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US GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS #9 HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

Directions: While watching the video, fill in the blanks.

House	gates	legislation	mortality	vote
Senate	Congress	president	law	pocket

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- ☐ 8. These hurdles are sometimes called veto _____.
- ☐ 9. The easiest way for _____ to kill bills is to simply not vote on them or even schedule votes for them.
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Directions: Write one thing you think you know about the topic.

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Answer Key

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