



Presiding Officer Script

Introductions

Good morning ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the Legislative Chamber. I call to order the first day of the Legislature.

I have a quorum present. We will now proceed to the first item on the agenda.

Bill Opening

Sen. _____, as the sponsor of legislative bill #____, you are recognized to open on the bill.

** Sen. _____ gives opening speech, after which you say ... **

Thank you, Sen. _____. Members, you have heard the opening to legislative bill #____. There are committee amendments. Sen. _____, as chair of the committee, you are recognized to open on committee amendment #_____.

**If there are no committee amendments: Are there members wishing to speak? Sen. _____, you are recognized. **

Thank you, Sen. _____. Members, you have heard the opening to committee amendment #_____ to legislative bill #____. Are there any members wishing to speak?

If yes: Sen. _____, you are recognized.

If no: Seeing none, Sen. _____, you are welcome to close on committee amendment #_____.

** Sen. _____ closes on committee amendment #_____, after which you say ... **

Thank you, Sen. _____. Members you have heard the closing on committee amendment #_____ to legislative bill #____. The question before the body is: Shall committee amendment #_____ be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay.

There are ___ ayes, ___ nays on the adoption of the committee amendment. Committee amendment #_____ is adopted/not adopted. Returning to discussion. Are there members wishing to speak on legislative bill #_____?

Seeing none, Sen. _____, you are recognized to close on legislative bill #_____.

Thank you, Sen. _____. Members you have heard the closing on legislative bill #____. The questions before the body is: Shall legislative bill #_____ be advanced? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay.

There are ___ ayes, ___ nays on the advancement of legislative bill #_____.

Legislative bill #_____ does/does not advance.