

ROLE PLAY SCRIPT FOR DEBATE

WHO: Member of the House or Senate

WHAT:

- debate the 2nd reading of the bill
- propose amendments
- vote

WHERE: House or Senate Chamber

PROTOCOL

WHEN YOU DEBATE THE BILL, YOU ADDRESS THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE CHAMBER RATHER THAN ANOTHER LEGISLATOR. YOU RISE WHEN YOU WANT TO BE RECOGNIZED TO SPEAK.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR REPORTER OF THE BILL:

1. After the reporter has spoken, **the presiding officer will lead you** through questions and answers. This is the time to make sure you understand the committee's report, to ask about data, and to find out how the committee came to its decision to bring the bill to the chamber.

LEGISLATORS: DEBATE & AMENDMENTS

2. This is the time to state your opinion about the bill and argue why. **Use the notes you took during the committee hearing to support your stand.**

In the General Assembly there is no need to second motions to amend

VOTE ON AMENDMENTS: VOTE ON BILL

3. The presiding officer calls for the vote, you respond with "Aye" or "Nay."

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS ROLE PLAY, WE SKIP THE 3rd READING OF THE BILL AND ASSUME THE BILL PASSES. AFTER THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF BOTH THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE SIGNS THE BILL, IT MOVES ON TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT, THE GOVERNOR.