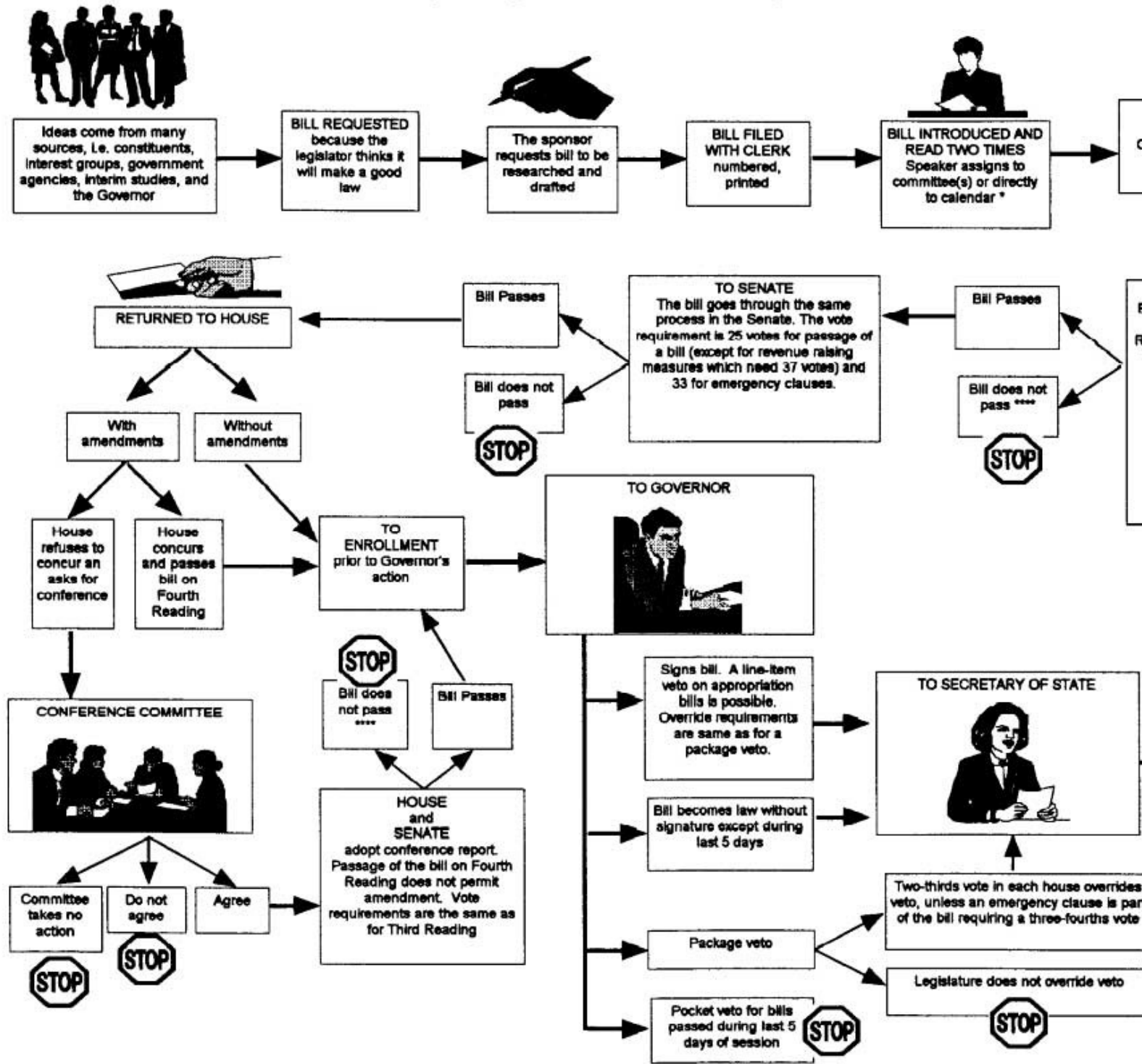


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\* The House has used, by rule, a system permitting the Speaker to pre-designate measures to committees so that they can consider, but not act officially on them, before the House.  
 \*\* The House of Representatives also uses a consent calendar. A committee or the Speaker can put a measure on the consent calendar whereby no amendments or debate are allowed.  
 \*\*\* Frequently, measures will have later effective date provisions such as November 1 or January 1.  
 \*\*\*\* House rule provides that for bills which are defeated on final passage in House, bills on that subject may not be considered during the remainder of that Legislature.