

# Committee Bill Hearing Script

"Chair" = Presiding Officer (either Chair or Speaker)

At the start of the day, please remind delegates to join the Slack Channel #1-Legislators (they can type in search bar if it doesn't appear in the list of channels). We'll use that channel tomorrow to communicate vote links and more.

ACTION	SCRIPT ( <b>Chair Says</b> ; <b>Delegate Says</b> )
Advisor Assistant	<p>Request that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislators update their screen name to say "Legislator [Their Name]". Example: <i>Legislator Wanda Maximoff</i></li> <li>Advocates update their screen name to say "[FIRM CODE] [Their Name]" Example: <i>DEL2 Pietro Maximoff</i></li> <li>Analysts update their screen name to say "Analyst [Their Name]" Example: <i>Analyst Bucky Barnes</i></li> </ul> <p>Share the script link in the chat.  <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B0EWeVGeM7GQvI7XDqwxepjTWvAgYTaMRQCiry-IVYc/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B0EWeVGeM7GQvI7XDqwxepjTWvAgYTaMRQCiry-IVYc/edit?usp=sharing</a>            Explain hand-raising process (use raise-hand zoom feature, etc)</p>
1. Chair begins bill hearing	<p>Chair: "We will now begin debate on Bill Number _____ , [reads enacting clause.]</p> <p><i>(example: We will now begin debate on Bill DEL-1-A, an act to amend section 22357.1 of the Vehicle Code relating to speed limits.)</i></p>
Advisor Assistant	<p>Post bill number and link to bill materials in Zoom chat box. Sets/runs timer</p>
2. Author's speech (2 minutes)	<p>Chair: "It is now in order for Assembly Member _____'s Author speech is Assembly Member _____ present"            [Author raises hand and is recognized by chair]            Chair: "To what point do you rise?"            Delegate: "To make an Author speech."            Chair: "Please rise, state your name, delegation and pronouns. You have 2 minutes"            Legislator: [gives speech. If they want to reserve unused time for the closing speech, must reserve BEFORE giving speech. When done can yield time to: 1) Questions or 2) The Chair]</p> <p>Upon completion of presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If time expires:</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Thank you, the Author's time has elapsed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If time remains:</li> </ul> <p>Chair: How do you yield your time?</p> <p>Legislator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To the chair (or)</li> <li>To questions (or)</li> <li>To my closing</li> </ul>

<p>3. Legislative Analyst Report (2 minutes)</p>	<p>Chair: "it is now in order for a Legislative Analyst report. Is Analyst _____ present?"</p> <p>[Analyst raises hand and is recognized by chair]</p> <p>Chair: "To what point do you rise?"</p> <p>Delegate: "To provide an Analyst report."</p> <p>Chair: "Please rise, state name, delegation and pronouns. You have 2 minutes"</p> <p>Analyst: [gives speech. When done yields time to the Chair]</p>
<p>4. Sponsors/Advocates speak IN SUPPORT (4 minutes total)</p> <p>"Sponsor" is the sponsoring firm. They control the 5 minutes of supporting testimony and may divide it amongst themselves, share with other Firms they have coordinated with to support the bill, or who show up to support the bill.</p> <p>Other Advocacy Firms may also be speaking for or against the bill.</p> <p>Firms/Entities speaking in support must coordinate with each other so they know how time will be divided between all supporting firms.</p> <p><i>Any Advocate, Governor's Advocate, Deputy Advocate General, or Analyst who is not also providing a neutral Analyst report may be recognized to speak.</i></p>	<p>Chair: "it is now in order for testimony in support of this bill. Is a representative from the Sponsoring Firm present?"</p> <p>[Sponsoring Firm representative raises hand and is recognized by chair]</p> <p>Chair: "To what point do you rise?"</p> <p>Sponsoring Firm Representative: "To advocate for Bill Number _____."</p> <p>Chair: "Please rise, state name, delegation and pronouns. 4 minutes is available for ALL testimony in support"</p> <p>Sponsoring Firm Representative: [gives speech. If wants, must reserve any unused time for closing speech BEFORE giving speech. When done can yield time to 1) Questions or 2) The Chair or 3) another Firm]</p> <p>[Sponsoring Firm should coordinate yielding time to any other firms that have indicated support for the bill]</p> <p>Upon completion of presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If time expires:</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Thank you, the time for Supporting testimony has elapsed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If time remains:</li> </ul> <p>Chair: How do you yield your time?</p> <p>Firm/Entity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To the chair (or)</li> <li>- To questions (or)</li> </ul>
<p>5. Sponsors/Advocates speak IN OPPOSITION (3 minutes total)</p> <p>Firms/Entities speaking in opposition must coordinate with each other so they know how time will be divided between all supporting firms.</p> <p><i>Any Advocate, Governor's Advocate, Deputy Advocate General, or Analyst</i></p>	<p>Chair: "it is now in order for testimony in opposition to this bill. Are any advocates or entities in opposition present?"</p> <p>[Opposing Firm or Entity raises hand and is recognized by chair]</p> <p>Chair: "To what point do you rise?"</p> <p>Opposing Firm/Entity: "To advocate against Bill Number _____."</p> <p>Chair: "Please rise, state name, delegation and pronouns. 3 minutes is available for all testimony in</p>

<p><i>who is not also providing a neutral Analyst report may be recognized to speak.</i></p>	<p><b>opposition."</b></p> <p>Firm/Entity: [gives speech. If wants, must reserve any unused time for closing speech BEFORE giving speech. When done can yield time to 1) Questions or 2) The Chair or 3) another Firm/Entity]</p> <p>[Opposing Firms/Entities should coordinate yielding time to any other firms that have indicated support for the bill]</p> <p>Upon completion of presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If time expires:</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Thank you, the time for testimony in opposition has elapsed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If time remains:</li> </ul> <p>Chair: How do you yield your time?</p> <p>Firm/Entity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To the chair (or)</li> <li>- To questions</li> </ul>
<p>6. General discussion (5 minutes max)</p> <p><i>This time may be extended by the Chair if earlier steps went faster than time allotted or if fewer than 3 bills are set per program session.</i></p>	<p>NOT USED IN 2022 [SUBCOMMITTEE] Chair: "It is now in order for general discussion. Each committee member has up to 1 minute to provide input on the bill which can include complimentary feedback, constructive feedback, criticism, support for, or opposition to the bill. I will call on each Legislator and your time will be considered yielded back to the chair if you do not take the full minute."</p> <p>[Chair should call on each Legislator.]</p> <p>[FULL COMMITTEE] Chair: "It is now in order for general discussion. We have up to 5 minutes to provide input on the bill which can include complimentary feedback, constructive feedback, criticism, questions about, support for, or opposition to the bill. I will call on Legislators. Please use the raise-hand feature in the "reactions" menu at the bottom of your screen. Use chat only if that feature is not available to you."</p> <p>[Chair should call on Legislators.]</p>
<p>7. Author's closing speech (1 minutes each)</p>	<p>Chair: "It is now in order for Assembly Member _____ to provide closing remarks on Bill Number _____ is Assembly Member _____ present"</p> <p>[Author raises hand and is recognized by chair]</p> <p>Chair: "To what point do you rise?"</p> <p>Legislator: "To provide closing remarks on Bill Number _____."</p> <p>Chair: "Please rise, state name, delegation and pronouns. You have 1* minutes"</p>

<p>* Remember to add any yielded time to that total.</p>	<p>Legislator: [gives speech]</p>
<p>8. Voting</p> <p><u>Aye Votes required to pass:</u>          If 6 members present: 4 votes          If 7 members present: 4 votes          If 8 members present: 5 votes          If 9 members present: 5 votes          If 10 members present: 6 votes          If 11 members present: 6 votes          If 12 members present: 7 votes          If 13 members present: 7 votes          If 14 members present: 8 votes          If 15 members present: 8 votes          If 16 members present: 9 votes          If 17 members present: 9 votes          If 18 members present: 10 votes          If 19 members present: 10 votes          If 19 members present: 11 votes</p> <p>An Abstention is the functional equivalent of a "no" vote since it doesn't count towards the Ayes a bill needs to pass. A tie vote is a failed vote because there are not enough Ayes to pass.</p> <p>Motions for reconsideration are not in order this year in Y&amp;G.</p>	<p>Chair: "We will now vote on Bill Number _____ , [reads enacting clause.]</p> <p><i>(example: We will now vote on Bill DEL-1-A, an act to amend section 22357.1 of the Vehicle Code related to speed limits.) Please respond with "Aye," "No" or "Abstain" when you are called. Bills require a majority of those present to vote in favor to pass out of committee, which is _____ votes.</i></p> <p>[Chair should call on each Legislator and record their vote.]</p> <p>Chair: "With _____ Aye votes, _____ No Vote, and _____ Abstentions, Bill Number _____ is passed/has failed passage."</p>
<p>Advisor Assistant</p>	<p><b>Cmte Staff (ONLY) will record vote and report via this link: <a href="http://bit.ly/votereport22">bit.ly/votereport22</a></b></p>