

Medicaid Legislative Priorities – What's NEXT?

National Indian
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HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

HOW OUR LAWS ARE MADE



Lobbyist
A Lobbyist is an activist paid by an interest group to promote their position in the legislature. He/She can also work to change public opinion through advertising and other media outlets.

Representative

A State Legislature

The People

Executive Branch

Bill

Introducing Legislation

Joint Resolution
Like a bill, but less common

Con Current Resolution
Not Legislation

Simple Resolution
Regards House Operations

Committee Assignment

Committee Work

Meetings

Public Hearings
Collect information and testimony from opponents and supporters.

Mark Up
Edit and revise to reflect hearings.

Final Reading & Vote
Vote on final amendments and proposed bill as a whole.

Report
Includes purpose and justification for bill; explains how it changes existing law; offers a cost estimate for implementation.

Conference
Each conference committee must report to their respective chambers and both HOR and SEN must pass a report before the bill goes to the President.

Enrollment
A senator on the prevailing side or who abstained can call a motion to recommit.

Publication

Law

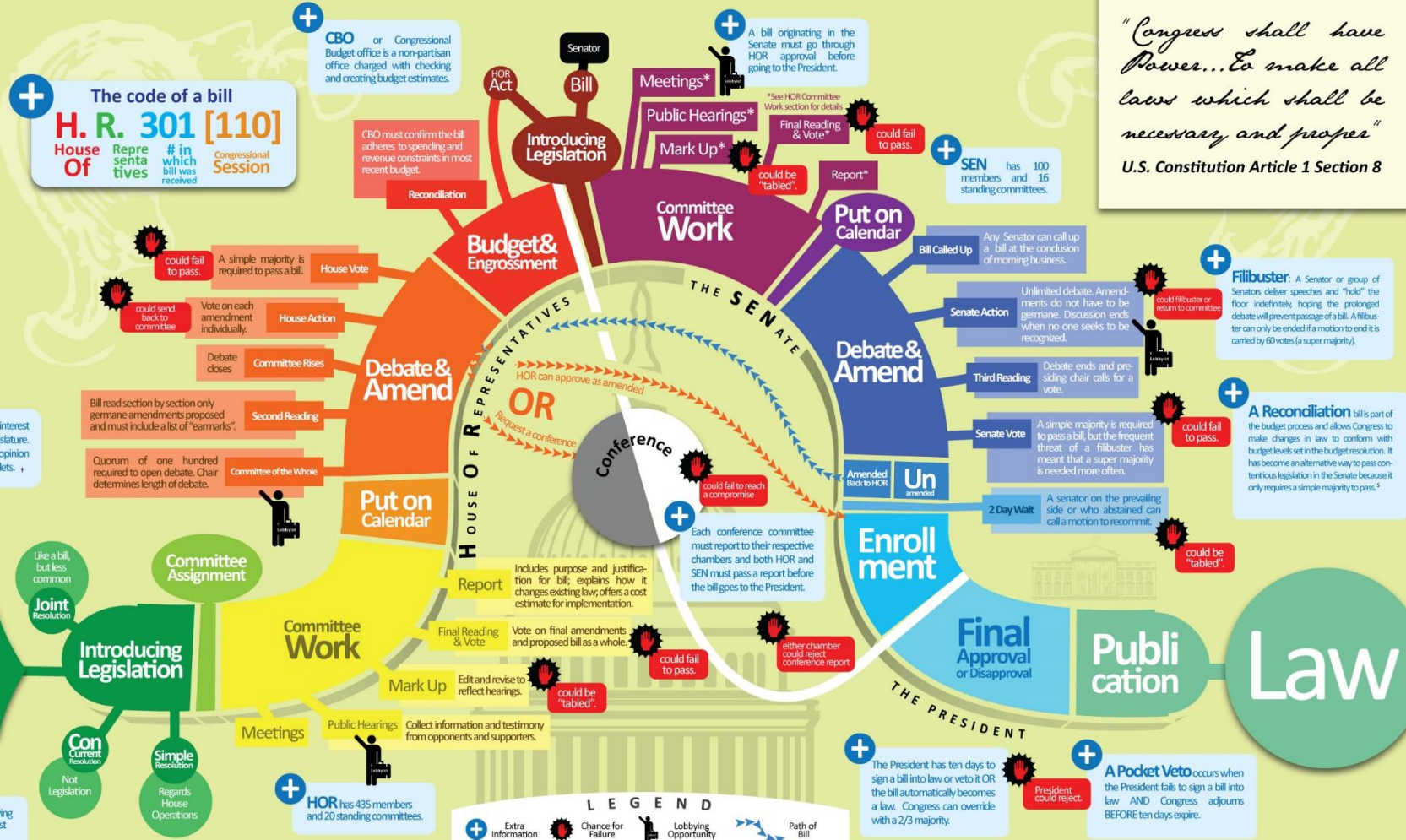
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Extra Information

Chance for Failure

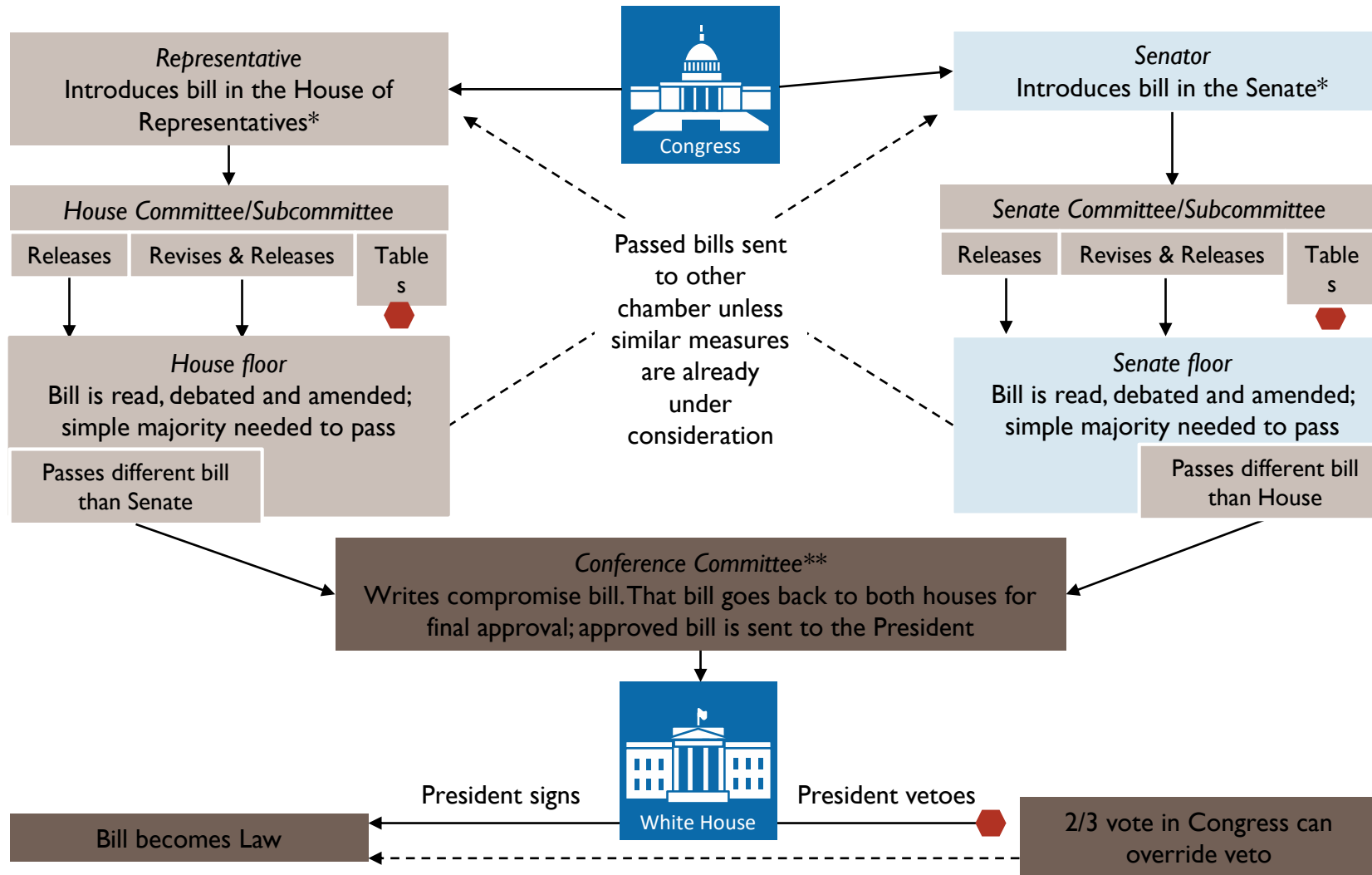
Lobbying Opportunity

Path of Bill



"Congress shall have Power...To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper"
U.S. Constitution Article 1 Section 8

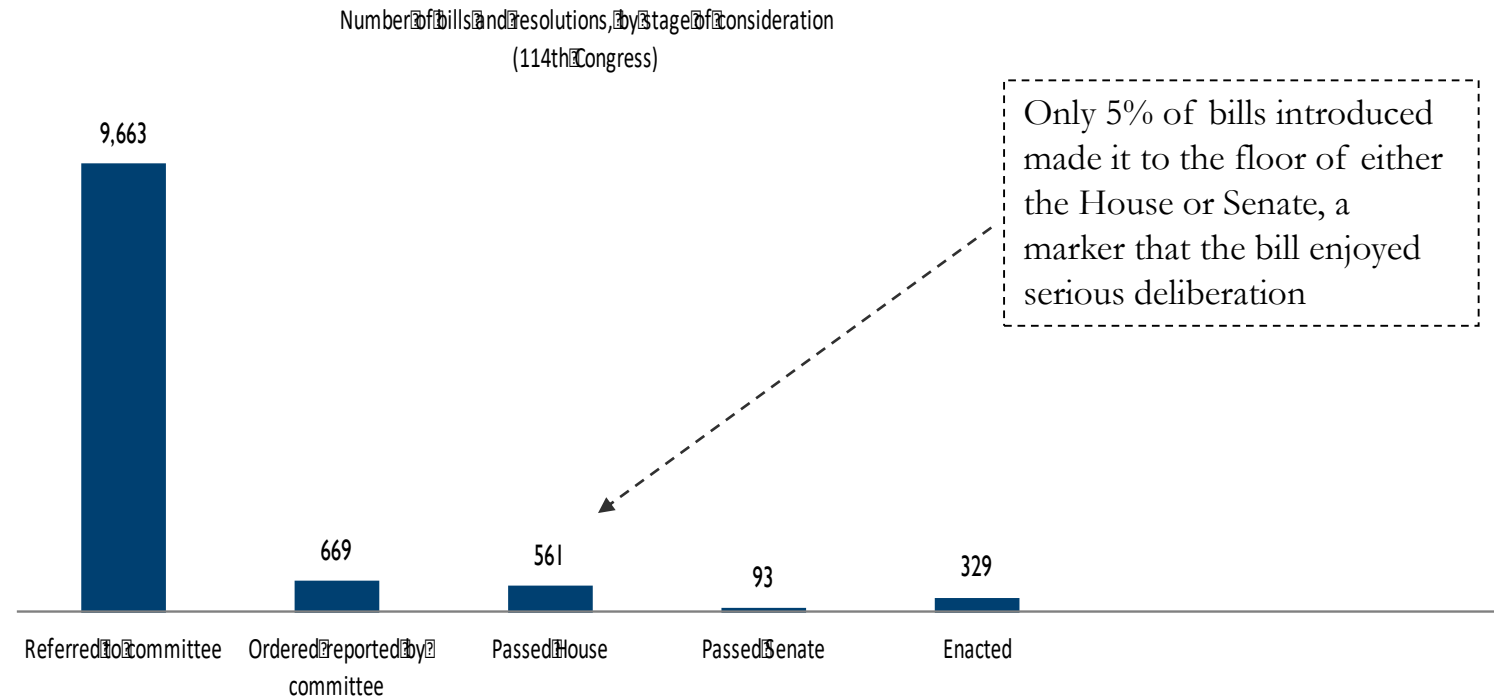
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**Legislation may be introduced in either chamber except for tax law, which must originate in the House **Most major legislation goes to conference committee; When one chamber passes legislation originating in the other without making changes, bill goes directly to President*

ONLY 3% OF BILLS INTRODUCED IN 114TH CONGRESS BECAME LAW

A breakdown of the legislative process in the 114th Congress

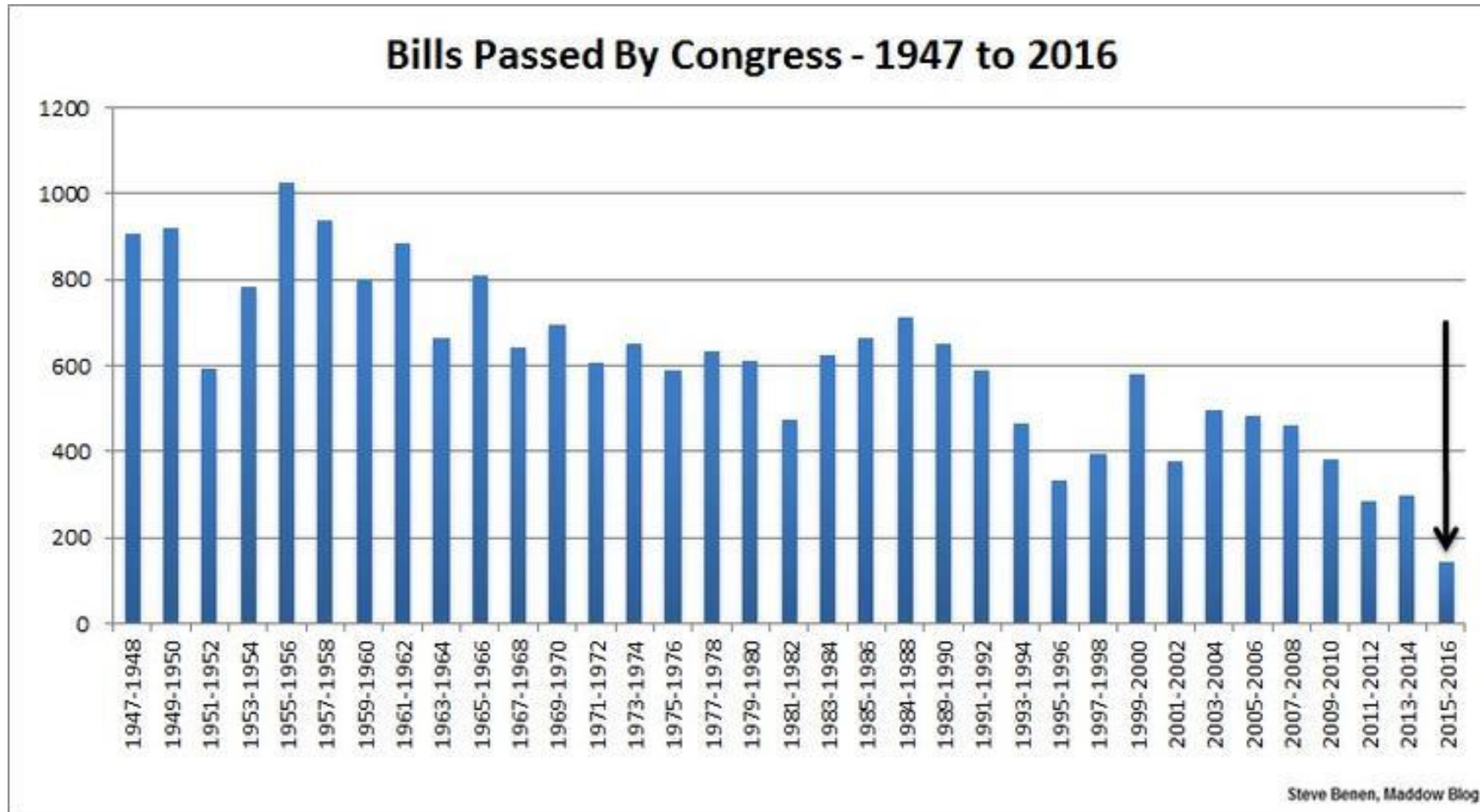


Analysis

- The vast majority of legislation (86%) in the 114th Congress failed to become law, and most never even came close; only 5% of bills and resolutions were voted on in at least one chamber

Political Context

- Congress' overall productivity is diminishing over time:



So What's Next?



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Step 1: Get Broad-based Support from Indian Country

- During the renewal for the Indian Health Care Improvement Act NIHB led a working group of Tribal leaders and technical experts to help develop the new revisions to the law
 - Ensured that it was a good policy that would positively impact all of Indian Country
 - Allowed for proposals to be credible with Congress



Step 1: Get Broad-based Support from Indian Country

- Other Advisory Group /Organization Formal Support
 - TTAG –Tribal Technical Advisory Group
 - STAC – Secretary Tribal Advisory Committee
 - DSTAC - Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee
 - TSGAC – Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee
 - Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup
 - NCAI – National Congress of American Indians
 - NIHB – National Indian Health Board
 - NCUIH -- National Council on Urban Indian Health



Step 2: Develop Issue Papers, Briefs, and Real Life Examples

- Make the case by developing issue papers with:
 - Rationale for the change
 - Historical background
 - Examples of how improvements in Medicaid could improve the health of AI/ANs.
 - Should include long and short forms
 - Talking points for Tribal leaders
 - Congressional staff template Dear Colleague letters
 - Facts, figures, data → Costs – and potential savings!



Step 3: Meet with Key Congressional Members and Staff

Senate:

- Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
- Senate HELP Committee
- Senate Finance Committee
- Majority and Minority Leader

House:

- House Energy and Commerce Committee
- House Natural Resources Committee
- Congressional Native American Caucus
- Speaker and Minority Leader



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Senate Specifics:

- Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
- Dan Sullivan (R-AK)
- John Thune (R-SD)
- Steve Daines (R-MT)
- Tom Udall (D-NM)
- Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)
- John Tester (D-MT)
- Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)
- Any office with a large number of Tribes



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House Specifics:

- Congressman Tom Cole (R-OK)
- Betty McCollum (D-MN)
- Markwayne Mullin (R-OK)
- Raul Ruiz (D-CA)
- Greg Walden (R-WA)
- Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ)
- Cathy McMorris Rogers (R-WA)
- Frank Pallone (D-NJ)



Step 4: Get Language introduced as a stand alone bill

- After agreed language, work with a sponsoring office to introduce legislation
 - Gather Co-sponsors
 - Call to action
 - Tribal lobbyists
 - Draft Dear Colleague letters
 - Work to get a hearing on the legislation
 - Committee Markup
 - Grassroots advocacy
 - CBO Cost Score, or independent cost score



Step 5: Attach Bill to Larger Legislative Package

- Work to identify a larger legislative package that is moving like health reform or
- Meet with committee leadership and other leaders to advocate for the inclusion of the bill
- Ask for member-level advocacy to leadership



Questions?

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