

THE LEGISLATION SYSTEM IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

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SYLLABUS:

- The United Kingdom
- Legislature
- The First Reading
- The Second Reading
- The Committee stage
- The Third Reading
- The Royal Assent



The United Kingdom



Parts of United Kingdom

- England
- Scotland
- Northern Ireland
- Wales

Some Acts apply to all the legal systems; many to one or two of them.



LEGISLATURE:



- The Parliament consists of two Houses: the House of Commons (650 elected members) and the House of Lords (1,170 members).
- The House of Commons is the lawmaking body.
- The House of Commons is presided over by the Speaker and the House of Lords by the Lord Chancellor.



SPEAKER JOHN BERCOW (SINCE 2009)



THE FIRST READING

- The Bill is placed on the Table on the day of presentation.
- Speaker calls the name of the sponsor of the Bill
- Clerk reads the short title of the Bill.
- Minister or the Whip acting on his or her behalf.
- Is plan the date of second reading.



THE SECOND READING

= First substantive stage

- Date has been set in a Business Statement – usually two weeks before.
- The House considers the principle of the Bill.
- The debate on Second Reading is printed in Hansard, the Official Report of debates.



COMMITTEE STAGE

- It involves clause by clause consideration of the Bill.
- Amendments and new clauses may be moved by the Minister, the Opposition spokesman or by any Member of the Committee.
- Then the Bill is reprinted.



THE THIRD READING

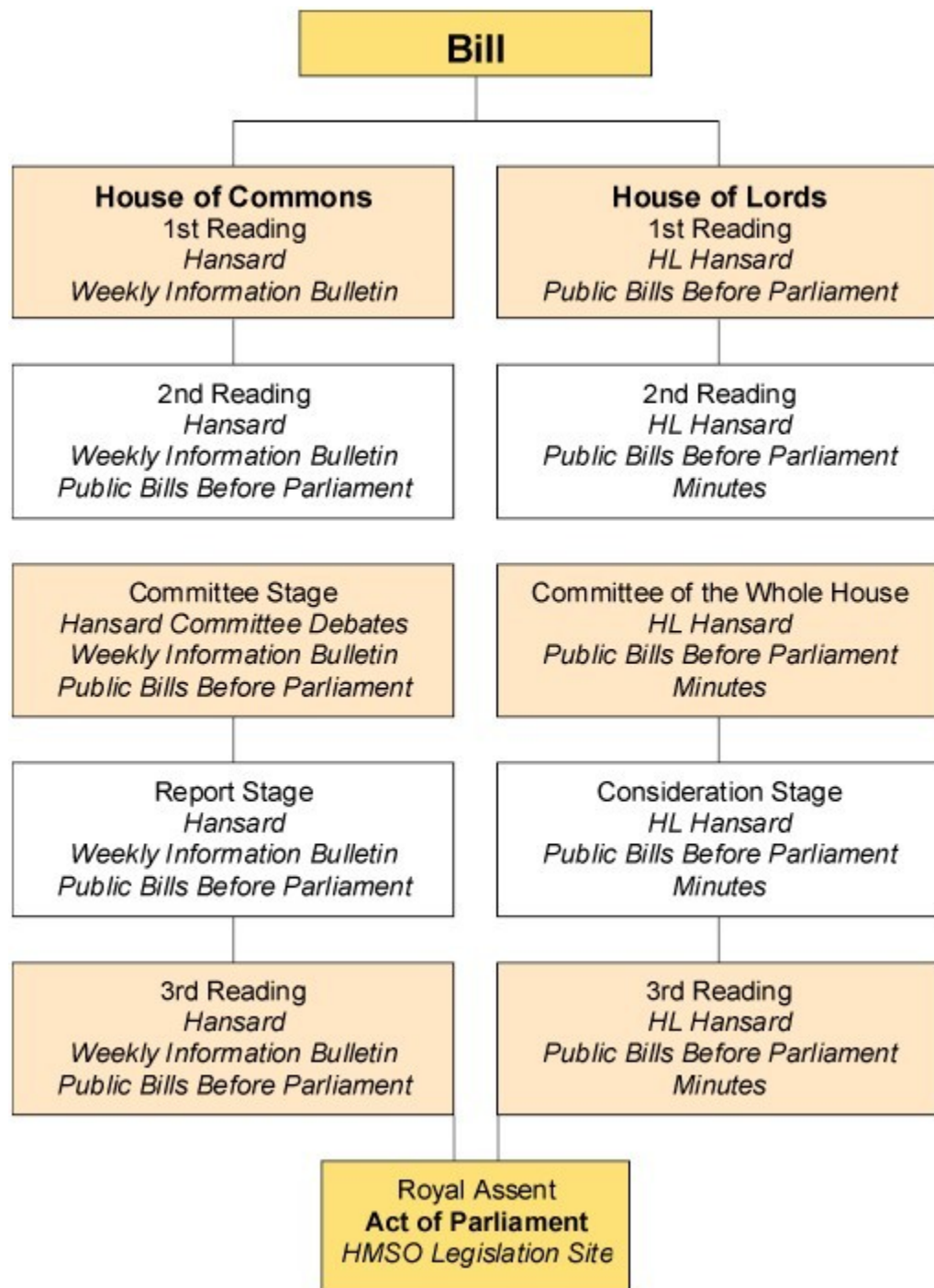
- They read the Bill in the final version.
- It is usually short and only formal.



ROYAL ASSENT

- After ratification by House of Commons and House of Lords, Bill has to be submitted to the Royal Assent.
- After signification of Royal Assent, the Bill become an Act, and is printed and sold both individually and in the annual series of Public and General Acts.
- Each Act is given a Chapter number.





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