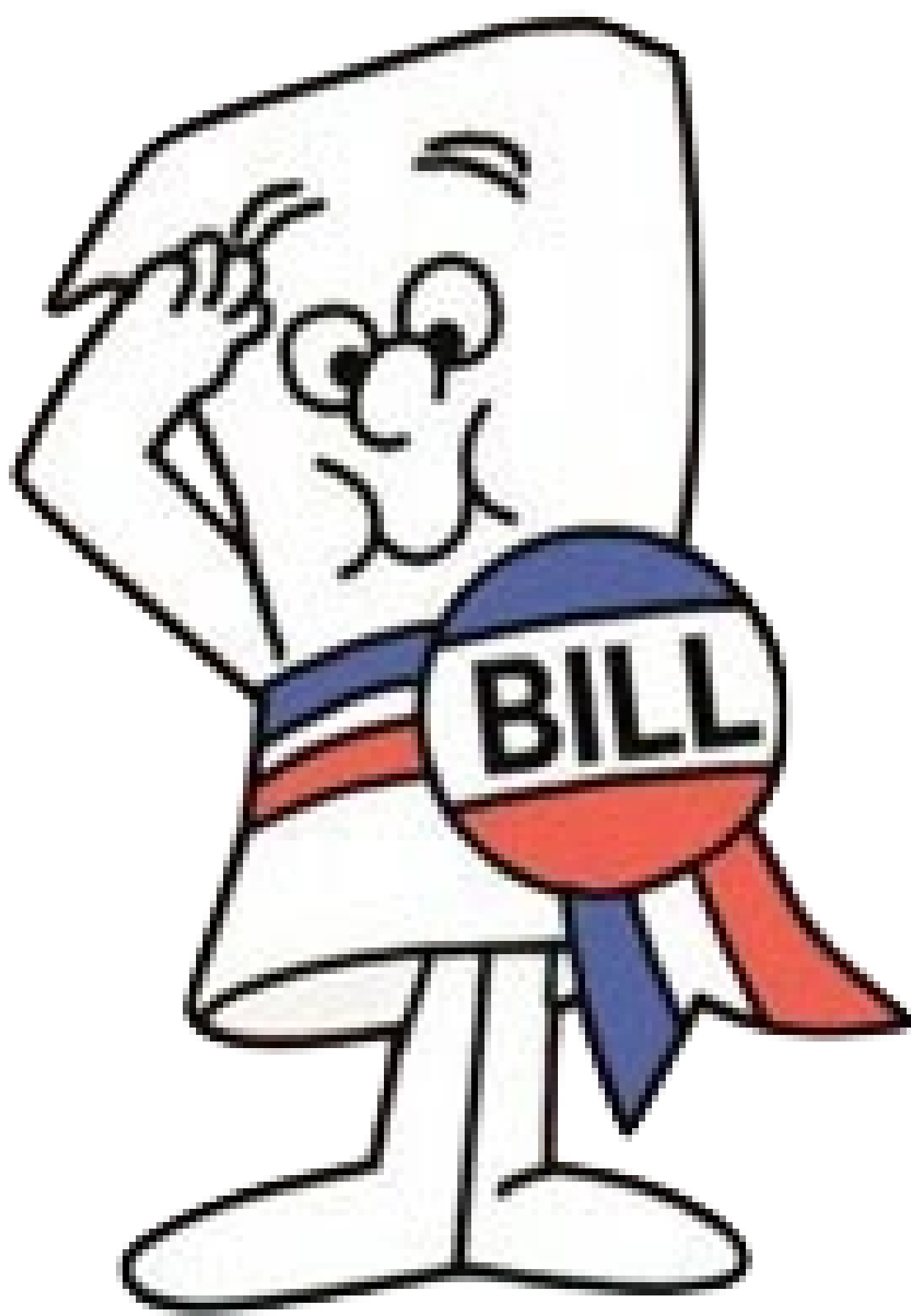


ALL ABOUT BILL



Civic Scholars Club

FIRST

- WATCH THE SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK VIDEO "I'M JUST A BILL"
- WHILE WATCHING HAVE PAPER WITH THE LYRICS IN FRONT OF THE STUDENTS

SECOND

- HAVE STUDENTS COMPLETE WORKSHEET

"I'M JUST A BILL"

SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK

WHEW!

YOU SURE GOTTA CLIMB A LOT OF STEPS TO GET TO THIS CAPITOL BUILDING HERE IN WASHINGTON.
BUT I WONDER WHO THAT SAD LITTLE SCRAP OF PAPER IS?

I'M JUST A BILL.

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.

GEE, BILL,

YOU CERTAINLY HAVE A LOT OF PATIENCE AND COURAGE.

WELL, I GOT THIS FAR.

WHEN I STARTED I WASN'T EVEN A BILL
I WAS JUST AN IDEA

SOME FOLKS BACK HOME DECIDED THEY WANTED A LAW PASSED
SO THEY CALLED THEIR LOCAL CONGRESSMAN, AND HE SAID
YOU'RE RIGHT, THERE OUGHTA BE A LAW.

THEN HE SAT DOWN

AND WROTE ME OUT AND INTRODUCED ME TO CONGRESS.

AND I BECAME A BILL, AND I'LL REMAIN A BILL
UNTIL THEY DECIDE TO MAKE ME A LAW.

I'M JUST A BILL

YES I'M ONLY A BILL,

AND I GOT AS FAR AS CAPITOL HILL.

WELL, NOW I'M STUCK IN COMMITTEE
AND I'LL SIT HERE AND WAIT

WHILE A FEW KEY CONGRESSMEN DISCUSS AND DEBATE
WHETHER THEY SHOULD LET ME BE A LAW.

HOW I HOPE AND PRAY THAT THEY WILL,
BUT TODAY I AM STILL JUST A BILL.

LISTEN TO THOSE CONGRESSMEN ARGUING!
IS ALL THAT DISCUSSION AND DEBATE ABOUT YOU.
YEAH, I'M ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES.
MOST BILLS NEVER EVEN GET THIS FAR.
I HOPE THEY DECIDE TO REPORT ON ME FAVORABLY
OTHERWISE I MAY DIE.

DIE?

YEAH, DIE IN COMMITTEE.
OOH, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I'M GONNA LIVE!
NOW I GO TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AND THEY VOTE ON ME.
IF THEY VOTE YES, WHAT HAPPENS?
THEN I GO TO THE SENATE AND THE WHOLE THING STARTS
ALL OVER AGAIN.

OH NO!

OH YES!

I'M JUST A BILL

YES, I'M ONLY A BILL

AND IF THEY VOTE FOR ME ON CAPITOL HILL
WELL, THEN I'M OFF TO THE WHITE HOUSE
WHERE I'LL WAIT IN A LINE
WITH A LOT OF OTHER BILLS
FOR THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN

AND IF HE SIGNS ME, THEN I'LL BE A LAW.

HOW I HOPE AND PRAY THAT HE WILL,

BUT TODAY I AM STILL JUST A BILL.

YOU MEAN EVEN IF THE WHOLE CONGRESS SAYS YOU
SHOULD BE A LAW, THE PRESIDENT CAN STILL SAY NO?

YES, THAT'S CALLED A VETO.

IF THE PRESIDENT VETOES ME,

I HAVE TO GO BACK TO CONGRESS

AND THEY VOTE ON ME AGAIN

AND BY THAT TIME YOU'RE SO OLD ...

BY THAT TIME IT'S VERY UNLIKELY THAT YOU'LL BECOME A LAW.

IT'S NOT EASY TO BECOME A LAW, IS IT?

NO!

BUT HOW I HOPE AND PRAY THAT I WILL,

BUT TODAY I AM STILL JUST A BILL.

HE SIGNED YOU, BILL

NOW YOU'RE A LAW!

OH YES!!!

PICK THE PATH THAT WILL HELP
BILL BECOME A LAW!

CAN YOU GET BILL PASSED?

