Entering the House Chamber
House Crossword Puzzle

Across
3 The ___________ is the largest room in the capitol, and is where representatives meet.
7 An ___________ is made when one wishes to change a bill.
8 The Tennessee State Flag has ___________ stars.
9 If a bill passes the House, the Senate and is signed by the Governor it becomes a ___________.
10 State Tree
15 The ___________ presides over House sessions.
16 Another word for a discussion about a bill.
18 This is the title for a person who represents you in the house.
19 What one must win to become a representative.
20 State Bird

Down
1 State Insect
2 Former Tennessee governor and the 11th president of the United States.
4 State Reptile
5 This Tennessean was the 7th President of the United States.
6 Representatives present their bills from the ___________, which is a large desk at the front of the chamber.
11 ___________ makes up the walls of the State Capitol
12 The official state wild animal.
13 State Flower
14 The speaker uses a ___________ to call the House to order.
17 If a representative is in favor of a bill he or she would vote ___________.
A bill begins as an idea. These ideas come from ordinary citizens just like you. Your representative then has the idea written into a bill, and introduces it for his or her fellow legislators to consider. The Speaker then refers the bill to a committee. The sponsor of the bill presents his or her bill to the committee for discussion. If a majority of the committee members approve the bill, it then moves forward for the consideration of the whole body.

If the Governor vetoes the bill it can only become law with a majority vote in both houses of the Tennessee General Assembly.

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Now the bill is heard on final consideration by the entire House. Representatives debate and possibly amend the bill. If at least 50 representatives vote for the bill, then it passes.

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Decoder Puzzle

Where did the state name of Tennessee originate?

Decode the puzzle to solve the mystery.

Eagle from House Chamber
The name Tennessee came from a Cherokee village in the region that was called "Tanasi."