

# SSI Onsite Mock Committee Lobbyist Instructions

Thank you for volunteering to serve as a lobbyist for our SSI Onsite Mock Committee Meetings! We look forward to a wonderful and educational experience for our students.

## Details

**In the email you received, you will find the time and location of the committee meeting and instructions to find your assigned position.** This information is also at <https://ssionline.org/onsite-committee-resources/>.

There will be a brief orientation for all involved prior to the committee meetings. Coffee and refreshments will be served. After the orientation, you will be introduced to the students and the committee meetings will begin.

## Lobbying

Please come prepared to give a **3-5 minute testimony** and answer questions about the bill you have been assigned to support or oppose. When you arrive, you will need to fill out a committee meeting card and give it to the Committee Chair. Please include on this card your name (or alias), the “organization” you are representing (feel free to be creative and fabricate a name), the bill you are addressing, and whether you support or oppose the bill according to your assignment.

Student representatives are assigned their positions. This means that you will not change their position despite how compelling your argument is. Rather, your role is to help broaden their perspective within your assigned position and new provide new arguments, ideas, and questions for them to consider. For your testimony, we ask that you be creative and give thought-provoking reasons for the students to consider regarding the bill. Arguments both for and against the bill can be found in the analysis after the bill. Additional resources for each bill are also provided for your convenience at <https://ssionline.org/vip-resources/>. *Please note: If you are bringing copies of your testimony or additional information, please bring at least 17 copies and submit a copy of any handout materials to the Chair before the committee.*

After your presentation, please be prepared to take questions from the students and the committee chair. If your schedule permits it, please stay through the entire committee meeting in case further questions arise.

## Schedule

Opening Procedure and Roll Call: 3 minutes

First Bill: 35 minutes

5 Minute Break (time permitting)

Second Bill: 35 minutes

Adjourn: 2 minutes

Reception with Students: 15 minutes

*There will be a brief VIP reception with the students immediately following the committee meeting. We invite you to stay if time permits.*

If you have any questions, please contact Grace Anne Rosbury at [programs@ssionline.org](mailto:programs@ssionline.org). For more information about our Onsite Program, visit [www.ssionline.org/onsite/](http://www.ssionline.org/onsite/).

**If an emergency arises and you cannot fulfill your commitment on the day of the event, please call or text Grace Anne Rosbury at 989-494-8432.**