



US SENATE PROCEDURE

SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



INTRODUCTION

The procedure of the US Senate committee is, in practice, almost equal that of any other UN-Committee. The Delegate Rules of Conduct, the Procedure (including points and motions), and the flow of the debate remain equal.

Distinctions have to be made, however, in the representation of members of the committee, including Chair and Delegate, as these positions are different than those held in a standard UN-Committee. Distinctions are also made in the flow of business, which will be performed by the Chair for the Delegates' guidance, yet all participants in this committee are expected to know beforehand the special considerations in the flow of business.

ON REPRESENTATION

The Chair (Presiding Officers)

The Chair is composed of Vice President *V.P. NAME* (director) and President Pro Tempore *P.P.T. NAME* (moderator). All Senators (Delegates) are expected to refer to the Chair as “Presiding Officers”, “Ms. President Pro Tempore” or “Ms. Vice President”, as deemed appropriate.

The Delegates (Senators)

As the Senate is composed of elected public officials and not delegations, each “Delegate” will instead be a “Senator” and, as such, all members of the committee must refer to each other as “Senators”, “Senator *NAME*” or any other variant deemed appropriate. Because each Senator holds a name (first-person), personal pronouns ARE allowed in the US Senate committee while maintaining a diplomatic posture and language.

FLOW OF THE DEBATE

Call to Order / Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance

At the beginning of each session the President Pro Tempore will call to order the committee. The Vice President will then continue to do a Quorum Check and (only in the first session of each day) will conduct a prayer where all Senators are expected to remain silent, standing up, and following the VP's instructions.

Finally, the President Pro Tempore will preside over the Pledge of Allegiance (only in the first session of each day) where ALL Senators are expected to recite the pledge, standing up, and following the President Pro Tempore's instructions. (Senators will receive a copy of the Pledge).

Leader Time

The majority and minority leaders of each party (and/or their designees), will be awarded 10 minutes each at the beginning of each day to present positions, topics to be debated, or any requests for the committee. This time is automatically awarded to the party leaders, but each party may choose another speaker(s).

EVERYTHING ELSE

Remains Equal

Everything else on the debate, including flow of the debate, procedure, guidelines and rules, remain equal. Small adjustments may be made by the Presiding Officers that the Senators must adhere to.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ALL SENATORS AND PRESIDING OFFICERS (LED BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE) MUST RECITE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WHEN INDICATED BY THE PRESIDENT (AT THE SAME TIME AS THE PRESIDENT).