

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

What baby advocates need to know





# A Bill Is Born



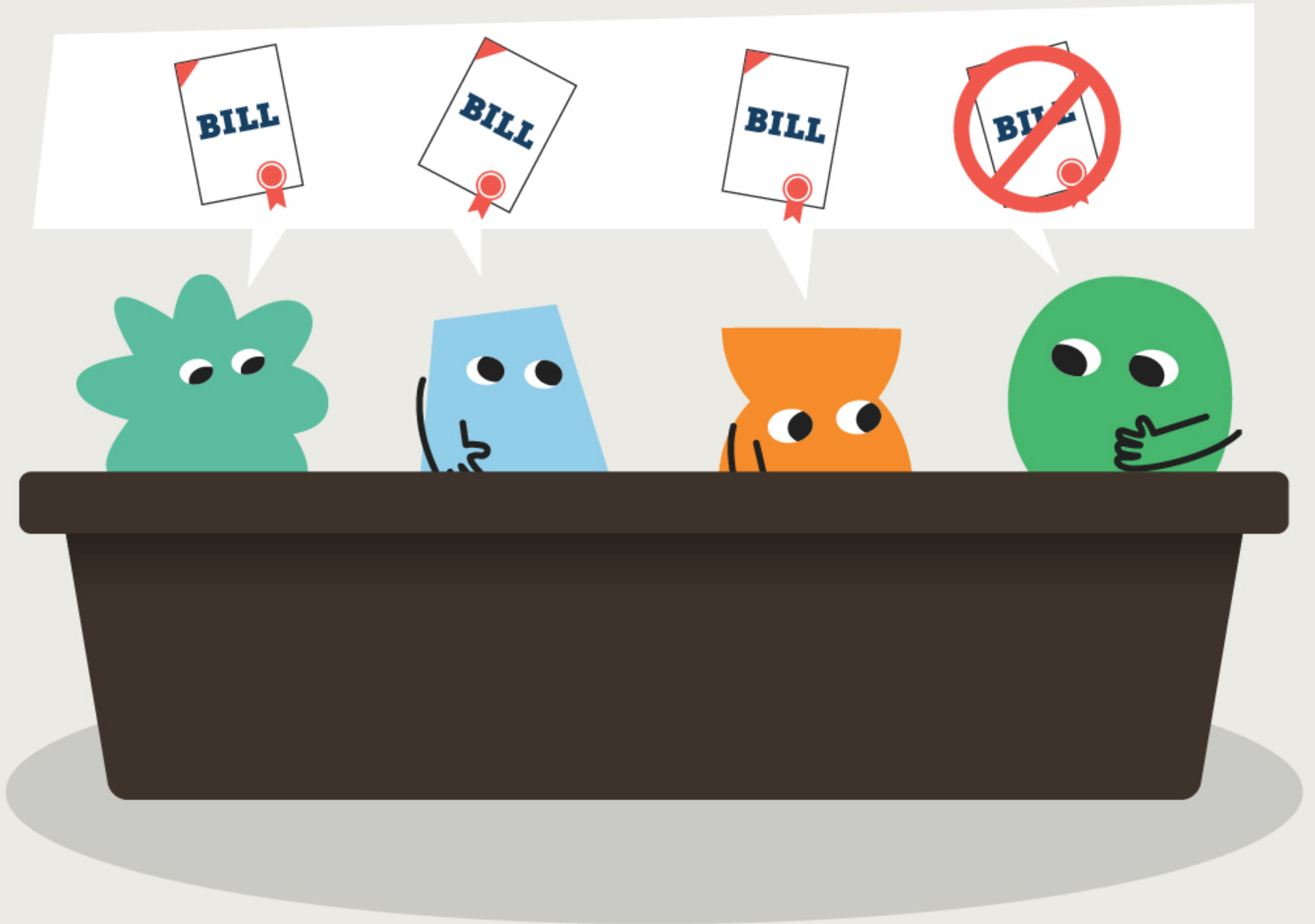
**BILL**

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

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

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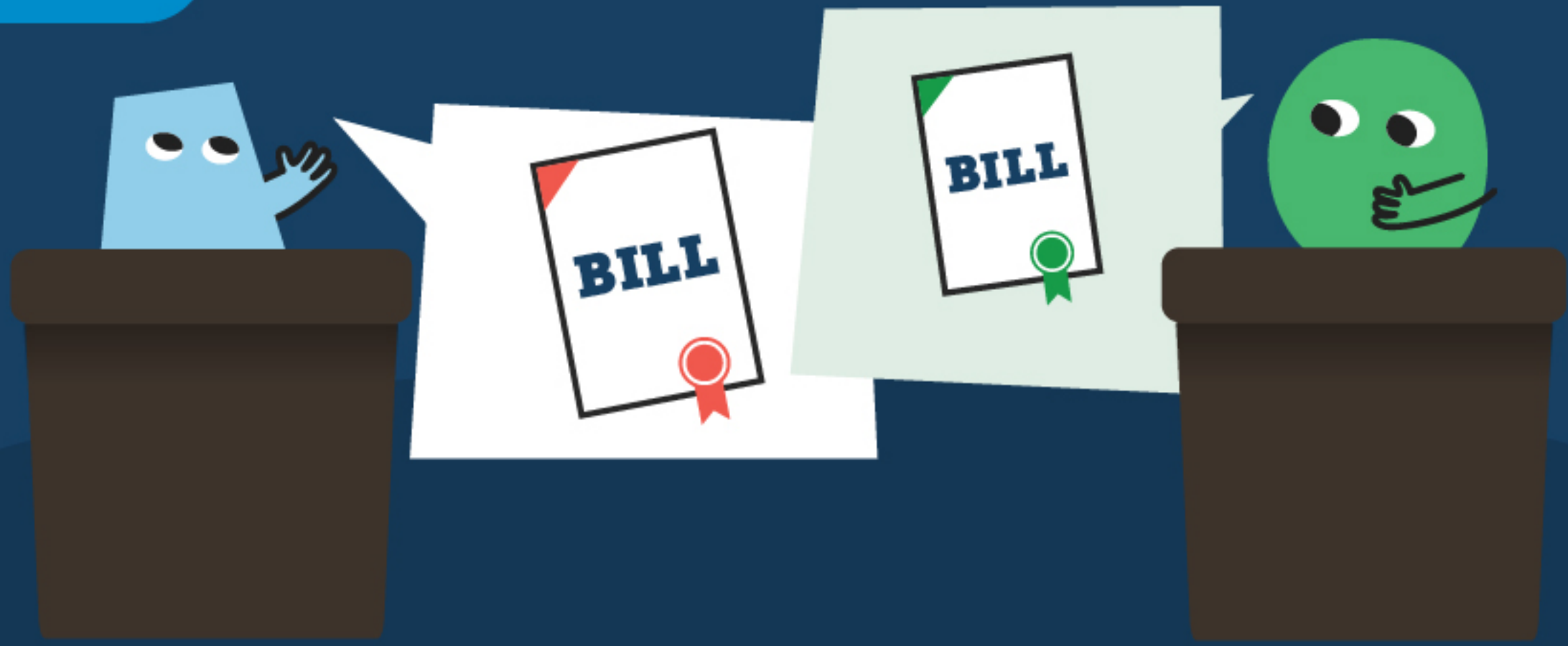
# Committee Review



**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.

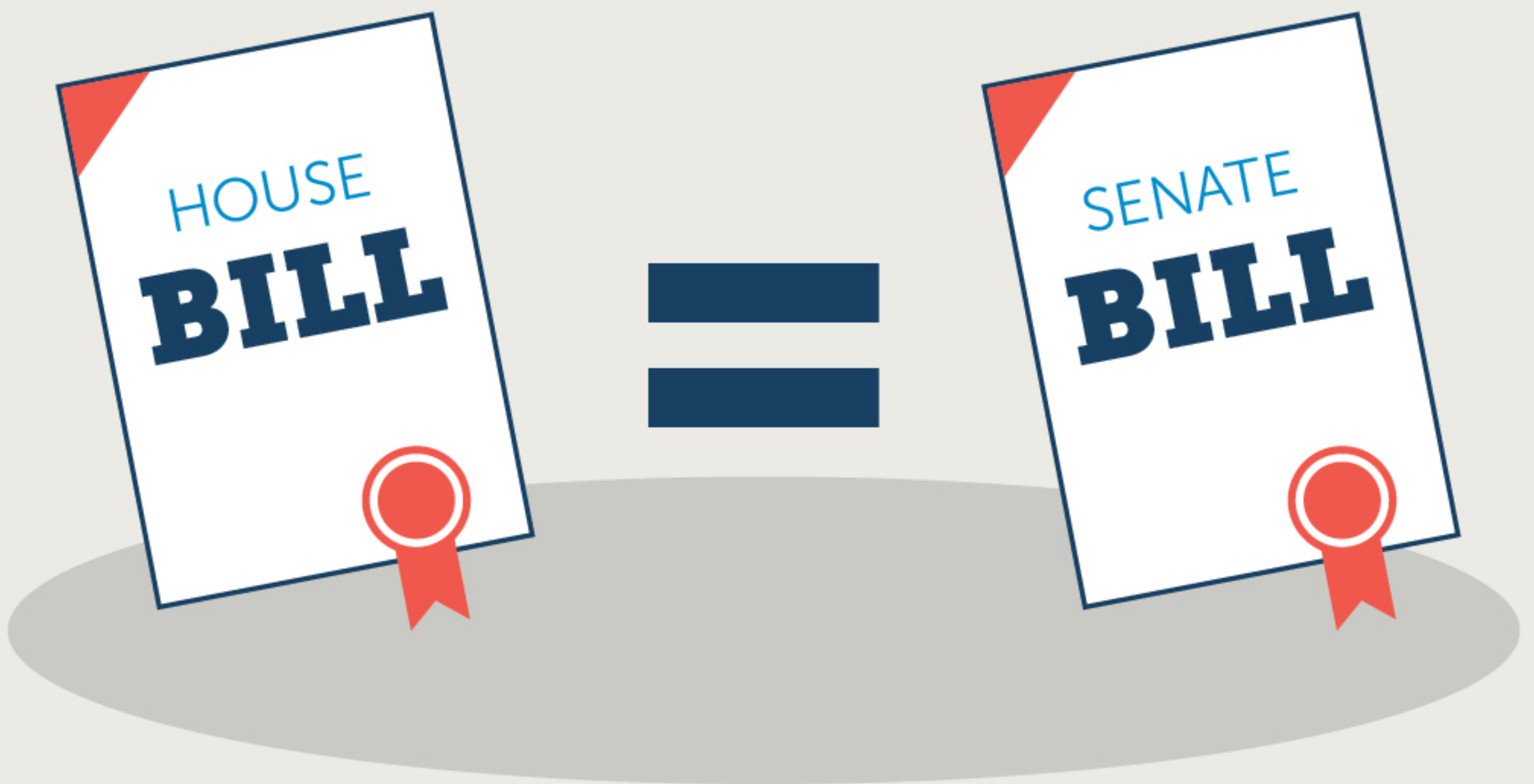


If it doesn't pass,  
It's done.

**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.**

