

Executive: Obama/Biden

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<p>You are the head executive throughout the legislative process.</p> <p>Primarily, your role in this process is to track changes to the bill as they proceed through committee and floor debate. Finally, should a bill get to your desk, you must quickly read, critically evaluate, sign/veto the bill, and give an impromptu speech laying out your reasoning.</p> <p>You will not speak on the Senate floor, unless you must vote to break a tie (then provide your rationale – unlikely that this will happen).</p> <p>The Senate procedure will be run primarily by the Majority/Minority leaders (committee chairs will run the committees), so you will not be active in this process unless the majority leader needs administrative assistance, such as managing the speaker's list, etc.</p> <p>You will also assist the Majority/Minority leaders and their party whips as they search to accumulate votes for or against bills during the procedure. It will be in your interest to move between committee hearings as an observer, taking notes on new developments with the bill.</p> <p>If you intend to veto any bill, or are uncomfortable with any amendments, you must make this known to the relevant parties during the caucusing, break, committee caucus, or any other relevant time. Don't surprise them with a veto at the end!</p>	<p>1. Draft Mock Senate Schedule. The Majority/Minority leaders and Executive will work together to draft a very tight minute-by-minute schedule of how (ideally) the experience should proceed. This should include the specific Parly-pro procedures that will move us from one phase to another, and a distribution and briefing to other members of the Senate on how the evening should proceed. * This process will require some research by watching how the Senate actually functions (C-Span has excellent footage online) and some thinking/discussion as to how that process should be refined and applied to meet our specific needs/constraints. Due Date _____</p> <p>2. Design a professional-looking placard with your politician's name, position, and party clearly written that will sit in front of you on your desk. Due Date _____</p> <p>Executive, Secretaries, Committee Chairs, Whips, and Majority/Minority leaders will participate in setting up and running a rehearsal of the Exhibition using a mock bill one day prior to Exhibition, then running a debrief on how to improve/tighten the process for Exhibition.</p> <p>Exhibition setup – Arrive early at FLC to aid with setup of senate floor and committee rooms. Specifically, You will be tasked with making sure the senate floor is set up in a professional and functional way (tables w/sheets, tech, aisles, etc).</p> <p>Signing Speech: Should a bill make it to your desk, you will be tasked with the following: * Reading the modified bill quickly and carefully * Making any last-minute enforcement-related corrections (if any parts will not be enforced, etc) * Signing the bill into law * Delivering a “Signing Speech” that does one of the following: 1. Explains why you are excited to sign the bill into law 2. Explains your reservations, modifications, and reasons for signing the bill into law regardless. 3. Explaining why you vetoed the law, and what would (in theory) have to be done to the bill in order for you to then sign it.</p>

Majority Leader

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<p>You are the top-ranking party member in the Senate (the Vice-President is above you, but is essentially an observer and holds little sway in the way the Senate operates). You will serve as the mouthpiece for the party line, and be tasked (like the whip) in getting your party to fall into line behind you. You are the most influential member of your party in the Senate, and also perform a variety of administrative functions.</p> <p>The Majority and Minority Leaders will be the Co-Chairs of the Senate. You will be responsible for running the Senate floor in an efficient manner (using Parly Pro), and sticking to the time frame you have agreed upon previously. Get to know your gavel.</p> <p>This assignment will also include opening the proceedings, opening the floor for debate, caucusing, running the speaker's list, and any other administrative tasks that come up. You may also delegate jobs to the respective whips, and/or ask the executive (Obiden) for assistance in performing any of these functions.</p> <p>Additionally, should a bill make it all the way to the president for approval, you will both be required to take place in the signing ceremony precluding the bill being signed into law.</p> <p>Before the Exhibition, you will be charged with running practice activities in the days prior. This will include an introduction/review on Parly-pro (Robert's Rules), and a dry run of the proceedings during class time using a mock bill.</p>	<p>1. Draft Mock Senate Schedule. The Majority/Minority leaders and Executive will work together to draft a very tight minute-by-minute schedule of how (ideally) the experience should proceed. This should include the specific Parly-pro procedures that will move us from one phase to another, and a distribution and briefing to other members of the Senate on how the meeting should proceed. * This process will require some research by watching how the Senate actually functions (C-Span has excellent footage online) and some thinking/discussion as to how that process should be refined and applied to meet our specific needs/constraints.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due Date _____</p> <p>2. Design a professional-looking placard with your politician's name, position, and party clearly written that will sit in front of you on your desk.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due Date _____</p> <p>Exhibition setup – Arrive early at FLC to aid with setup of Senate floor and committee rooms.</p> <p>Executive, Secretaries, Committee Chairs, Whips, and Majority/Minority leaders will participate in setting up and running a rehearsal of the Exhibition using a Mock bill one day prior to the Exhibition, then running a debrief on how to improve/tighten the process for Exhibition.</p>

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<p>The Minority Leader is the top-ranking officer from the minority party in the Senate. You will serve as the mouthpiece for the party line, and be tasked (like the whip) in getting your party to fall into line behind you. You are the most influential member of your party in the Senate, and also perform a variety of administrative functions.</p> <p>The Majority and Minority Leaders will be the Co-Chairs of the Senate. You will be responsible for running the Senate floor in an efficient manner (using Parly Pro), and sticking to the time frame you have agreed upon previously. Get to know your gavel.</p> <p>This assignment will also include opening the proceedings, opening the floor for debate, caucusing, running the speaker's list, and any other administrative tasks that come up. You may also delegate jobs to the respective whips, and/or ask the executive (Obiden) for assistance in performing any of these functions.</p> <p>Additionally, should a bill make it all the way to the president for approval, you will both be required to take place in the signing ceremony precluding the bill being signed into law.</p> <p>Before the Exhibition, you will be charged with running practice activities in the days prior. This will include an introduction/review on Parly-pro (Robert's Rules), and a dry run of the proceedings during class time using a mock bill.</p>	<p>1. Draft Mock Senate Schedule. The Majority/Minority leaders and Executive will work together to draft a very tight minute-by-minute schedule of how (ideally) the experience should proceed. This should include the specific Parly-pro procedures that will move us from one phase to another, and a distribution and briefing to other members of the Senate on how the meeting should proceed. * This process will require some research by watching how the Senate actually functions (C-Span has excellent footage online) and some thinking/discussion as to how that process should be refined and applied to meet our specific needs/constraints.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due Date _____</p> <p>2. Design a professional-looking placard with your politician's name, position, and party clearly written that will sit in front of you on your desk.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due Date _____</p> <p>Exhibition setup – Arrive early at FLC to aid with setup of Senate floor and committee rooms.</p> <p>Executive, Secretaries, Committee Chairs, Whips, and Majority/Minority leaders will participate in setting up and running a rehearsal of the Exhibition using a Mock bill one day prior to the Exhibition, then running a debrief on how to improve/tighten the process for Exhibition.</p>

Majority and Minority Whips

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<p>1. Get your party's votes 2. Make sure the independents vote your way 3. Get as many member votes from the other party as you can.</p> <p>If your party loses the vote, it's your fault. If everyone in your party doesn't vote along party lines, it's your fault. If people in your party abstain from voting, it's your fault. If a bill comes out of committee that doesn't represent your party's interests, it's your fault. Your job is to “whip” your party into shape during the caucus, at the door, at break, and at every other opportunity. If you fail at this job, your party will replace you with someone more effective, and may reduce or kill the funds you badly need for your re-election campaign. Bring the wrath.</p> <p>During Committees: You will not sit on a committee, so your task will be to float between both committees and accumulate information. You can follow which party members are in line with the party, and which members of the opposition can be “flipped.” Note: At least one bill MUST pass committee in order for us to proceed with a Senate Floor vote. Please help us facilitate this process and stay on schedule!</p> <p>You should give one speech on the Senate floor, where you encourage your party to follow your lead. What this decision should look like (either get behind the bill or don't vote for it) should be determined in consultation with your party leader (majority/minority leaders). Remember, although we are looking for realism, we do want to pass at least one bill at Exhibition!</p> <p>Note: Party members who may be opposed to voting for/against a certain bill may be encouraged to abstain from voting instead, which may please their constituents more than a vote for/against and still further your party aims.</p>	<p>1. Co-Author a Bill for debate. Your must address one of two topics: * Propose a solution to solve the Fiscal Cliff issue * Address a social issue that is in urgent need of legislation Refer to “Drafting A Bill” for further guidance. <i>Note: It is strongly recommended that you draft a bill that may end up in the committee on which you sit!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due Date _____</p> <p>2. Voting Procedure. Both party whips must work together to refine a quick, efficient voting procedure to be used on the senate floor. You do not have to follow traditional House/Senate voting procedures, but that's a good place to start. We need it <u>quick, easy, and efficient</u>. There also needs to be a recording system that will efficiently and publicly record who votes which ways. Work with the secretary, who will be tasked with recording these votes. Time is of the essence, so this procedure must be streamlined and quick!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due Date _____</p> <p>3. Exhibition Prep: Whips must show up early for exhibition to set up the aisles on the Senate Floor (each side of the aisle should be clearly marked, and separated by party). There also needs to be a clearly marked guest area for guests and family members to watch the proceedings.</p> <p>Executive, Secretaries, Committee Chairs, Whips, and Majority/Minority leaders will participate in setting up and running a rehearsal of the Exhibition using a Mock bill one day prior to the Exhibition, then running a debrief on how to improve/tighten the process for Exhibition.</p>

Committee Chairs

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<p>The Purpose of Committees: A committee's fundamental task is to amend and modify a bill in such a way as it should be reasonably expected to pass on the Senate floor.</p> <p>Your committee will be expected to amend a bill in approximately 1 hour (see Mock Senate Schedule for specifics – this schedule will be drafted by Maj/Min leaders)</p> <p>As Committee Chairs, you will be primarily charged with ensuring the functionality of your specific committee – making sure a committee serves its purpose. This will include knowledge and application of Parly-pro guidelines (Robert's Rules) and the execution of an ultra-tight committee hearing so that your bill is read, debated, amended to reason, and passed out of committee to the Senate floor.</p> <p>The Committee Secretary will be in charge of projecting the bill, tracking any changes/amendments that occur, and printing fresh copies when needed.</p> <p>Together with the Ranking Member, you <i>must</i> ensure two somewhat contradictory outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your party platform must be represented in the bill 2. Your bill must hit the Senate floor on schedule <p>You must also stay in your character assignment, and push to further your party's aims within the bill. Be an executive - get to know your gavel!</p> <p>Note: If your committee cannot come to an agreement on how the bill should be modified, it is your responsibility to pigeon-hole (kill) the bill in committee and get your team back on the Senate floor in time to debate the bill from the other committee. (If both bills are going to die, we have a serious problem. The Majority/Minority Leaders, Executive, and Whips will be moving between committees, and will be able to give you an idea of what is happening in this regard).</p>	<p>Committee chairs will work together with Ranking Members to draft a very specific, minute-by-minute schedule of exactly how they would like the committee hearings to proceed. This will include spending time watching your committee function (C-Span has excellent committee footage) and drafting a schedule that considers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Introduction of the bill in initial form * Hearing from 4 Lobbyists and Experts (who will be expected to give a 4-5 minute speech each) * Discussion time of ideas presented by lobbyists and experts * Caucusing time (at least once, if not more) to allow folks to mingle and discuss informally, outside of the committee procedure. <p><i>Note: This schedule should also include Party-Pro statements/procedures for how to correctly move committees on to to the next phase.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due Date _____</p> <p>Design a professional-looking placard with your politician's name, position, and party clearly written that will sit in front of you on your desk.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due Date _____</p> <p>Executive, Secretaries, Committee Chairs, Whips, and Majority/Minority leaders will participate in setting up and running a rehearsal of the Exhibition using a Mock bill one day prior to the Exhibition, then running a debrief on how to improve/tighten the process for Exhibition.</p>

Committee Ranking Members

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<p>The Ranking Member is the head of the minority party in committee. This means you are tasked with making the most articulate argument for your party platform, and getting as much of that platform represented in the bill as humanly possible.</p> <p>You will also assist the Committee Chair in committee procedures, so please read Committee Chair's tasks also.</p> <p>Your committee will be expected to amend a bill in approximately 1 hour (see Mock Senate Schedule for specifics – this schedule will be drafted by Maj/Min leaders)</p> <p>Together with the Committee Chairs, you <i>must</i> ensure two somewhat contradictory outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your party platform must be represented in the bill 2. Your bill must hit the Senate floor on schedule 	<p>Committee chairs will work together with Ranking Members to draft a very specific, minute-by-minute schedule of exactly how they would like the committee hearings to proceed. This will include spending time watching your committee function (C-Span has excellent committee footage) and drafting a schedule that considers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Introduction of the bill in initial form * Hearing from 4 Lobbyists and Experts (who will be expected to give a 4-5 minute speech each) * Discussion time of ideas presented by lobbyists and experts * Caucusing time (at least once, if not more) to allow folks to mingle and discuss informally, outside of the committee procedure. <p><i>Note: This schedule should also include Party-Pro statements/procedures for how to correctly move committees on to to the next phase.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due Date _____</p> <p>Research: Because your need to be the ranking expert on your party platform given your specific use, this will require some research when you see the bill for the first time to get your argument strait. You may work with experts and lobbyists to this end.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due Date _____</p> <p>Design a professional-looking placard with your politician's name, position, and party clearly written that will sit in front of you on your desk.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due Date _____</p> <p><i>Given your relatively light pre-exhibition workload, Ranking Members may be reassigned as I see fit to help with any logistics, or any other group that feels particularly overloaded with their tasks.</i></p>

Committee Members

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<p style="text-align: center;">YOU MUST REMEMBER ALWAYS:</p> <p>You have been elected by your constituency. Certain people back home have financed your election, set up fundraisers, put signs out on their lawn, worn badges, put bumper stickers on their cars, and talked nicely to their friends about you. DO NOT LET THEM DOWN. If you do they will quickly turn on you and vote you out of office. Your political future <i>depends</i> on your ability to meet their needs back home, no matter what “the party line” is in Washington. Never forget that a compromise in Washington might just be the end of your career!</p> <p>Most of you will fall into the category of Committee Members. You are the voting blocs; your votes are the ones that truly matter in this contest. You will have two roles during Exhibition.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Committee Members have two required roles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First, they must deliver a speech on the Senate floor during debate. These speeches will be scripted in advance, delivered at the podium, and will be in support or opposition to a specific bill. In addition, you will respond to other speakers in the appropriate manner (see Parly Pro/Robert's Rules), and be active members of the caucusing process. 2. You will be members of a designated committee, and be tasked with amending that bill to meet your party's needs. You will stay in your Senator's role at all times. You need to listen intently to the experts and lobbyists, asking them clarifying questions and prodding them for information when necessary. As a committee member, your challenge is to both amend the bill to be acceptable to your party, <i>and</i> make sure the bill does not die in committee. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Co-Author a Bill for debate. You must address one of two topics: * Propose a solution to solve the Fiscal Cliff issue * Address a social issue that is in urgent need of legislation Refer to “Drafting A Bill” for further guidance. <i>Note: Is is strongly recommended that you draft a bill that may end up in the committee on which you sit!</i> Due Date _____ 2. Amend the Bill: As a committee member, you must use your knowledge of your Senator, the bill, and your constituency back home to figure out how to amend the bill to your purposes. Before Exhibition you must read over, annotate, and make notes on improvements you will suggest to refine the bill during the committee discussion periods/caucusing process. These annotations should become the basis for your Senate Speech Due Date _____ 3. Speech: Write a refined, professional 3-minute speech that you will deliver on the Senate floor. This speech should dictate clearly your position on the bill, why you feel this way, how your constituents back home feel about the issue, how you intend to vote on the issue, and specifically how the bill would have to be amended in order to get you to vote for it. This speech should be delivered in a professional manner, at the podium, on the floor of the US Senate. Due Date _____ (in writing) <p>You may also respond to any speeches (all responses must be in Parly Pro format), and are required to be active members of caucuses.</p>

Lobbyists - For and Against

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<p>Each Committee has requested two lobbyists to testify before the committee, one for the bill and one against.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lobbyists are mercenaries for a political cause.</i></p> <p>You are called to testify before the committee because they would like to hear your argument as to why the bill should (or should not) be passed. You have very well-paying corporate backers who know there is a long line of people waiting for your job should you fail at furthering their interests in Congress. Your job is to be gritty, opinionated, and informed.</p> <p>If you are a lobbyist, you will play two roles during the exhibition.</p> <p>1. While the Senate is in session, you will play your Senator. You will not be required to write/deliver a speech on the Senate floor, though you should be a part of the debate during the open debate and caucusing periods.</p> <p>2. When the Senate breaks into committees, you will play a lobbyist that has been asked to testify before the committee. You will remove your Senate ID, and place a placard with <u>your real name</u> and context (“Lobbyist, Fictional Interest Group” - get creative here) in front of you at the desk. You will give a 4-5 minute speech as yourself, outlining the views of the large-monied interest group that hires you. Your speech will focus specifically on how the bill should be modified to be more appropriate (for you) should it be passed into law.</p>	<p>1. You will do research to become an expert in your field. There will be two sides to every issue, a for and against. If you represent an interest group that stands to gain from the bill in any way, you need to research and develop an argument for why this bill NEEDS to pass. Likewise if you are against, you need to present a convincing argument why this bill will be a cancer to society.</p> <p>Due Date: Research should be completed by: _____</p> <p>2. While the rest of the class authors bills, experts and lobbyists will pair up to create “Mock” bills that will be used in our rehearsal the day before the issue. These “mock” bills should <u>provide a solution</u> to a common problem that everyone is familiar with. They do not really need to go into too much depth or receive too much refinement, as they will be used to test the Senate process in rehearsal. Topics examples: An important hotly-debated topic from the Graduation Committee, the best way to barricade the school in case of zombie attack, etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due Date _____</p> <p>3. Once the bills are drafted and two student-bills are chosen, you will write a 4-5 minute speech suggesting refinements to the bill based on your expert opinion. Apply your opinions, research, and your best persuasive rhetoric.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due Date _____</p> <p>Design a professional-looking placard with your politician's name, position, and party clearly stated that will sit in front of you on your desk.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due Date _____</p>

Experts

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<p>Experts are called to testify before the committee because they are experts in their field and the committee needs to know what to do. Experts will not role play; they will come and act as themselves. Their job is not only to have read and analyzed the bill, but to be able to talk at length in an informed way about the bill's content. You will need a placard with your own name on it to place in front of you when you testify before the committee.</p> <p>If you are an expert, you will play two roles during the exhibition.</p> <p>3. While the Senate is in session, you will play your Senator. You will not be required to write/deliver a speech on the Senate floor, though you should be a part of the debate during the open debate and caucusing periods.</p> <p>4. When the Senate breaks into Committees, you will play an expert that has been asked to testify before the committee. You will remove your Senate ID, and place a placard with <u>your real name</u> and context (“Financial Expert”) in front of you at the desk. You will give a 4-5 minute speech as yourself, outlining your own personal views as an expert on the issue. Your speech will focus specifically on how the bill should be modified to be more appropriate should it be passed into law.</p>	<p>1. You will do research to become an expert in your field. Finance Committee experts: How would YOU solve the fiscal cliff? HELP: What are the biggest problems facing the implementation of laws regarding social issues today? Where does legislation get bogged down or contested? How could we as a group come to consensus on something that is contested (such as abortion, gay marriage, etc)?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due Date _____</p> <p>2. While the rest of the class authors bills, experts and lobbyists will pair up to create “Mock” bills that will be used in our rehearsal the day before the issue. These “mock” bills should provide a solution to a common problem that everyone is familiar with. They do not really need to go into too much depth or receive too much refinement, as they will be used to test the Senate process in rehearsal. Topics examples: An important hotly-debated topic from the Graduation Committee, the best way to barricade the school in case of zombie attack, etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due Date _____</p> <p>3. Once the bills are drafted and two student-written bills are chosen, you will write a 4-5 minute speech suggesting refinements to the bill based on your expert opinion. Apply your opinions, research, and your best persuasive rhetoric.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due Date _____</p> <p>4. Design a professional-looking placard with your politician's name, position, and party clearly written that will sit in front of you on your desk.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due Date _____</p>

Committee Secretary

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<p>Secretaries must keep track of all committee amendments to the bill. You will need a laptop and access to a printer (classroom printer to be transported to the college for Exhibition). When the committee has revised the bill appropriately, you will be in charge of printing the new version and delivering it to the Majority Leader, who will introduce it to the Senate floor.</p> <p>Our bill is your baby! As secretary, you are specifically responsible for your particular bill (ex: if you are in the HELP committee, you are responsible for the HELP bill from its inception, dialing in the amendment process, projecting it to the screen, and printing it out in final form for the President to sign should it become law.</p> <p>Tally the votes. The Whips will be developing a quick and easy voting procedure that will be used on the Senate floor. They will be consulting with you, because this process needs to be quick, efficient, and public (project how people are voting so that we can all see it).</p>	<p>1. Co-Author a Bill for debate. You must address one of two topics: * Propose a solution to solve the Fiscal Cliff issue * Address a social issue that is in urgent need of legislation Refer to “Drafting A Bill” for further guidance. <i>Note: Is is strongly recommended that you draft a bill that may end up in the committee on which you sit!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due Date _____</p> <p>2. Posters: Secretaries will work together to design, print, and hang (on exhibition day) 3 posters that brief guests on what will be happening in each room. (2 committee rooms, 1 Senate Floor room with all senators/assignments, and a writeup of the project- both can be provided by me) Posters should be professional and informative and should be completed by Tuesday before Exhibition.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due Date _____</p> <p>Exhibition setup – Arrive early at FLC to aid with setup of Senate floor and committee rooms.</p> <p>For setup, you will be charged with setting up the committee rooms, and making sure all technology is working (we will be using the classroom projectors to show the amendments to the bill in real time). HELP Sec will set up HELP Com. Room, and vice-versa. Both secretaries will be charged with making sure their personal computers are working with the technology on the Senate Floor.</p> <p><u>Important:</u> * You will be required to bring your personal laptop * You will be responsible for bringing and setting up our classroom printer and making sure it works. * You will be provided several sheets of special paper and matting beforehand so that you may quickly print, mat, and deliver the bill to the President for the signing ceremony.</p>