

ROLE PLAY SCRIPT

WHO: VT Health Commissioner
WHAT: argues FOR
WHERE: scheduled to testify in committee

PROPS:

- name tag
- notes (data)
- copy of the bill

The Commissioner represents the Governor's stand on the issue. The Commissioner should have data proving that increased cigarette smoking has a direct relationship to the number of people who get ill or die from lung cancer and that smoking is related to other health problems.

QUESTIONS TO ASK COMMITTEE

1. "Don't we have a responsibility to protect our youth?"

Your argument: Our youth may not get sick now from smoking, but they almost certainly will later in life. We should try to curb smoking knowing that it will affect their future health.

2. "The Health Department is spending a lot of money to educate youth on the dangers of smoking. Passing this bill would help justify that expense."

Your argument: It is important we educate our youth about the dangers of smoking. Young smokers add to the spiraling health care cost our country is facing. The state of Vermont is already burdened by out of control health care cost.