

How a **Bill** Becomes a **LAW**

What baby advocates need to know





A Bill Is Born



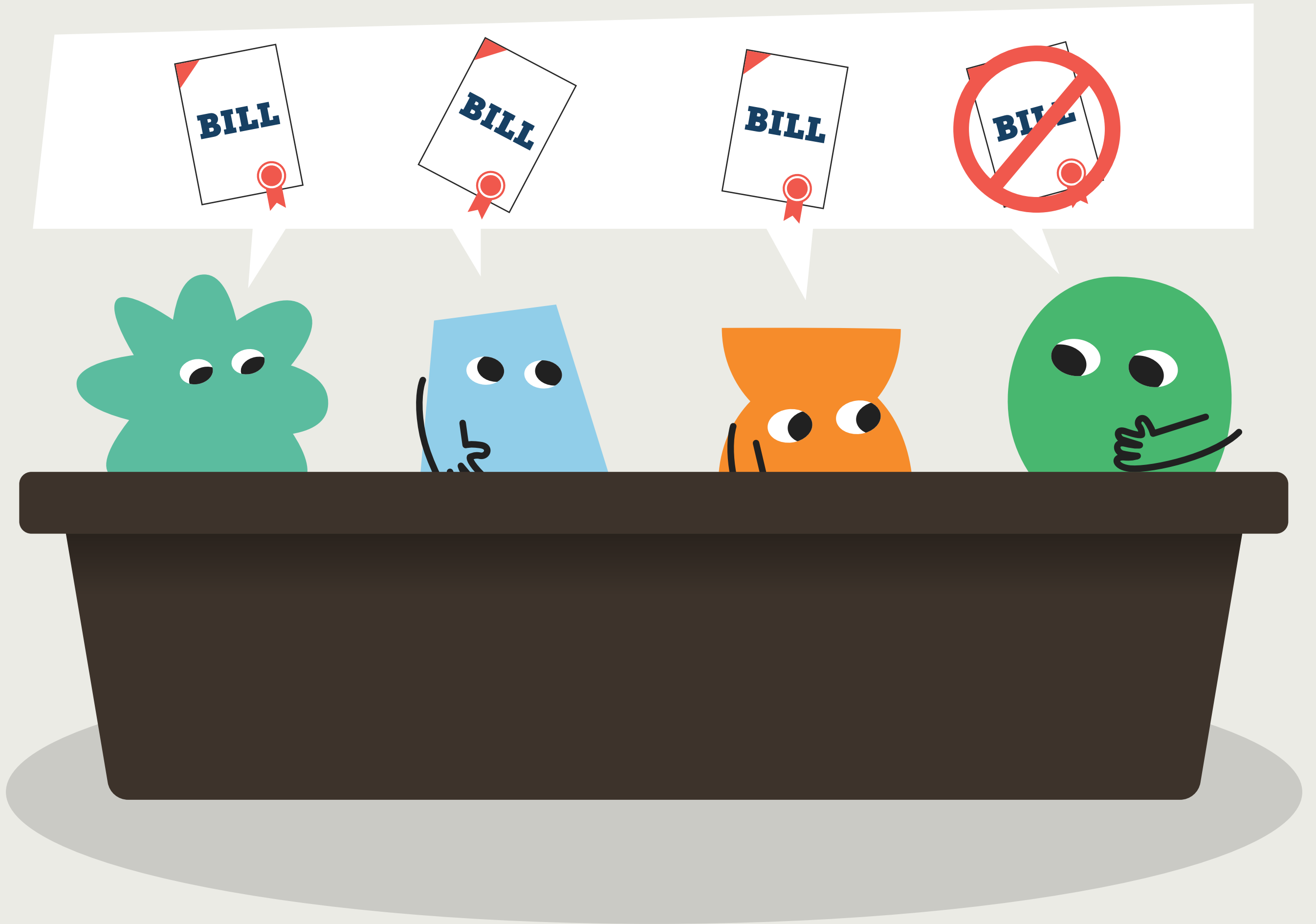
BILL

**A member of Congress
writes and introduces a bill.**

It gets a name like H.R. 1001 or S. 1002

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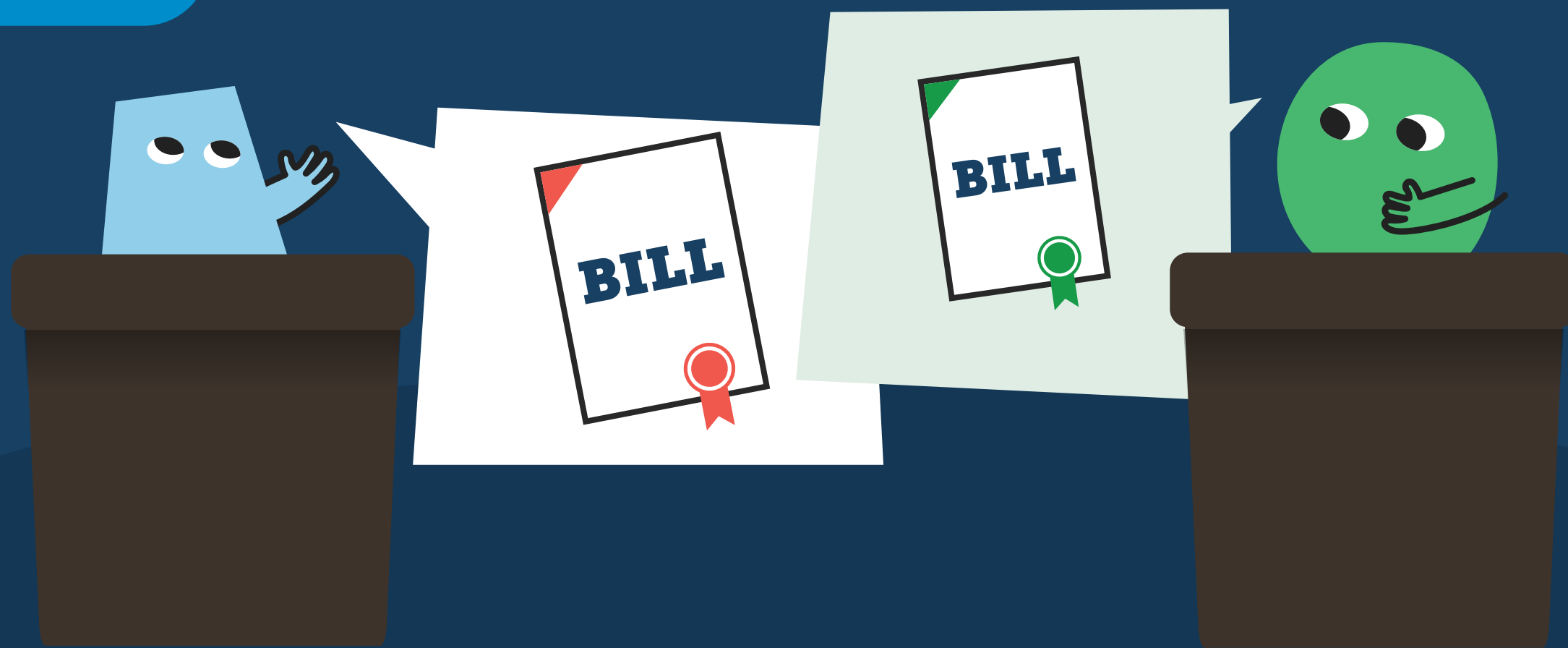
Committee Review



**Experts study the bill,
hold hearings, debate it,
and make changes.**

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Debate & Vote



The full House and Senate debate and can make changes.

Then ,they vote.



If it passes,
it moves forward.



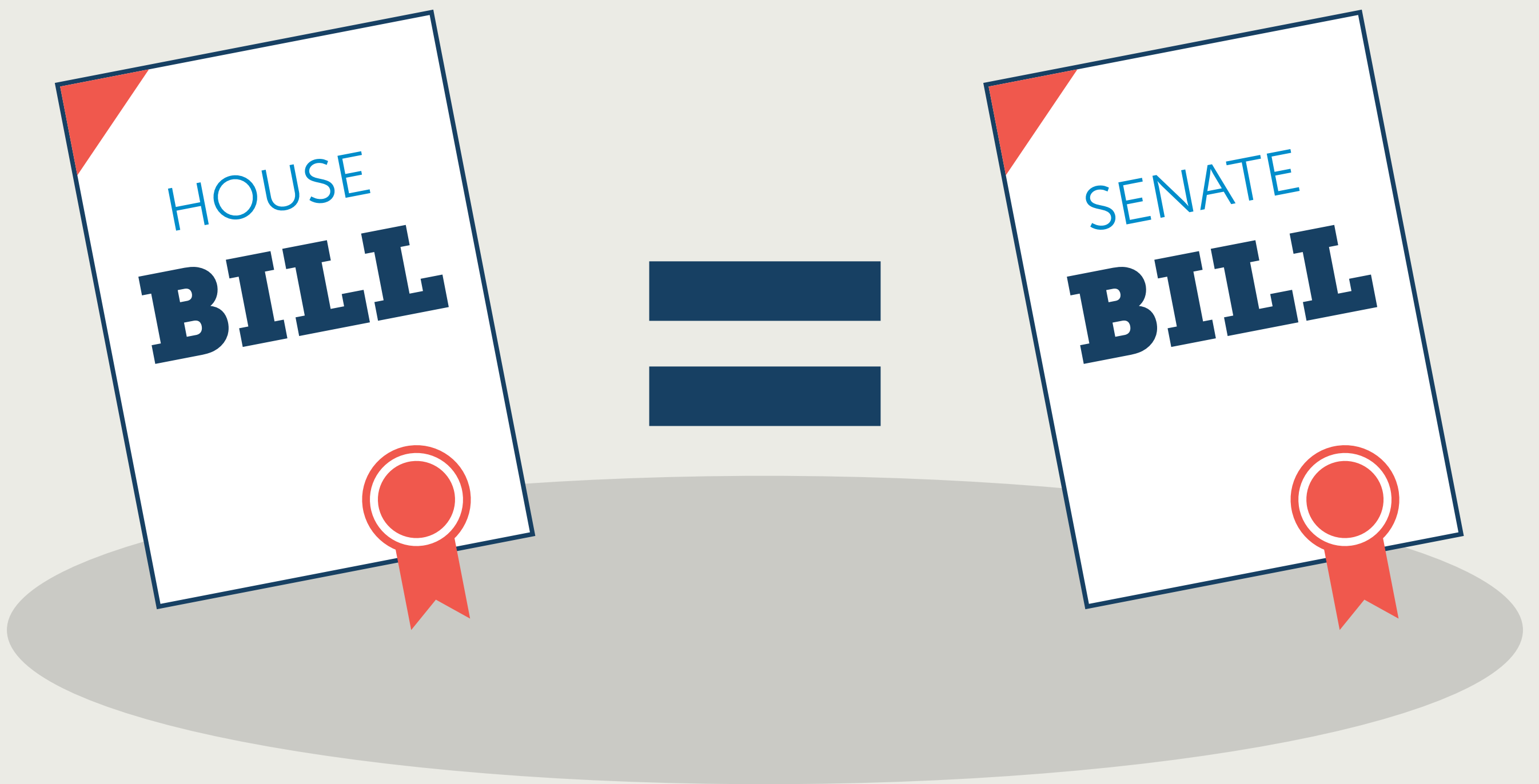
If it doesn't pass,
It's done.

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BALLOTS

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Work It Out



The House and Senate versions must match.

They meet, negotiate, and agree on **ONE** final bill.

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The President Decides



✓ Sign it → becomes law

✗ Veto it → sent back

Do nothing = may still become law

Where YOU Come In



**You don't have to be in Congress
to make a change.**

Your voice helps shape policies
for babies and families.

Speak Up For Babies

Ask Congress to Support Programs like:



Child
Care



Early Head
Start



Early
Intervention

Babies can't advocate. But YOU can.

