

Appendix I

HOW PARLIAMENT MAKES A LAW – NEW ZEALAND EXAMPLE

Bill introduced

No debate



1st reading*

- Initial debate



Select committee

- Hears public submissions.
- Recommends amendments.
- Reports to the House explaining recommendations.



2nd reading*

- Main debate on the principles of the bill as it emerged from the select committee.
- Select committee amendments adopted.



Committee of the whole House

- Detailed consideration of each clause or part.
- Further amendments can be made.



3rd reading*

- Final debate on whether it should be passed in the form emerging from committee of the whole House.



Royal assent

- Governor-General assents to the bill becoming an Act of Parliament.

* At any of these steps, a vote in the House can result in the bill being defeated.

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