A. As You Read

Fill in the blanks on the flowchart below that outlines the movements of a bill through the Senate.

1. Bill introduced, given number and title, read ______ times.

2. Bill referred to ________.

3. ________ calls bill to debate on floor.

4. Senators may use the ________ to prevent a vote on a bill.

5. The Senate votes on the bill; if it passes the bill goes to the ________.

6. If the House passes a different version of the bill, a ________ is formed.

7. The conference committee works out a ________ version of the bill.

8. The bill is sent to the ________.

9. The Constitution gives the President ________ options.

B. Reviewing Key Terms

Complete each sentence by writing the correct term in the blank provided.

10. The Senate is reluctant to use ________________ to limit debate.

11. In practice, just the threat of a ________________, an attempt to “talk a bill to death,” can result in the Senate’s failure to consider certain bills.

12. By not acting on a bill sent by Congress within 10 days of adjourning, the President performs a ________________.

13. The President may ________________ a bill sent to him by Congress by refusing to sign it.