**The Legislative Branch**

**Monitoring Your Elected Representatives**

**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Choose a topic that interests you.** It could be anything from health care to online privacy.

Your Chosen Topic: Online Privacy

1. **Find a bill** that has been introduced or a law passed within the current or most recent session of Congress. It must be from within the past year. Use the keyword or topic search on a legislative tracking site such as:
   * congress.gov
   * govtrack.us

URL address for your chosen bill: https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/8818

1. **Use the bill or law you researched to answer all the following questions:**
   * What is the name of the bill or law?

"American Privacy Rights Act of 2024."

* + Which part of Congress did the bill originate from?

The bill originated in the House of Representatives.

* + What is the purpose of the bill or law?

The APRA attempts to set the standards for the comprehensive data privacy standards of the United States. That would include limiting the kind of data on users that can be collected, granting access and the right to modify and delete personal data, and a right to opt out of selling or targeting them with ads. In this respect, the act also tends to facilitate enforcement mechanisms by allowing the Federal Trade Commission, state attorneys general, and private citizens to sue violators.

* + What step(s) of the lawmaking process has this bill gone through **and/or** what steps would it need to go through to become a law?

**American Privacy Rights Act of 2024 On January 17, 2025, was referred to the House: H. was referred to the Committee on House of Representatives House Energy and Commerce for consideration by this committee of Congress. Now the step to getting it to Law -which for instance:**

* **Be considered and approved by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.**
* **Be debated and passed by the whole House of Representatives.**
* **Be sent to the Senate, where it would be referred to the appropriate committee, considered, and approved.**
* **Be debated and passed by the full Senate.**
* **If there are differences between the House and Senate versions, a conference committee would iron out the differences.**
* **The final product would have to be voted on again by both the House and Senate.**
* **Be presented to the President to be signed into law or vetoed.**
  + Which committee(s), if any, were assigned to study the bill? If none were assigned, why do you think that was the case? **The bill was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, which is responsible for overseeing issues related to consumer protection and data privacy.**

1. **Reflect on the information you found. Write a complete paragraph** explaining whether you support the bill or the law. Include at least two reasons to explain your position.

**I support the American Privacy Rights Act of 2024 because this Act is against the growing personal data privacy concerns in the digital era. This act empowers consumers and furthers their right to privacy, first by limiting companies in the data they collect and further providing provisions for control over one's information. First is the robust enforcement mechanisms: under legal action taken by the FTC, state attorneys general, and even private citizens. Thus, it ensures significant accountability for the misconduct of firms that, in return, will promote good corporate behavior, earning a greater degree of trust from their respective consumers.**