

How a Bill becomes a Law in the Montana YMCA Youth Legislature

Action	If bill passes...	If bills fails...	Comments
When bills are submitted to the YMCA Youth Legislature, they are read and assigned to a committee			In real life, this would be like “introducing” a bill and completing the “first reading.”
Committee Hearing & committee vote	<p>...it moves to the next step...</p> <p>NOTE: A bill could get the designation “DP” (do pass) or “DPA” (do pass with amendments.)</p>	...it is dead.	This combines the real world process of 2 nd and 3 rd readings. Due to time constraints, at youth legislature, the only place a bill can be amended is in committee; amendments are not allowed in floor debate.
Floor debate & vote	...it is sent to the Secretary of State’s office for bill transmittal...and moves to the next step...	...it is dead.	Any bill not passed by the transmittal deadline (noon on Tuesday) is considered dead (<i>insert scary music here.</i>)
Transmittal to other chamber			The SOS and his/her staff get any bills that passed assigned to a committee in the opposite body to start the process all over again.
Committee Hearing & committee vote	<p>...it moves to the next step...</p> <p>NOTE: Again, bill could get the designation “DP” (do pass) or “DPA” (do pass with amendments.)</p>	...it is dead.	
Floor debate & vote	...it goes to the governor for a signature OR it goes to the originating body to concur with any changes made.	...it is dead.	If new amendments were made to the bill, it needs to return to the floor of the originating chamber to concur with its new amendments.
Governor’s Desk	...it becomes a law!	...it is vetoed...and...it’s dead.	In Latin, “veto” means, “I forbid!”