

ROLE PLAY SCRIPT

Who: Heath and Welfare Committee Member

What:

- listen to witness testimony; ask appropriate questions
- discuss the bill with other committee members
- decide whether to vote "AYE" or "NAY"

Where: Committee room

Setting: The Chair of the Health and Welfare Committee runs the meeting and will lead you through the following:

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR WITNESSES

Ask the witnesses any question you have about the information they present during their testimony. Make sure you understand who the witness represents and what their background is. It is helpful to take notes during testimony.

DISCUSSION AMONG COMMITTEE MEMBERS

With the other committee members, discuss the information you have heard during testimony and state your point of view.

Think about the following:

What should the balance be between protecting our youth's health and protecting their rights?

Comment: The law defines 18 year olds as adults. Smoking can lead to death and disease later in life.

What responsibility do we have to help small business owners? Is there something we can do for them to offset the business loss of young tobacco buyers (tax relief, subsidies, etc.)?

Comment: The success of small town convenience stores is important to lots of people in Vermont's towns.

Do we have a responsibility to help the tobacco education efforts that have been so successful in Vermont?

Comment: We should make it more difficult for young Vermonters to buy cigarettes. How does this bill affect the health care system?

Comment: Use the notes you took during testimony to answer this question.

AMENDMENTS

After discussion, you may want to propose amendments to the bill.

“I make a motion that we amend S.238 to read....”

VOTE ON AMENDMENTS; VOTE ON BILL

When the chair calls for the vote, you respond with **“Aye” or “Nay”**.