**MODEL GOVERNMENT TEST**

**STUDY GUIDE**

* Legislative Vocabulary
  + Be able to define 15 terms
* How a Bill Becomes a Law
  + Know the song
  + Know the chart
* What was the roll of the journalists and lobbyists in the legislative process?
* What are the checks and balances between the Executive and Legislative Branch federal government?

**Test Date:**

**How a Bill becomes a Law**

Describe the process of how a bill becomes a law.

For each step identify:

* Who is involved
* Where does it take place
* What happens during this step
* Think: about amendments, voting, research, discussion, reading of the bill

Label each step clearly.

**Step 1: A bill begins as an idea**

** Step 2: Ideas for bills are proposed to Congressmen by:**

* **Constituents**
* **President**
* **Congressman**

**Congressman writes a draft of the bill**

**Step 3: The bill goes to a House of Representatives’ committee**

* **Researched**
* **Debated**
* **Experts and lobbyists can testify on the bill**
* **Voted on – Leaves committee or DIES!!!**

 **Step 4: The bill goes to the House of Representatives**

* **Read and introduced on the floor of the House of Representatives**
* **Debated**
* **Amended**
* **Voted on – Passes or DIES!!!**



**Step 5: Senate Committee**

* **Same steps as House Committee**

 **Step 6: The Senate**

* **Same steps as in House**
* **Voted on – Pass or DIE!!!!**

 ****

**Step 7: Becomes a law if the president signs the bill or it is vetoed by the President.**

**Images courtesy of © Schoolhouse Rock**