

	Submission	Reaction	Committee first council	Debate first council	Committee second council	Debate second council	Differences	Final vote	Status
Federal report Reports submitted to the Federal Assembly for consideration.	Federal council (FC)		yes	Debate possible	yes	possible	Changes need to be approved by both chambers.		active ✓ report noted
Federal enactment draft Federal Assembly Enactment drafts: Federal acts, ordinances and federal decrees.	Federal council (FC)	possible	yes	Introductory debate Detailed debate	yes	yes	Changes need to be approved by both chambers. Conciliation committee possible.	Possible decisions 👉 approve 👉 reject	aktiv ✓ approval ✗ no approval
Parl. initiative Phase 1: Demands the committee to draft an enactment. Subject to preliminary examination (except committee initiative). Phase 2: [Upon approval in phase 1] Enactment draft of committee is presented to the chambers. Follows debate rules for enactment drafts.	Committee Parl. group Member of parl.		yes	if not granted	yes	if no agreement	If the committee of the second council does not approve, the bill is pushed back. After a second disapproval the bill is concluded.		aktiv ✓ approval ✗ no approval
Cantonal initiative Phase 1: Cantons task the committee of the first council to draft an enactment. Subject to preliminary examination. Phase 2: [Upon approval in phase 1] Enactment draft of committee is presented to the chambers. Follows debate rules for enactment drafts.	Canton(s)		yes	Introductory debate Detailed debate	yes	yes	Changes must be approved by both chambers. Conciliation committee possible.	Possible decisions 👉 approve 👉 reject	aktiv ✓ approval ✗ no approval
Motion Tasks the federal council to draft an enactment or take a measure.	Committee Parl. group Member of parl.		upon request	possible	yes	possible	Changes must be approved by both chambers. Conciliation committee possible.	active ✓ concluded	aktiv ✓ approval ✗ no approval
Postulate Demands of the FC to consider whether a draft is necessary.	Committee Parl. group Member of parl.	possible		possible			Given the second council makes changes, the bill is passed back to the first council. First council votes again.	aktiv ✓ concluded	aktiv ✓ approval ✗ no approval
Recommendation Recommends the federal council to draw up a measure. Only in the Council of States. Only until December 2003.	State council member	unknown	unknown	possible				active ✓ concluded	aktiv ✓ approval ✗ not approved
Interpellation Tasks the BR to provide information on important goings on (domestic or foreign events or federal matters).	Committee majority Fraction of FC Member of parl.	1902-1970 at least 10 in NC, 3 in CS		Sponsor demands it				active ✓ concluded	aktiv ✓ approval ✗ not approved
Question Asks the BR to provide information on an important question.	Committee majority FC fraction Member of parl.							active ✓ concluded	aktiv ✓ approval ✗ not approved
Question time Asks department heads for information on current goings-on. Only in the National Council (NC). Only between 1946-1962 and from 1979 on.	National council members			possible				active ✓ concluded	aktiv ✓ approval ✗ not approved
Submitted text	submitted text + BBI	submitted text + Reasoning and objective	Writes report 👉 report noted 👉 changes	Introductory debate ✗ (not to) enter ✗ send back Detailed debate ✗ text changes ✗ approve ✗ reject	Writes report 👉 report noted 👉 changes 👉 revert changes	Possible decisions 👉 report noted 👉 approve 👉 reject 👉 changes			
Cosponsor(s)		possible							
Urgency		possible							
FC Answer/Reaction		Committee first council examines							
Committee pre-discussion	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes			
Committee propositions	Possible decisions 👉 granted 👉 not granted	Possible decisions 👉 granted 👉 not granted	Possible decisions 👉 granted 👉 not granted	Possible decisions 👉 granted 👉 not granted	Possible decisions 👉 approved 👉 no approval	Possible decisions 👉 approved 👉 no approval			
Debate?									
Legis. propositions									
Voting									
Committee pre-discussion									
Committee propositions									
Debate?									
Legis. propositions									
Voting									
How handled?									
Final vote									
..in both chambers?									
Decisions/Outcomes									