**Bill C-81 Legislative Process**

1. **Introduction and First Reading**
   - **JUNE 20TH, 2018**
     - The Bill title and purpose is read aloud to the Members of Parliament (MPs) in the House of Commons. No one comments or asks questions at this point, it is just a short introduction.

2. **Second Reading and reference to Committee**
   - **SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2018**
     - The Bill is given a second reading in the House of Commons and MPs ask questions and debate. The MPs then vote for or against the bill passing through to a smaller more specialized Committee for future debates.

3. **HUMA Committee Meetings**
   - **OCTOBER 2ND, 2018 - PRESENT**
     - Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (HUMA).
     - The Committee studies the Bill carefully and holds special meetings where a lot of different people/organisations inside and outside the government can make comments about the Bill (submit recommendations and testify).

4. **Senate Readings**
   - After HUMA hears testimonies and makes any amendments to the Bill, they will send it to the Senate to go through a similar process. The Senate will read the Bill three times, refer it to their own special Committee, hear more testimonies, and make their own amendments. Then will then send the Bill back to the House of Commons for approval or another round of amendments. This process will continue until the House and Senate agree on the Bill.

5. **Royal Assent**
   - Royal assent is the final step to a Bill becoming a law! Once the House and Senate agree on the Bill, they will send it to the Governor General for final approval and signing which makes the Bill a law.