

Role-play Toolkit

Law-making Script Set: Senate

PRESIDENT SCRIPT	
<i>Instructions</i>	Script
<i>When the Usher of the Black Rod has introduced you and placed the Black Rod in its stand, say:</i>	Senators, please sit down. The Senate is now in session. The rules of the Senate must be obeyed. Clerk, please read out the rules.
<i>After the Clerk has read out the rules, say:</i>	Clerk, read the title of the Bill.
<i>Then say:</i>	I call the Minister for _____ to introduce the Bill.
<i>Call on senators to deliver their speeches in turn.</i>	I call the Shadow Minister for _____. I call Senator _____ (use first or second name).
<i>When the time for debating is over, adjourn the chamber.</i>	Order! The Senate is now adjourned.
<i>When the debate begins again, choose senators to speak in turn.</i>	Stand if you wish to speak. I call Senator _____ (use first or second name).
<i>When the time for debating is over say:</i>	Order! A vote on the Bill will now be taken. The question is that the Bill be read a second time. Those who agree say 'Aye' Those who disagree say 'No'. I think the 'Ayes/Noes' have it.
<i>Then say:</i> <i>Wait for the whip to reply.</i> <i>If a division is required say:</i>	Order! Opposition Whip/Government Whip, is a division required? Division is required. Clerk ring the bells.
<i>When the bells stop ringing say:</i>	Order! Those who support the Bill move to the right of the Presidents chair and those who oppose the Bill move to the left of the Presidents chair. Whips count the vote.
<i>When the whips have counted the votes and told you the result, stand up and say:</i>	Order! Result of the division. The number of votes <i>for</i> the Bill is ... The number of votes <i>against</i> the Bill is ... The Bill <i>is/is not</i> agreed to.
<i>Only if the Bill is agreed say:</i>	Clerk, read the title of the Bill a second time.
<i>End the session by saying:</i> <i>Follow the Usher of the Black Rod out of the chamber.</i>	Order! The Senate is now adjourned.

CLERK SCRIPT

<i>Instructions</i>	Script
<i>To begin the session stand, ring the bell and say:</i>	Honourable senators, please stand.
<i>When the President asks you to read out the rules, stand and say: Then sit down.</i>	Always stand up to speak. Always address your remarks through the President. Begin with the words 'Mr/Madam President'. Senators should not interrupt each other. The President keeps order.
<i>When the President asks you to read the title of the bill say: Then sit down.</i>	First reading: The _____ Bill. A Bill for an Act to _____.
<i>After the vote the President may ask you to read the title of the Bill a second time. Stand up and say: Then sit down.</i>	Second reading: The _____ Bill. A Bill for an Act to _____.

USHER OF THE BLACK ROD SCRIPT

<i>Instructions</i>	Script
<i>When the Clerk rings the bell, lead the President into the chamber carrying the Black Rod in front of you and say:</i> <i>Place the Black Rod in its stand and sit down.</i>	Honourable senators, the President.