

Role-play Toolkit

Committee Script Set: Senate

COMMITTEE CHAIR SCRIPT	
<i>Instructions</i>	Script
<i>Lead the committee senators into the room and sit down. Say:</i>	I declare open this meeting of the Senate committee on _____ (topic) at _____ (time) on _____ (date).
<i>Then say:</i>	The committee will now hear from three witness groups who have expressed interest in this bill. I welcome representatives from the _____ group. Please come to the table.
<i>Once the first group has taken their seats say:</i>	Please state your name for the <i>Hansard</i> record.
<i>When each member of the group has given their name say:</i>	Please read your statement to the committee.
<i>When the statement has been read say:</i>	Do any senators have any questions for these witnesses?
<i>Repeat until the questioning is over; then say:</i>	I thank the representatives from the _____ group for their attendance.
<i>When the first group has left the table, call the second witness group. Say:</i>	I welcome representatives from the _____ group. Please come to the table.
<i>Once the second group has taken their seats say:</i>	Please state your name for the <i>Hansard</i> record.
<i>When each member of the group has given their name say:</i>	Please read your statement to the committee.
<i>When the statement has been read say:</i>	Do any senators have questions for these witnesses?
<i>Repeat until the questioning is over, then say:</i>	I thank the representatives from the _____ group for their attendance.
<i>When the second group has left the table, call the third witness group. Say:</i>	I welcome the representatives from the _____ group. Please come to the table.
<i>Once the third group has taken their seats say:</i>	Please state your name for the <i>Hansard</i> record.
<i>When each member of the group has given their name say:</i>	Please read your statement to the committee.
<i>When the statement has been read say:</i>	Do any senators have questions for these witnesses?
<i>Repeat until the questioning is over, then say:</i>	I thank the representatives from the _____ group for their attendance.

*End the session by saying:
Then lead the senators out of the room.*

This meeting is now adjourned. The committee will consider the evidence heard here today and will table its report in the Senate.

The committee adjourns to write a [brief] report including recommendations.

Table the report during a meeting of the Senate and deliver the committee's recommendations by saying:

Mr/Madam President, the committee has considered the evidence and has decided to recommend that the bill be

_____.