



Amendment actions

Amendments that are adopted both in committee and on the House or Senate floor may have a variety of actions taken on them. Generally, in committee, amendments are adopted, not adopted, or withdrawn. However, actions taken on the House or Senate floor can vary. The list below summarizes the meaning of each action taken on an amendment.

Adopted: An amendment that has been accepted by the legislators and is incorporated into the bill.

Adopted and engrossed: If an amendment is adopted as amended, it is combined into one amendment to be added to the bill. Engrossing is the process of combining amendments.

Adopted as amended: At times, amendments may be modified by being amended themselves. If this is the case, the initial amendment is then marked adopted as amended.

Laid on table: A motion is made to pause consideration of the amendment.

Not adopted: An amendment that is not accepted by the legislators.

Not considered: Some amendments are written to bills that are never voted on. Not considered means the bill and amendment are simply not considered during a particular session. If the bill is considered in a subsequent session, all desired amendments must be resubmitted.

Out of order: The amendment was ineligible to be considered. There are a variety of reasons an amendment can be out of order, such as the amendment was written to a version of the bill that was not considered, the amendment violated [Senate Rules](#) or [House Rules](#), a previously adopted amendment removed the referenced language from the bill, or other issues with the bill.

Pulled: An amendment that was removed from the consideration list by its sponsor before the bill was considered.

Ruled beyond scope: The bill's subject and title must match. If the text of the amendment contains topics not related to the bill's title, it can be ruled outside of the scope of the bill and is not eligible for consideration.

Withdrawn: An amendment presented to the legislators for consideration but was removed at the request of the prime sponsor, with the consent of the legislators.

