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## HANDOUT 4: Parliamentary Vocabulary

Canada's Parliament plays a vital role in the governance of our country but few Canadians clearly understand the legislative process. How are bills passed into law? Who can bring a bill forward? What kinds of bills are commonly found on the legislative order paper? These questions and others will be addressed as you search through the Parliament of Canada's website at <http://www.parl.gc.ca>.

Instructions: Define each word below in a clear sentence or two. Use YOUR words to explain the meaning of each term.

Bill:

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Law:

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Order Paper:

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First Reading:

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Second Reading:

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Third Reading:

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Committee:

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Lobbyist:

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The Speaker of the House:

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The House of Commons:

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The Senate:

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Senate Bill:

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Private Member's Bill:

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Government Bill:

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Minority Government:

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Majority Government:

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