



## Worksheet 4 – The Legislative Process

Study the list of stages and actions below and decide the order of the legislative process. Place a number from 1-7 in the 'Rank' column to show the correct order.

Stages	Actions	Rank
Third Reading	Debate and vote	
Committee stage	Hearings ascertain views of interested parties/ amendments agreed/Bill reported out	
Sent to President	Bill signed into law/ Bill vetoed (may be over-turned)	
Second Reading	Debate/amendments agreed Senate: possibility of "filibuster" (prolonging debate to delay or block vote on Bill)	
Conference Committee	Reconciles any differences between House and Senate versions of Bill	
Timetabled for debate by Committee of Whole House/Senate	House: Bills prioritised by Rules Committee Senate: Bills prioritised by majority and minority leader agreement	
Bill introduced: first reading	No debate or vote	