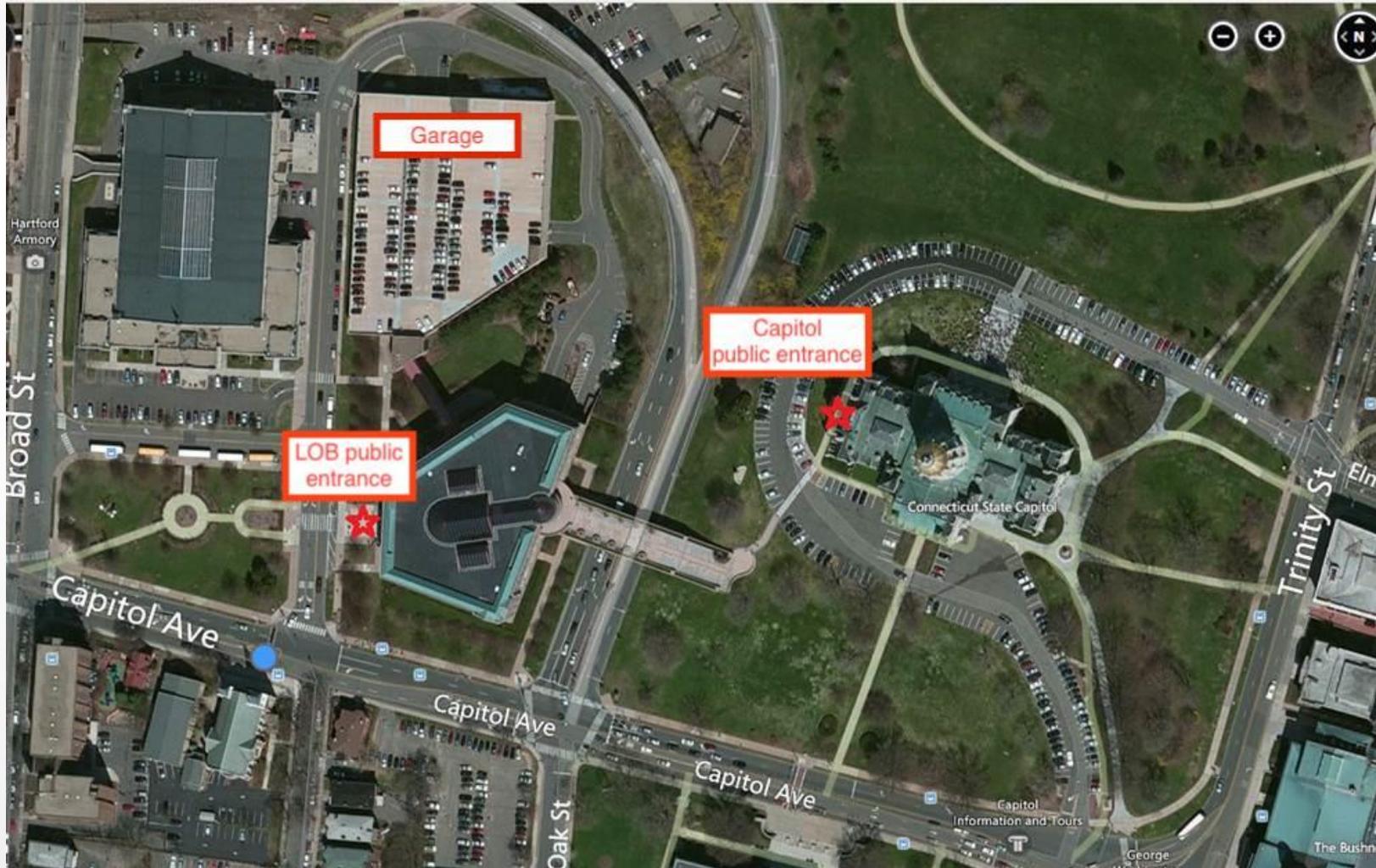


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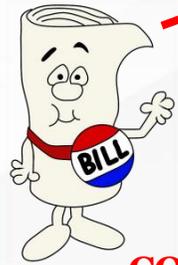


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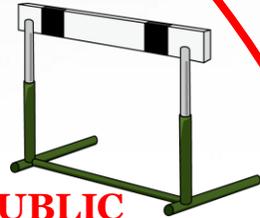
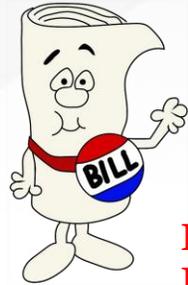


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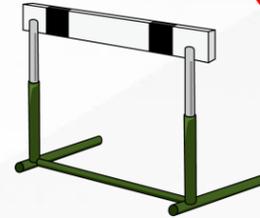
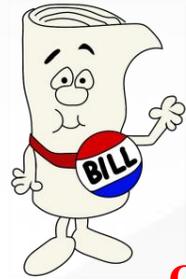




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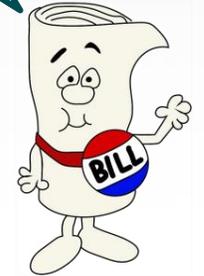
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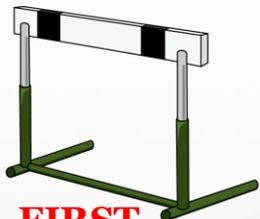
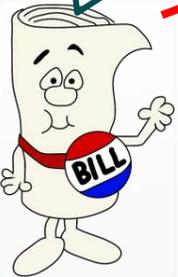


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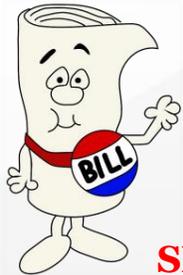


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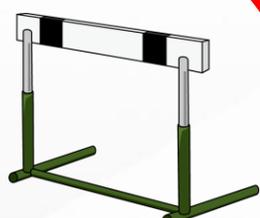
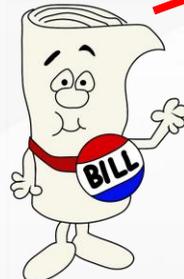
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How Does a Bill Become a Law?*

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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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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

Public Safety (RM)
Judiciary
Education

Rep. Quinn

Public Safety
Judiciary
Executive Nominations

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
LABOR
HOUSING
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
EXEC. & LEGIS. NOMS
HIGHER EDUCATION
AGING
CHILDREN
PUBLIC SAFETY
BANKING
GENERAL LAW
GOVERNMENT ADMIN & ELECTIONS**

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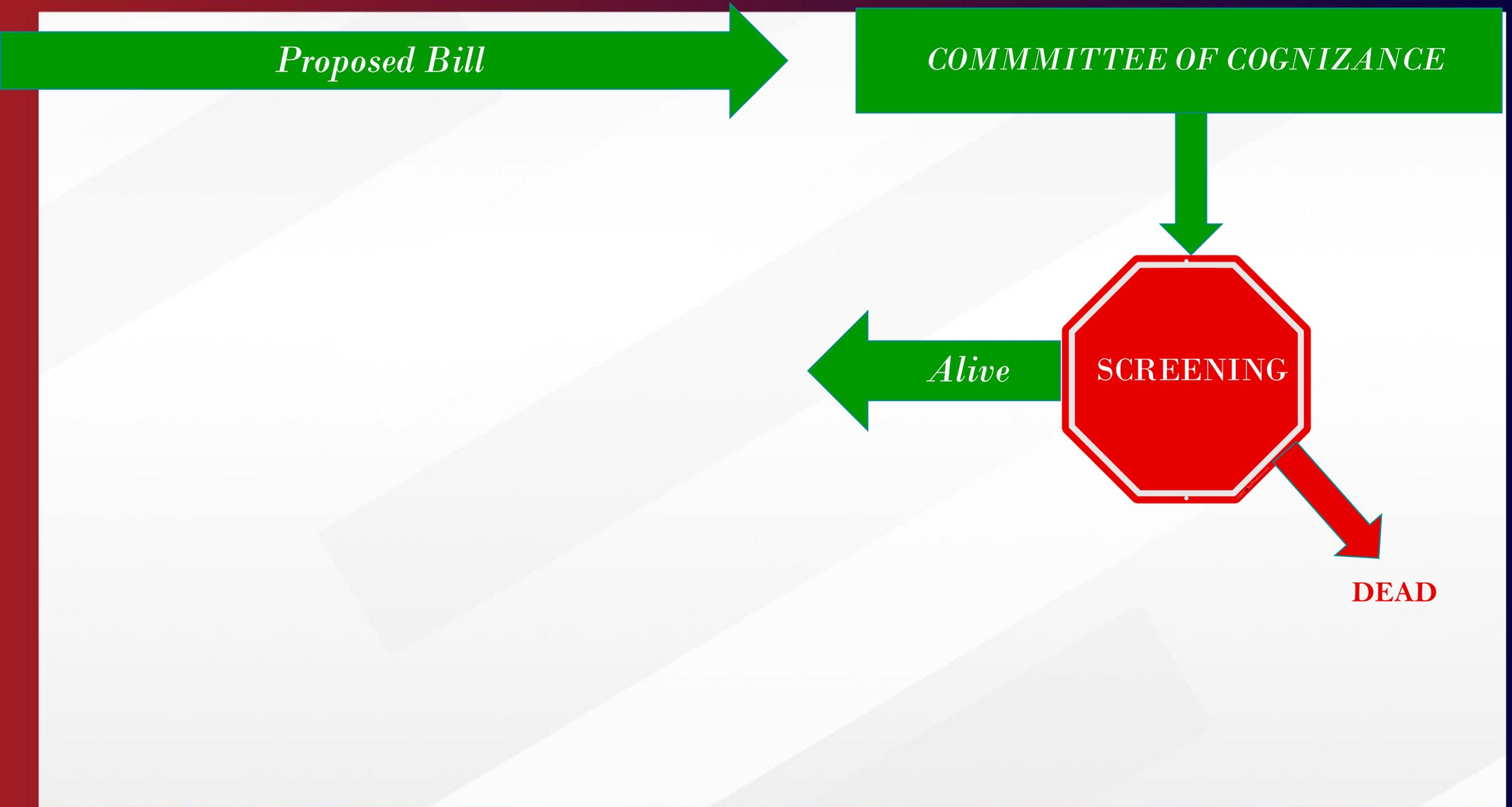
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PUBLIC HEARING

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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

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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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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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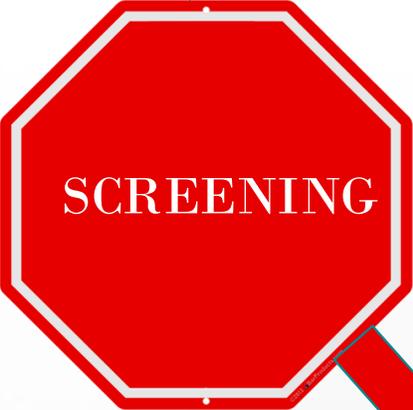
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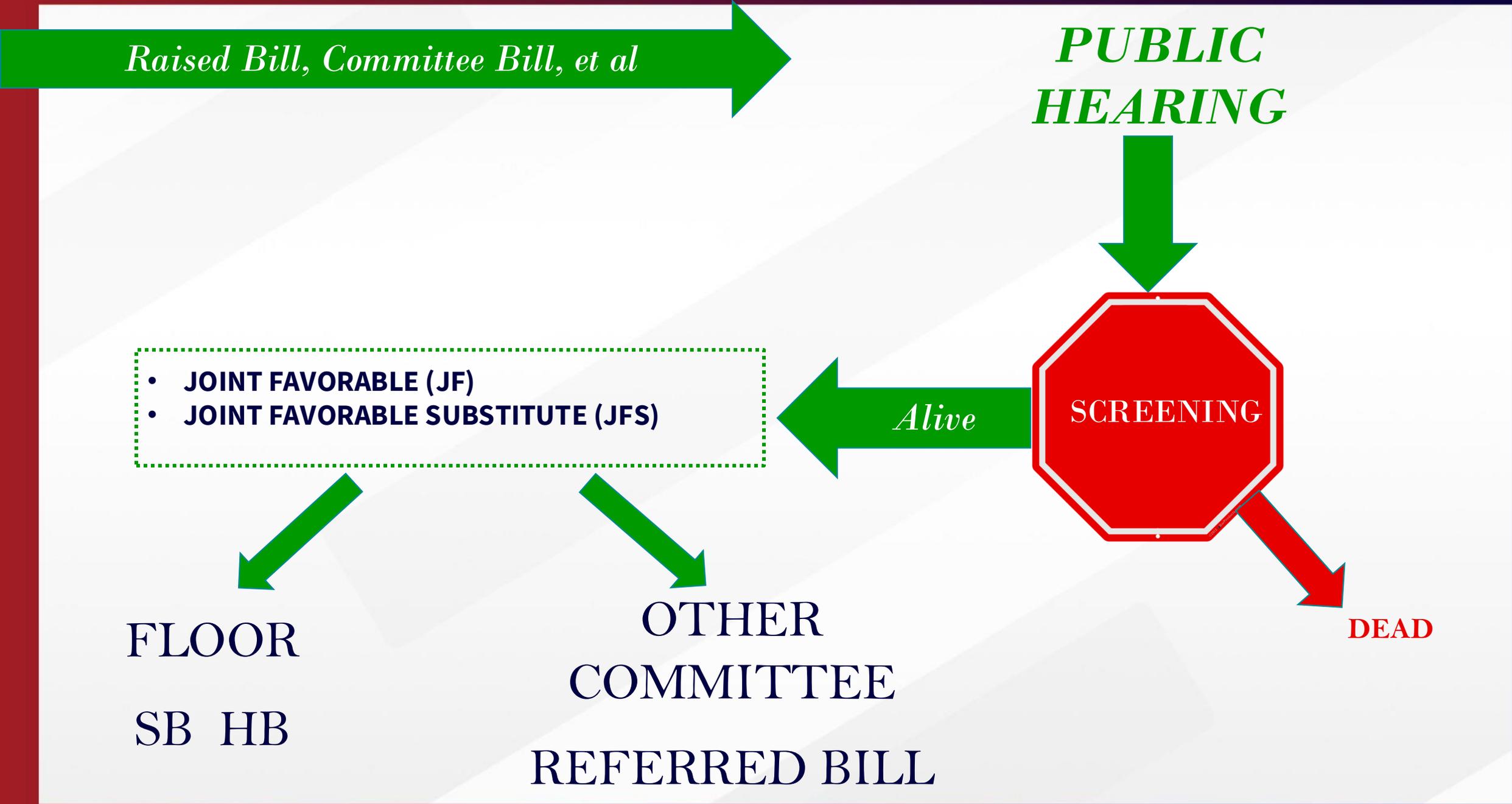


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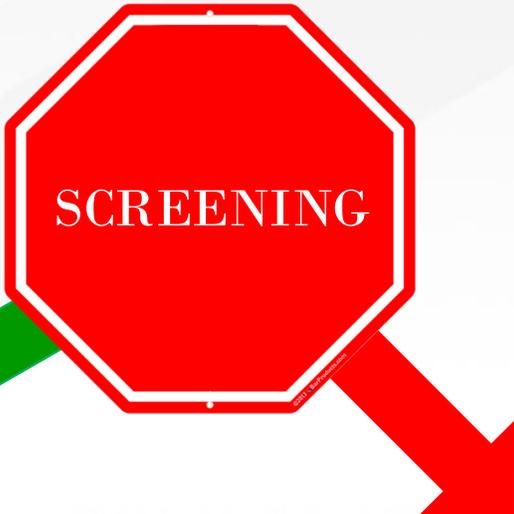
**OTHER
COMMITTEE
REFERRED BILL**



JF'D OUT OF COMMITTEE



SCREENING



HB: HOUSE, then transmitted to SENATE

SB: SENATE, then transmitted to HOUSE

GOVERNOR'S DESK

BACK TO A COMM

Sine Die !!! (May 6 at midnight)

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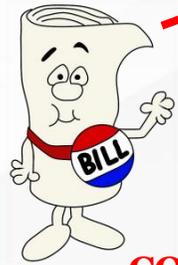
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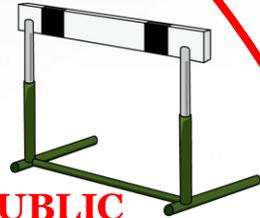
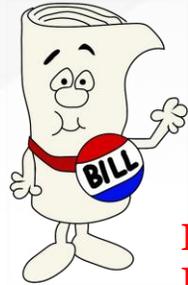
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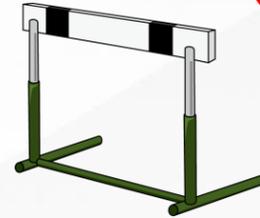
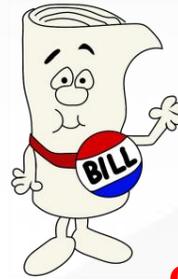




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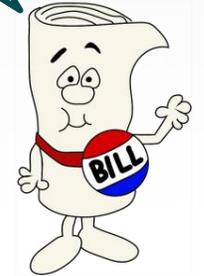
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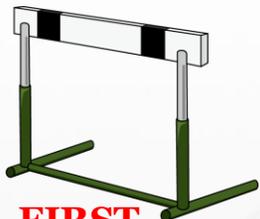
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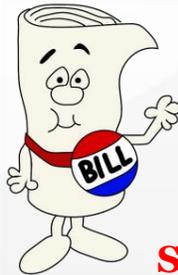
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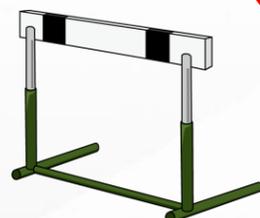
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