



BUILDING OUR
COMMUNITY: ONE
STORY AT A TIME



To empower you to embrace
and share your story.





DEMYSTIFYING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

1. *RELATIONSHIPS*
2. *JANELL'S STORY*
3. *MYTHBUSTER - BILLS/LAWS*
4. *SKIT - BRING A BUDDY*
5. *HOW TO SCHEDULE A MEETING*
6. *ROLE PLAY*



RELATIONSHIPS

*Lawmakers are PEOPLE - Do what you do best. You have the skill!
IT'S ALL ABOUT BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS*

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*The internet and online communication is
the window into your world - but real life,
in person communication / connection is
the door.*

— Rasheed Ogunlaru



WAYS TO CONNECT

- 1. Write/Call*
- 2. Personal visits*
- 3. Group visits*
- 4. Invite your legislators to visit you*
- 5. Get involved in a campaign*
- 6. Develop a resource relationship (establish yourself as an expert in your field)*



JANELL'S STORY



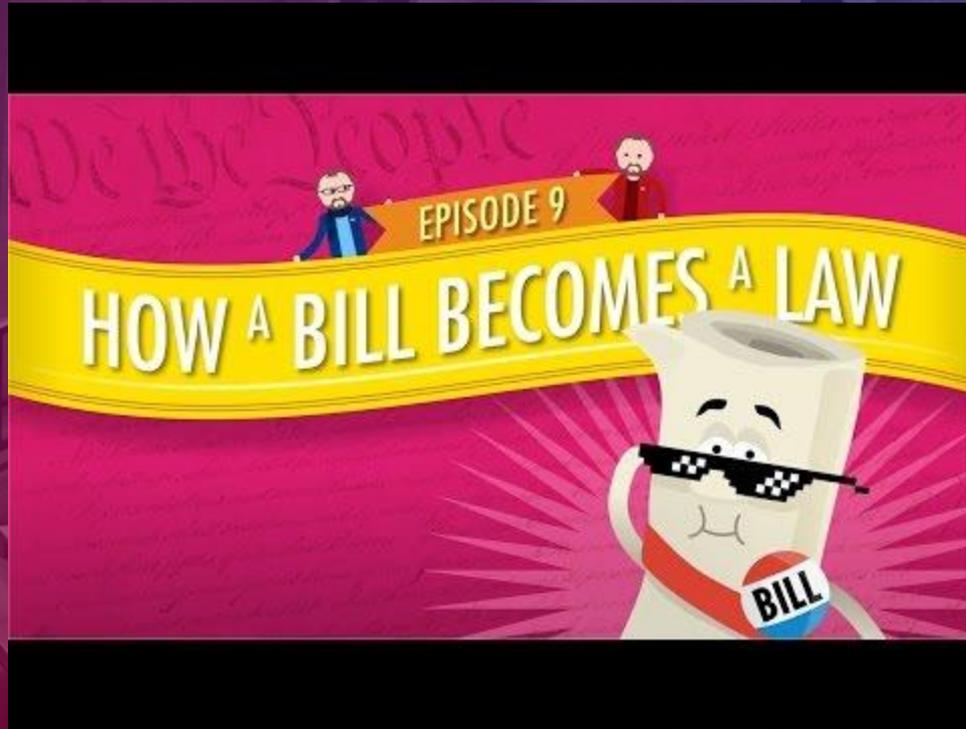
MYTHBUSTER

How does a bill become a law, anyway?





REFLECTION





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BRING A BUDDY

Phone a friend whose done it before and tag along



BRING A BUDDY





SCHEDULING YOUR VISIT

Step by Step



HOW TO CONNECT

STEP 1: Find your rep: Rep by address

STEP 2: Email or call using links or numbers on the senator or representative web page

STEP 3: Prepare for the visit: NOT HARD, what matters to you. Tell your story. You are the expert

STEP 4: Use the website for driving & parking directions and FAQs for visiting the capitol



TIPS FOR YOUR VISIT

1. Send a brief description of what you want to discuss
2. Make sure staffer knows headcount of who is coming
3. Be prepared
4. Bring your business cards
5. Be on time
6. Be brief
7. Don't give them too much paper
8. Establish a personal connection
9. Turn off your cell phone
10. Follow up with a thank you after your visit

Adapted from: <https://info.cq.com/resources/10-strategies-successfully-brief-hill-staffer-lawmaker/>



SAMPLE MEETING





NOW WHAT?

*Questions
Comments
Sharing*