

Committee Chairperson Script



Welcome to the public hearing of the [COMMITTEE NAME]. The hearing will now come to order.

I am Sen. _____, the chairperson of the committee. **(Introduce other members of your committee as senators.)** We will hear testimony on legislative bill # ____. Sen. _____ is the sponsor of this bill and will introduce it to the committee.

Sen. _____, you are recognized.

**** Bill sponsor should go to the testifier seat to speak. ****

Thank you, Sen. _____. Are there any questions from the committee?

**** Call on various senators who have questions. After all questions are answered, continue. ****

Thank you Sen. _____. We will now hear testimony from those who support this bill. Would the first proponent please come up?

**** Testimony given. ****

Thank you. Are there questions from the committee?

**** Call on various senators who have questions. After all questions are answered, continue. ****

Thank you. Are there other proponents?

**** Testimony given. ****

Thank you. Are there questions from the committee?

**** Call on various senators who have questions. After all questions are answered, continue. ****

Thank you. Are there other proponents?

Seeing no other proponents, the committee will now take opponent testimony. Would the first opponent please come forward.

**** Testimony given. ****

Thank you. Are there questions from the committee?

**** Call on various senators who have questions. After all questions are answered, continue. ****

Thank you. Are there other opponents?

**** Testimony given. ****

Thank you. Are there questions from the committee?

**** Call on various senators who have questions. After all questions are answered, continue. ****

Thank you. Are there other opponents? Is there anyone wishing to testify in a neutral capacity?

**** Testimony given. ****

Thank you. Are there questions from the committee?

**** Call on various senators who have questions. After all questions are answered, continue. ****

Seeing no further testimony, the committee hearing is now closed. Thank you all for coming. The committee will now go into executive session.

Executive Session

Executive session is a chance for committee members to speak candidly about bills they are considering. During this meeting any committee member can suggest changes to the bill in the form of committee amendments. The committee counsel will fill out a committee statement, recording any proposed changes to the bill and what action the committee would like to take.

This session is generally closed to all members of the public, including senators who are not members of the committee. Members of the media are the only approved observers of executive sessions.