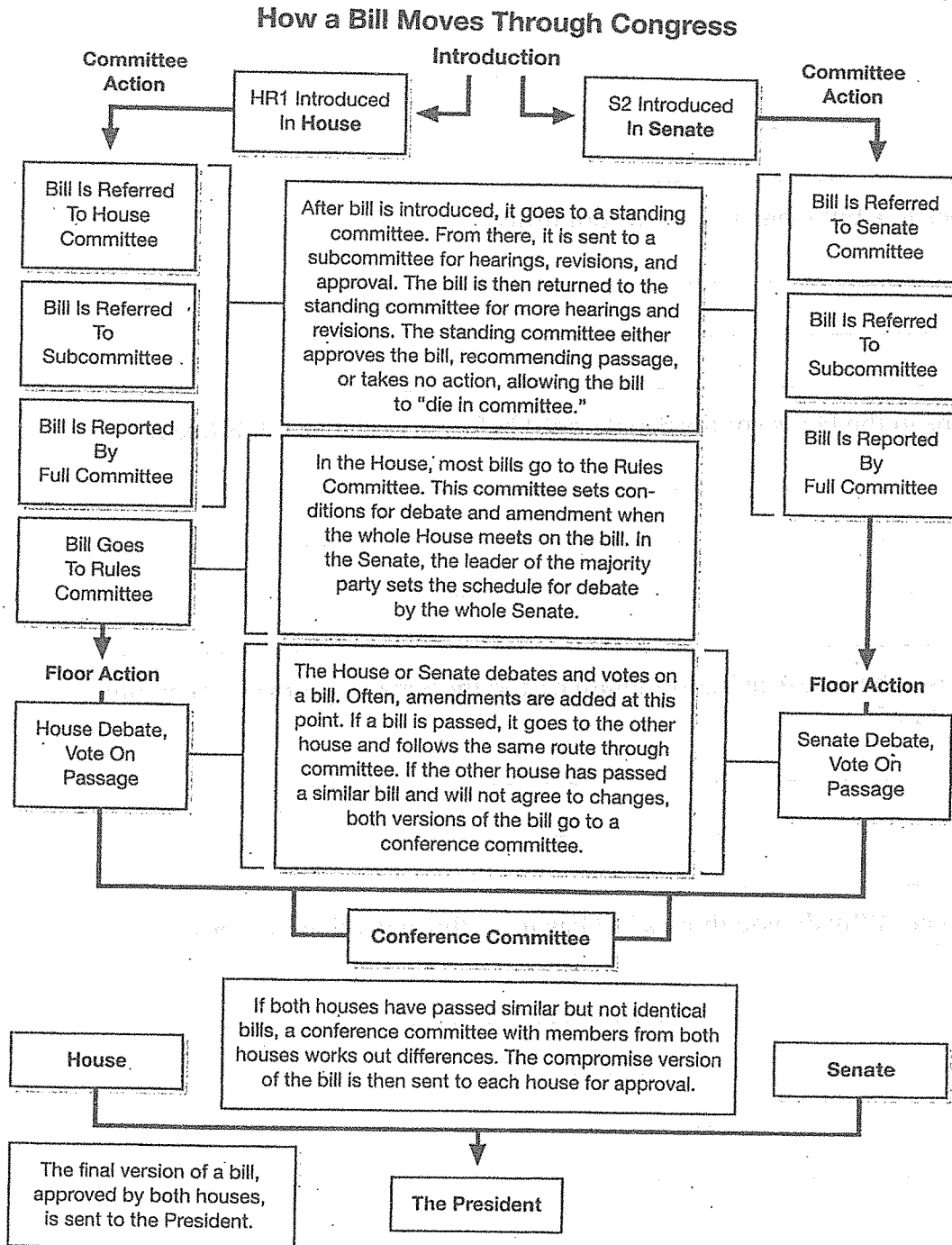


Reading a Chart

How a Bill Becomes a Law

Reading a Diagram

The diagram shows the steps by which a bill passes through the House of Representatives and the Senate before it is sent to the President for signature. Study the diagram, and review text pages 132–133. Then, answer the questions that follow.



Reading a Chart (continued)

Chapter and Section
Support

1. Which house or houses can introduce a bill?

2. What happens to a bill after it is introduced in the House of Representatives? in the Senate?

3. What happens to a bill when it goes to committee?

4. What happens in the House or the Senate right before a vote on a bill is taken?

5. What happens if the House of Representatives and the Senate approve similar, but not identical, bills?

6. Draw Inferences Why do you think a bill has to go through all these steps before it is voted on?

