



Issue of a Whip !

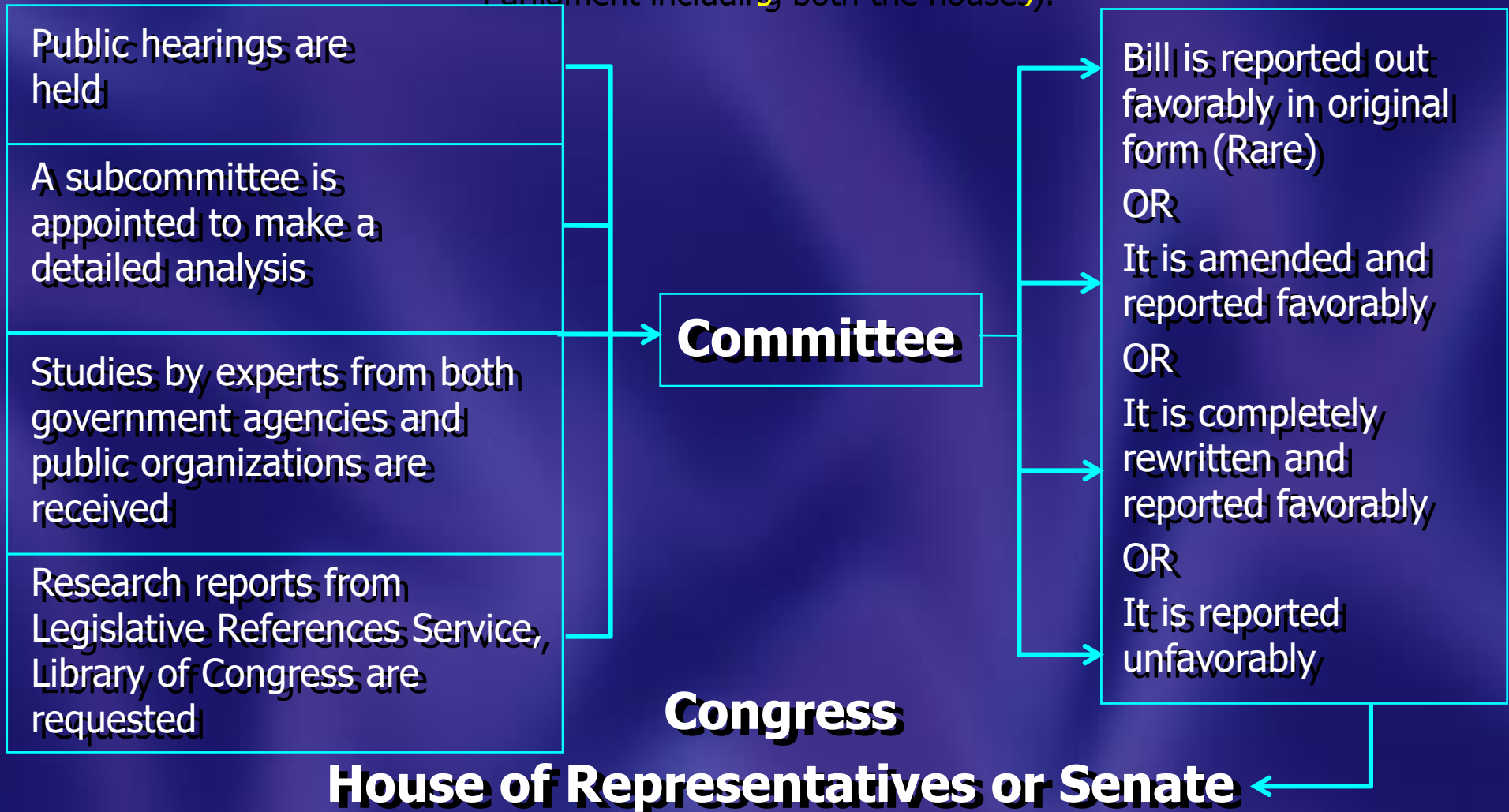
Legislation :- American system scores over us

- **23 Permanent Standing Committees** in Lower House and **18 in Upper House**. Each committee covers legislation related to its own field and prepares detailed report
- After circulation of report – every member of Congress enjoys **full freedom to vote**
- **No whip issued by the Party**
- **Several countries have also emulated American example and have now strong Committee system e.g. Australia, Germany and even Britain is now following this**

Action of a Committee on a Bill

Members of Congress study the bill and in the process seek information and advice from a variety of sources before recommending action

(The meaning of the word Congress means Assembly in English and in the USA it is used for Parliament including both the houses).



Checks & Balances

Prejudices and Misconceptions about Presidential Democracy

- **President with all executive powers and elected for a full term may tend to be autocratic.**
- **Mental block in several intellectuals mind.**
- **The word 'President' has perhaps become synonymous with 'dictator' as all dictations have labelled themselves as 'President' and none as a 'Prime Minister'**
- **Hitler was elected under parliamentary democracy and assumed powers of a dictator. We too had near dictatorial rule during emergency declared by Smt. Indira Gandhi**
- **Checks & Balances vital for any democracy
Presidential/Parliamentary**