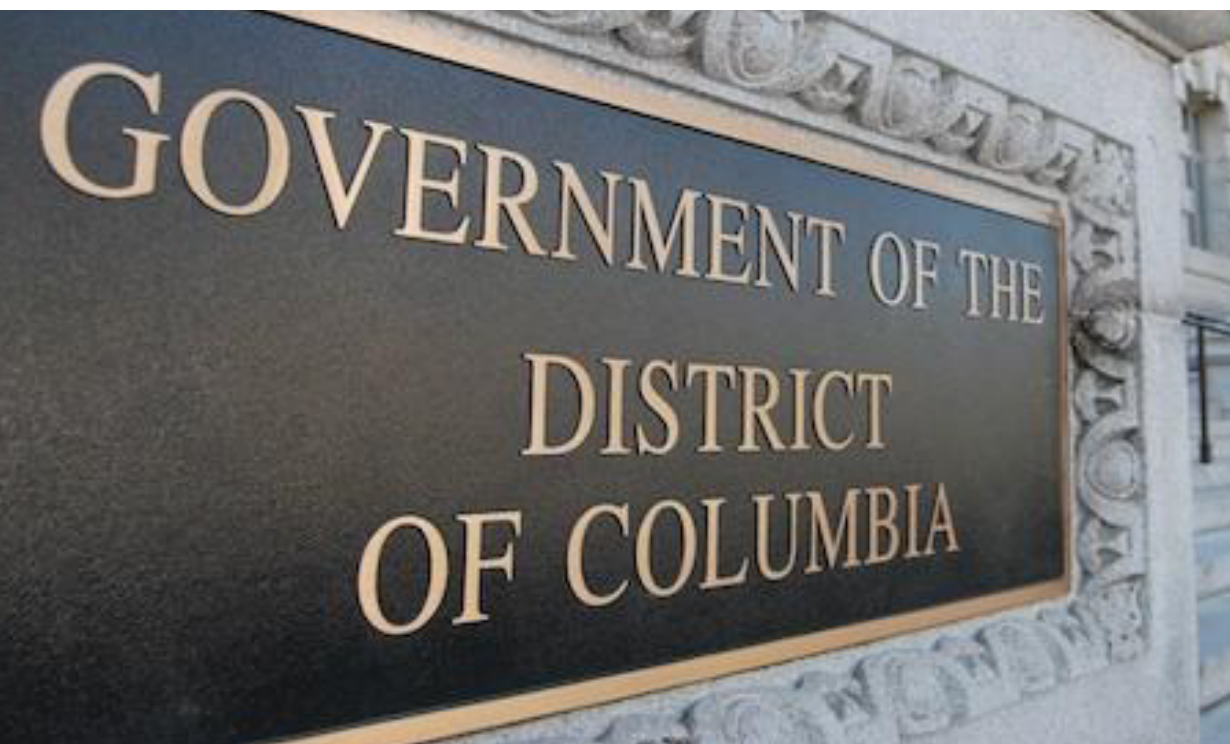


#DCVALUES PLAYBOOK

1st Edition



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WE ARE
WASHINGTON
DC



Our values did not change on Election Day, nor did the fact that Washington, DC can handle its own affairs. We have balanced 21 consecutive budgets, have reserves that are the envy of other jurisdictions around the country, are proud to be the fastest improving urban school district and are growing by nearly 1,000 residents per month.

Yet because we do not have statehood or a vote in Congress like all other Americans who pay federal taxes and serve in the military, our federal government believes it needs to meddle in our affairs. However, unless it's acting to enhance the values that Washingtonians hold dear, the best thing the federal government can do for DC is to leave us alone. We created the DC Values

Playbook to educate all Washingtonians on how the federal government can interfere with our affairs through the legislative and budgetary processes. The Playbook is an overview of the processes that may unfold and the key players that may be involved.

I could not be more proud and humbled to represent the 681,000 residents of my hometown, the greatest city in the world and soon to be the 51st state as we stand shoulder to shoulder to promote and defend DC Values.



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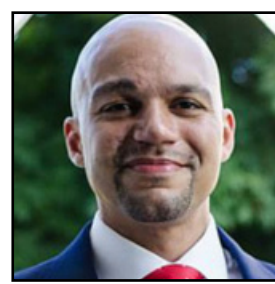
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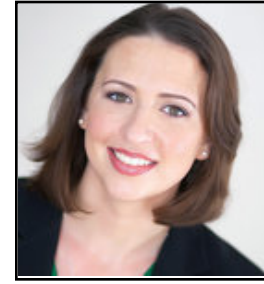
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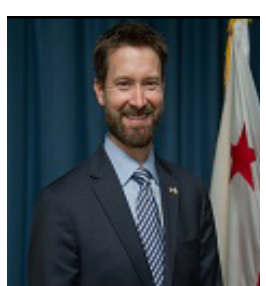
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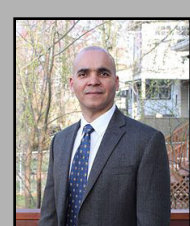
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OUR DC VALUES

Our Values Did Not Change on Election Day, But Some Of Them Came Under Attack Including:

- ✓ respecting the free exercise of religion and love;
- ✓ serving all DC residents no matter their immigration status;
- ✓ reforming our criminal justice system and providing second chances;
- ✓ accelerating school reforms that give all children, in every ward, the opportunity to thrive;



- ✓ empowering women and girls and investing in their education, healthcare and aspirations; and
- ✓ upholding the belief that safe and affordable housing and access to healthcare are critical building blocks on the pathway to the middle class.
- ✓ protecting the environment and fighting against climate change;
- ✓ gaining full access to our country's democracy through statehood;

“These are our DC values, and as your Mayor, I will fight for them, invest in them and protect them.”

- Mayor Muriel Bowser

BUDGET PROCESS

WHITE HOUSE



PRESIDENT SIGNS OR VETOS BILL

WHITE HOUSE PREPARES PRESIDENT'S BUDGET



WILSON BUILDING

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Mayor Prepares Local and Federal Budget

#DCValues

Mayor sends federal budget request to OMB

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BUDGET IN REVIEW

Spending Bill Introduced

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US SENATE

Referred to Senate Appropriations

Reported out of Committee

Moves to Senate Floor


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US HOUSE



ONCE BILL PASSES BOTH CHAMBERS MOVES TO WHITE HOUSE

**Riders can be added to legislation when it is introduced, through amendments in Committee or on the floor.*





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BUDGET PROCESS

Mayor's Office works directly with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to submit Federal Budget Request

President submits budget request to Congress. Includes the Federal Budget for the District of Columbia.

House and Senate Appropriations propose their versions of the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill. This includes DC's budget.

DC's Local Budget:

After DC's local budget has passed council and been signed by the Mayor, it goes to congress for a 30 day review. If no resolution of disapproval passes during this time, it becomes law and local funds are available to be spent on 10/1

SENATE

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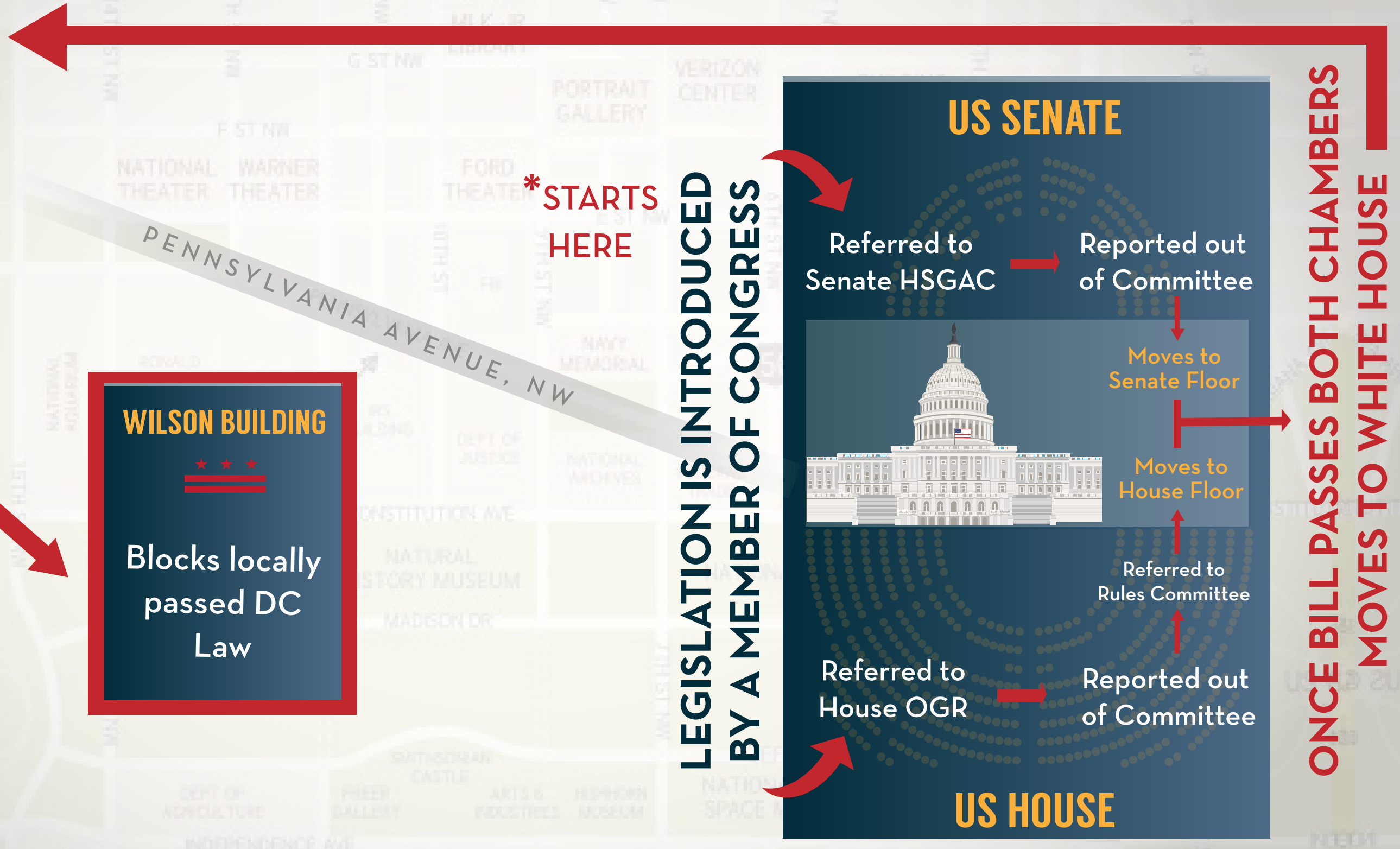


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WILSON BUILDING



Blocks locally passed DC Law



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Congress reserves the right “at any time” to exercise its authority as a legislature for the District, by enacting legislation for the District on any subject, that is specific to the District. Congress put this provision into our Home Rule Charter.

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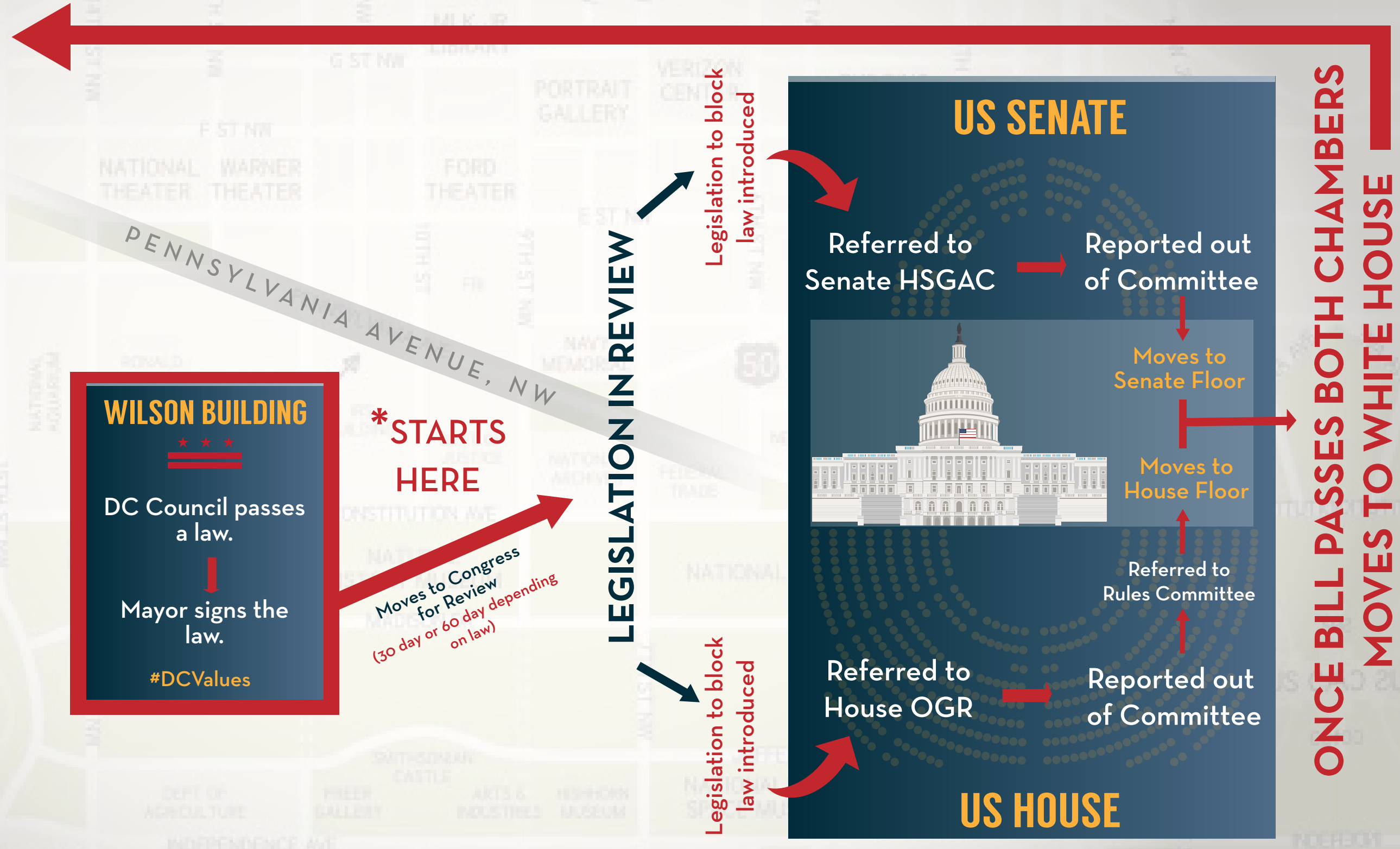
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DC Council passes a law.

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Mayor signs the law.

#DCValues



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTION

SENATE

Our legislation (unlike other states' laws) has to go to Congress for a Congressional layover period before it can become law. It sits for thirty legislative days (which can be much longer than thirty calendar days), and in the case of criminal laws, 60 legislative days.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CLOTURE

Senate procedure used to place a time limit on debate of a bill. Without a cloture vote, debate can continue indefinitely. 60 votes are needed to invoke cloture.

DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTION

A law introduced and passed by Congress to prevent a bill from becoming law. DC Legislation goes to Congress for a 30 or 60 day review period. During that time, Congress can pass a disapproval resolution like regular legislation, and, if the President signs it, prohibit our law from going into effect.

FILIBUSTER

Informal term for an attempt to block or delay Senate action on a bill by extending debate or offering procedural motions. One person, or more, can filibuster for hours unless the bill's supporters have 60 votes to invoke cloture and end debate. If cloture is not invoked, a filibuster can kill a bill.

MARKUP

Committee or subcommittee meeting during which committee members offer, debate, and vote on amendments to a measure.

RIDERS

A rider is a provision added to legislation that usually has little to do with the content of the original bill, and at times riders are controversial. Through these riders, Congress can prohibit the District from spending its own taxpayer-raised money on anything.

RULE

Guidelines for debate on legislation in the House. The Rules Committee chooses the specific rule for individual legislation. An Open Rule allows for the offering of any amendment to be considered. A Modified-Open Rule has some restrictions on amendments made, such as a time limit on considerations of amendments. A Structured Rule specifies only certain amendments may be considered. A Closed Rule eliminates the opportunity for amendments to be considered, other than those reported by the committee.

STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

A statement released by the White House to Congress when legislation is being considered. They signal the President's desire to either veto or support legislation being considered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Procedure used to set aside a specified rule, usually to speed proceedings. If any member objects, the rule is not waived.



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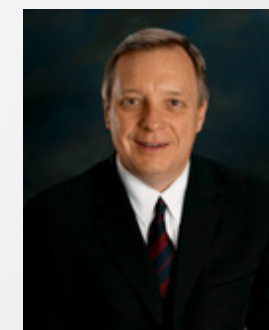
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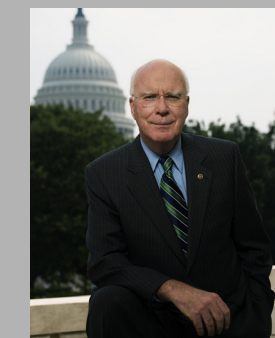
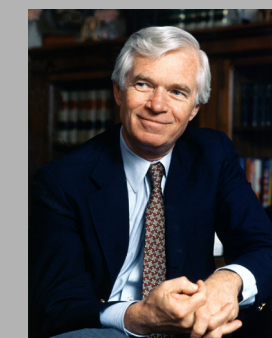
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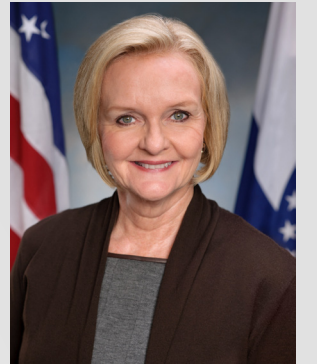


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