



**FIGURE 1.3**

How laws are made—simplified president approval process for House bills received from the Senate. (Adapted by Fred Kuglin from <https://votesmart.org/education/how-a-bill-becomes-law>.)

I was given—and took a lot of—pharmaceutical drugs from the time of my admittance until my discharge from the hospital. The only issue was a push-pull between my primary care physician and the head nurse. My primary care physician was stressing the need for me to use the morphine pump for my pain, while the head nurse was stressing the need for me to get up (painful with a rebuilt neck) and walk to the bathroom on my own. I told both of them that when I used the morphine pump, the floor started moving and there was no way I was in any condition to navigate going to the bathroom with a moving floor.

We are fortunate that the medical profession and pharmaceutical drug industry have come so far that patients rely on them as safe. I believe this is what the intended outcome of H.R. 3204 was when it was introduced by Representative Fred Upton—the reinforcement of the safety of compounded drugs (Figure 1.3).

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## ONCE AGAIN, WHAT JUST HAPPENED—AND HOW DID WE GET TO THE DRUG QUALITY AND SECURITY ACT?

In January 2014, I placed a call to the legislative office of one of the major sponsors of the bill. One of the legislative aides answered the phone. I asked,