

House of Representatives - Instructions

Part 1

Divide according to your preferences into Federalists and Anti-Federalists

Whichever group has the most people elects the Speaker of House from among their group

They also elect a Majority Leader

They also elect a Majority Whip

The Speaker of the House gets the Instructions and manages the rest of the activity

The group with the least people does the same. They elect a Minority Leader and a Whip

Speaker of the House chooses two Chairs for two committees

- Apples Committee
- Bananas Committee

Speaker tells others in the group whether to go to apples or bananas.

Minority Leader assigns group members to apples and bananas

Part II

Apple gets two "bills" -- two vision statements; bananas get one vision statement

Committees vote on the bills

Approved bills come back to Speaker

Speaker sends bills back to either Apples or Bananas to combine them into one bill

Committee Chair creates subcommittees as necessary to complete this task

Whichever committee has the bill discusses the final version

Committee votes on any last minute changes; an approved bill goes back to the Speaker

Part III

Speaker appoints members to a House Rules Committee and decides on a Chair

The Speaker sends the approved bill to the Rules Committee

The Rules Committee, under the direction of the chair, decides if representatives can offer amendments on the House floor.

Once this is decided, they send the bill back to the Speaker

Part IV

The Speaker schedules debate on the House Floor and manages discussion; the Whips

counts votes; the Majority and Minority Leaders answers questions

If the House Rules Committee approves amendments, the whole House must vote on them

If amendments aren't allowed, the whole House votes

A majority passes the bill

Part V

Speaker and Minority Leader each pick a small number for a Conference Committee

These people meet with selected Senator to put the two bills together

The final bill comes back to the Speaker who schedules a vote on the House Floor

The Speaker manages the final vote

U.S. Senate - Instructions

Part 1

Divide according to your preferences into Federalists and Anti-Federalists

Whichever group has the most people elects the Majority Leader from among their group

They also elect a Majority Whip

The Majority Leader receives the instructions and manages the rest of the activity

The group with the least people does the same. They elect a Minority Leader and a Whip

Majority Leader chooses two Chairs for two committees

- Aardvarks Committee
- Banshees Committee

Speaker tells others in the group whether to go to aardvarks or banshees

Minority Leader assigns group members to aardvarks and banshees

Part II

Each committee get one vision statement

Committees vote on the bills

Approved bills come back to Majority Leader

Majority Leader them back to either Aardvarks or Banshees to combine them into one bill

Committee Chair creates subcommittees as necessary to complete this task

Whichever committee has the bill discusses the final version

Committee votes on any last minute changes; an approved bill goes back to the Majority Leader

Part III

The Majority Leader schedules debate on the Senate Floor and manages discussion

If Senators offer amendments, the whole Senate must vote on them

The whole Senate votes on the final bill - 60% of senators is needed to pass the bill

Part IV

The Majority and Minority Leader each pick a small number of Senators for a Conference Committee

These people meet with selected members of the House of Representatives to put the two bills together

The final bill comes back to the Majority Leader who schedules a vote on the Senate Floor

The Majority Leader manages the final vote - 60% of senators is needed to pass the bill