

2021-2022

# COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

## COMMITTEES

All legislative delegates will be placed on a committee, usually the same one as your bill. These committees are on subjects like "Education" or "Transportation." Each committee will have a chair and clerk who will run the show. The committees:

- look at all the bills that fall under their subject
- debate them
- decide which ones will move on to be discussed in the House or Senate.

Each author will have a chance to present their bill and the committee will debate it. As a committee member, you want to rank favorably good bills that are well-thought-out and have the potential for good debate. At this point, even if you don't agree with a bill or you don't think it's a great idea, you should try to be as unbiased as possible. Your job is simply to decide if the entire chamber should get to debate on this bill or not.

## PROCEDURE

- Clerk confirms Bill Sponsor presence and asks for any amendments from sponsor
- Bill Sponsor Opening Statement (2 min)  
*(Can motion to add any unused time to closing time by saying "I reserve the right to yield the remainder of my time to my closing")*
- Technical Non-debatable Questions (2-3 min)
- Statements from the Governor's Cabinet and/or the Attorney General's office
- Open Debate (Includes motions) (5-7 mins)
  - No amendments are in order
  - Debate is OPEN and **not** restricted to the Pro or Con viewpoints.

### MOTIONS

- Ask a series of questions *(Does the bill sponsor yield to a series of questions?)*
  - Motion to extend debate *(I would like to make a motion to extend debate by # rounds)*
  - Motion to end debate *(I would like to make a motion to end debate)*
- Closing Statement (2-Min)
  - Bill Ranking