



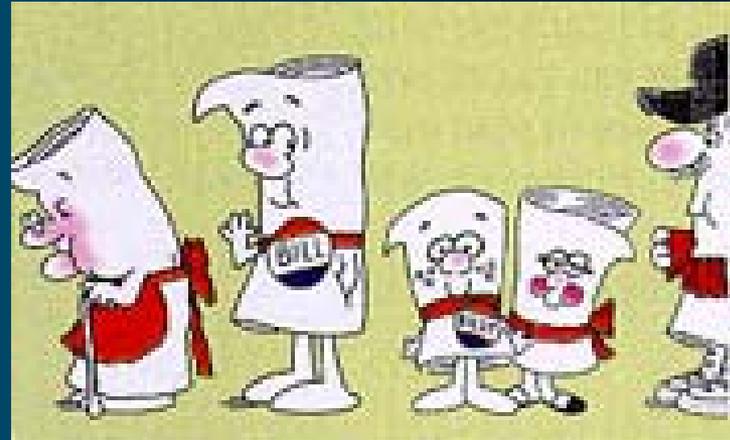
## *Exerting Political Influence*

*April 28, 2005*

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# 2005 NRHA Policy Institute





Yes, I'm only a bill.  
And I'm sitting here on Capitol Hill.  
Well, it's a long, long  
Journey to the capital city.  
It's a long, long wait  
While I'm sitting in committee,  
But I know I'll be a law some day  
At least I hope and pray that I will  
But today I am still just a bill.



Anyone may draft a bill,  
but only members of Congress  
can introduce legislation, and by  
doing so they become the sponsor(s).

# The Process

- Referral to committee
- Committee Action
- Subcommittee Review
- Mark up
- Committee Action to Report a Bill
- Written Report
- Floor Action
- Referral to other Chamber
- Conference Committee
- Final Action
- Overriding a Veto (2/3rds)

# **Lobbying Expenses By Industry**

*(Jan-June 2001)*

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Health Care</b>    | <b>\$115 million</b> |
| <b>Communication</b>  | <b>\$108</b>         |
| <b>Finance</b>        | <b>\$100</b>         |
| <b>Energy</b>         | <b>\$73</b>          |
| <b>Transportation</b> | <b>\$65</b>          |
| <b>Retail</b>         | <b>\$47</b>          |
| <b>Manufacturing</b>  | <b>\$38</b>          |
| <b>Agriculture</b>    | <b>\$31</b>          |

# National Health Associations

-The National Health Council, Inc.

[www.nationalhealthcouncil.org](http://www.nationalhealthcouncil.org)

-More than 800 health organizations - 202-785-3810

# The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

The hospital associations  
The Access to Care Coalition  
The Health Leadership Council

# Getting Involved

- Members of Congress want to hear from you
- You have needed expertise
- Establish a relationship with your Congressional office before you need them
- Use the resources of your national interest group

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| Senate Votes |   | Lieberman (D) |       | Dodd (D) |       |
|--------------|---|---------------|-------|----------|-------|
|              |   | voted         | score | voted    | score |
| Rejected     | <a href="#">Motion To Invoke Cloture On The Motion To Proceed To S. 11; Patients First Act of 2003</a> 07/09/2003 | N             | ×     | N        | ×     |
| Agreed To    | <a href="#">Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act--Conference Report</a> 11/25/2003                    | NV            | -     | N        | ×     |
| Agreed To    | <a href="#">FY2004 Consolidated Appropriations bill</a> 01/22/2004  | NV            | -     | Y        | ✓     |
| Agreed To    | <a href="#">Specter Amdt. No. 2741 as modified; Budget Appropriations, FY2005</a> 03/11/2004                      | Y             | ♦     | Y        | ♦     |

| House Votes |   | Larson (D) |       |
|-------------|---|------------|-------|
|             |   | voted      | score |
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