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of withdrawal of amendment, either chamber may request a conference committee to adjust the difference between the two chambers.

Presentation of Bill to Governor: If a bill is presented to the governor more than six days before the General Assembly adjourns and is not vetoed within six

days, or if a bill is presented within six days prior to the adjournment of the General Assembly and is not vetoed within 30 days after presentation, then the bill becomes law without the Governor's signature.

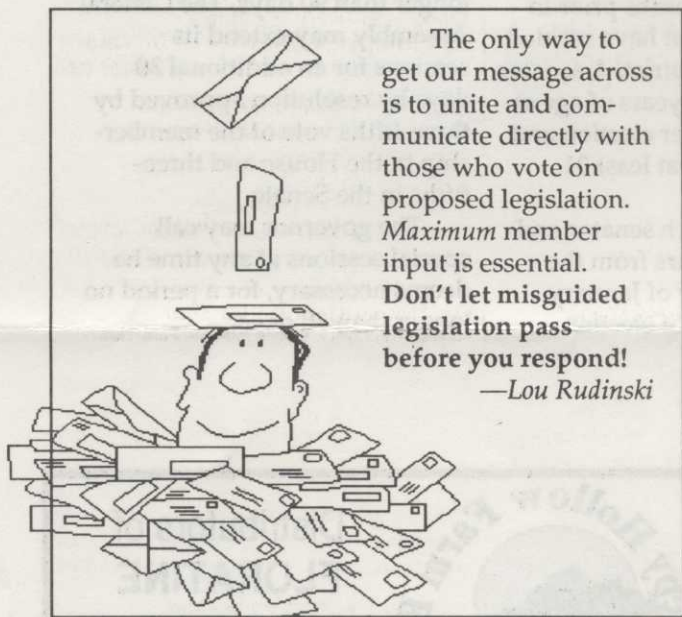
Conference Committee: A report of a conference committee goes back to both chambers to be adopted

or rejected without amendment. If adopted, the bill is passed. If rejected by either, the bill is passed. If rejected by either, the bill is dead.

Legislative Power to Override Veto: If a bill is vetoed during a regular session, the veto message is considered immediately. If a bill presented during or after the last six days of a session is vetoed, the veto message must be considered immediately at the next regular or special session of the Legislature. A three-fifths vote of elected membership of both chambers is necessary to override the veto.

Legislation the Governor May Not

Veto: The Budget Bill presented by him to the General Assembly and constitutional amendments may not be vetoed. The Governor is responsible for presenting a balanced budget to the General Assembly with supporting data and recommendations. The Legislature, with certain limitations, has the power to reduce the Governor's budget proposals but it cannot increase them. A supplementary appropriations bill is the one vehicle by which the legislature may increase state appropriations.



The only way to get our message across is to unite and communicate directly with those who vote on proposed legislation. *Maximum* member input is essential. Don't let misguided legislation pass before you respond!

—Lou Rudinski

Following bills through the legislative process can be fun and educational. It is also easy.

During the 90-day session, several legislative offices will supply information to the public. These offices have at their disposal computers which follow the progress of each bill from the time it is introduced. They can tell where a bill has been assigned, whether it was passed in committee, whether it was amended and the result of the floor vote.

For such information, you can call Legislative Reference at 841-3810, or 1-800-492-7122.

Another means of keeping up with legislation is to call the committee to which the bill has been assigned.

Many of the larger newspapers also publish daily listings of bills introduced in, or acted upon, by both the House and Senate.

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