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# There Ought to Be a Law

Turning the 9/11 Commission's recommendations into law is easier said than done. Each recommendation must be introduced into Congress as a bill. Both sides of Congress—the Senate and the House of Representatives—must approve each of the bills. Then the President must sign them into law. To understand this process, imagine that you are a member of Congress. Follow the steps below to create a new law of your own.

**1** Choose a committee. Members of Congress work in small groups called committees and subcommittees. Each committee has a specific purpose or topic. Here are a few of them. Circle the one you would most like to serve on:

• Transportation	• Armed Services	• Foreign Trade	• Health Care
• Agriculture/Farming	• Oceans	• Aviation	• Education
• National Parks	• Environment	• Social Security	• Taxation

**2** Describe a problem related to your committee's topic. You might already know about the problem, or you might need to do some research.

One problem related to \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_

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**3** Write down an idea for a new law that would help solve this problem.

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**4** Now you need to persuade fellow lawmakers to vote for your bill. What would you say to them? Write your arguments below.

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