

CRITICAL THINKING

1. Is the bill constitutional (VT and US Constitution)?
 - Are we taking away individual's rights guaranteed in these documents?

2. Why is the bill being proposed?
 - The sponsor of the bill or the reporter of the bill should have made that clear to you, if not, ask questions.

3. Is it good public policy?
 - Are lots of people affected by this bill? How are they affected?
 - Who benefits?
 - Who gets hurt?
 - Do the benefits outweigh the costs?
 - Is the wording clear enough so people understand what we intend?

4. Is this issue important now? Do we need to act on it now?

5. How will my constituents feel about it?

6. How much will it cost the State?