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RELENTLESS TOGETHER WEBINAR: FEDERAL CIVICS OVERVIEW & DISCUSSION

August 10, 2021
10:30AM PT/1:30PM ET

OBJECTIVES

During this webinar, you will:

- Learn commonly used DC phrases and acronyms
- Review how a bill becomes a law
- Learn how an advocate can impact the lawmaking process
- Learn why relationships with lawmakers matter

TECHNOLOGY OVERVIEW



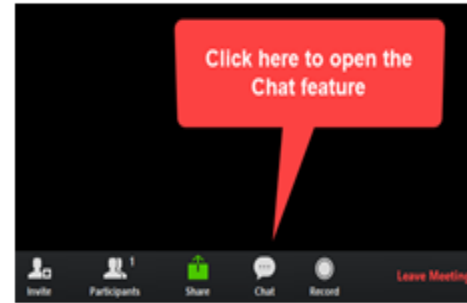
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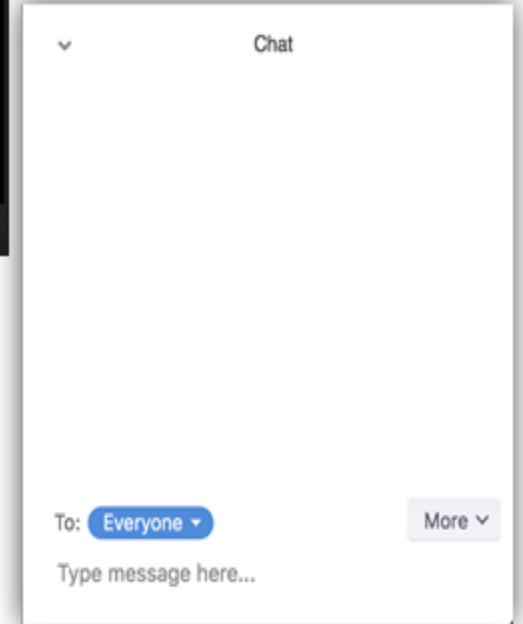
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KEY TERMS AND ACRONYMS TO KNOW

- Congress: Refers members to the US House of Representatives and Senate.
- MOC's: Means member of Congress. Can be a US Representative or Senator.
- Committee: A working subdivision of the House or Senate that prepares legislation or conducts investigations; committees and their subcommittees have specific areas of concern.

KEY TERMS AND ACRONYMS TO KNOW (cont'd)

- Hearing: A committee session in which witnesses are called to testify about a particular issue. Hearings are usually conducted at the subcommittee level first in order to determine whether the issue or bill in question should be taken up in the full committee.
- Markup: is the process by which a U.S. Congressional Committee debates, amends and either advances or halts a piece of proposed legislation.

KEY TERMS AND ACRONYMS TO KNOW (cont'd)

- CR: Continuing Resolution, or Legislation that gives budget authority for specific ongoing activities used when Congress hasn't yet passed all regular appropriations bills prior to the start of the fiscal year.
- Lobbying: The act of lawfully attempting to influence the actions, policies, or decisions of government officials, most often legislators or members of regulatory agencies.
- Lame Duck: Member of Congress (or the President) who has not been reelected but whose term has not yet expired. The expression can also describe a session of Congress during which the appropriations bills for that year are not passed before the next session of Congress begins.

KEY TERMS AND ACRONYMS TO KNOW (cont'd)

- Conference: Meeting between Representatives and Senators to resolve differences when two versions of a similar bill have been passed by the House and Senate.
- Recess: Period of time around holidays and frequently in August when Congress leaves D.C. to return to their home states/districts. While there are no votes MOC's are still working on legislation and frequently meeting with constituents.

KEY TERMS AND ACRONYMS TO KNOW (cont'd)

- Filibuster: Tactic used in the Senate whereby a member of the minority party intentionally delays a vote.
- Reconciliation: The procedure overrides the filibuster rules in the Senate which otherwise require a 60-vote supermajority for passage. Reconciliation bills can pass the Senate by a simple majority including the Vice President as the tie-breaker.



HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

It's Hard!

- On average more than 10,000 bills are introduced per session
- Less than 2% are typically signed into law
- YTC advocates make a difference and have an outsized impact!
 - **43 recent federal legislative and regulatory wins**

THE LONG ROAD A FEDERAL BILL
HAS IN ORDER TO CROSS
THE FINISH LINE TO BECOME LAW

DRAFT BILLS: FROM
MEMBERS OF
CONGRESS, THE
ADMINISTRATION
OR OTHERS

FINISH

REGULATORY
ACTIVITY



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LAW
PRINTED-CODIFIED

7

PRESIDENT
SIGNS
OR VETOES

6

CONFERENCE--
RESOLVING
DIFFERENCES
(IF NECESSARY)--
VOTE

5

(HOUSE)
FLOOR ACTIVITY
REFER TO RULES COMMITTEE
DEBATE
VOTES

4

VOTE TO REPORT BILL
WRITING REPORT

3

COMMITTEE
ACTION/INACTION
HEARINGS/MARKUP

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INTRODUCTION
HOUSE/SENATE
H.R.### / S. ###
SENT TO COMMITTEE
OR DESK OR CALENDAR

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SPECIAL GUEST

Amy Shope Manzi,
Director,
Grassroots Advocacy



DISCUSSION



POP QUIZ TIME!

Question 1:

When using Reconciliation, how many votes are needed in the Senate to advance a bill?

Answer: 51

Question 2:

Despite the challenges, how many federal legislative and regulatory victories can YTC advocates claim in the last year?

Answer: 43!

Key Takeaways

- Advancing federal legislation is challenging but with engaged YTC advocates we can make a difference!
- Developing relationships with lawmakers matter and your Grassroots Managers are here to help!
- YTC advocates truly are the best in the business!!
- Don't forget you can join regional office hours with your Grassroots Managers immediately after this presentation.

Reminder

Next Week's Chat

Date: Tuesday, August 17th

Time: 10:30AM PT/1:30PM ET

Topic: Improving Americans'
Eating Habits

Hear about the impact of poor nutrition in the US and how the AHA is helping to address the issue through policy change.



**Thanks for joining
and don't forget
your regional office
hours!**

