



Educational Resources

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE SIMULATION

Preparing to Address the Committee

Organization: _____ **Witness names:** _____

In your statement to the committee, your goal will be to convince committee members to view the bill the way that you do. To be convincing, you must think carefully about how you are going to express and support your opinion.

Introduction

1. Introduce yourself and your partner, and describe the organization that you are representing.
2. Thank the committee for inviting you to speak.
3. Clearly state your view on the bill.

Introduction

Who we are:

Our position:

General arguments: Make three or more arguments to support your position. Target your reasons to the other members in the committee who might not share your opinion. Explain each argument clearly and support your position with evidence such as statistics, if possible.

Argument	Why we feel this way	Reasons and evidence

Clauses: Discuss two clauses that are either the greatest strengths of the bill or the greatest concerns.

Clause	Our views on this clause: Is it important and should it stay as is? Should it be changed? How?	Why we feel this way

Conclusion: Thank the members of the committee for listening to your presentation. Repeat your view on the bill.

Question and Answer: Predict three questions that committee members might ask you, and plan how you will answer these questions.

Possible question we may be asked	Answer