

Committee Hearing Reflection

Name _____

Please be as Descriptive and Reflective as possible in your responses. This can be done by giving specific examples of what occurred in your committee

Describe your own level of participation. Did you participate more or less than you had hoped? Did you participate in formal debate or in caucuses? Did you ask questions of the sponsor speakers? Did you make arguments for/against certain bills? Which ones?

Consider the Committee you were in, overall. How serious was everyone? How prepared was everyone? Was the committee debate better or worse than you expected? How effective were your chairs? Was the debate facilitated using parliamentary procedure?

Government: What did you learn about the way that government works? What did you learn about the legislative process? How, if at all, did political parties play a role in your committee? Are committees an effective way to get work done and solve problems?

Looking back on the entire day, what went well?

What did not go so well?

Feedback: What could be improved for next semester? Consider the space, preparation, assignments, bill writing.

Final Thoughts: How did you feel about the day overall? Did you ever feel peer pressure to vote a certain way? What did you learn about yourself? Do you have any new insights on how people can collaborate to solve problems?