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WHEN A BILL BECOMES LAW

Steps to a Bill Becoming a Law

A bill is introduced.

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The bill is “read” for the first time, without debate, and printed.

The principle of the bill is debated.
It is then voted on and the bill is
sent to a parliamentary committee.

A committee hears witnesses, examines the bill clause-by-clause and submits a report recommending the bill be accepted as is or with amendments, or that it not proceed any further.

Additional amendments to the bill may be moved, debated and voted on.

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The bill is debated a final time
and voted on.

Once passed, the bill is sent to the Senate, where the process starts again from first reading.

The Governor General or a deputy gives the bill Royal Assent and it becomes a law.