

Model Senate - Brainstorm a Bill

Name: _____ Senator: _____

Committee: _____ Issue: _____

Given what you know your committee's issue, your voting record, and both your position on the issue and underlying interest, list aspects of the issue that you'd like to address through legislation. A good place to start is thinking about how you feel about the different sides of the issue.

Topic	Position/Interest

Now exchange lists with the senator next to you. Share with each other which position from the other's list you can most easily support and which you would most vehemently oppose. Discuss the reasons why...

Is this other senator someone you might co-sponsor a bill with? Is this senator someone with whom you could make a deal? Do you think this senator is an alien life form that needs to be marooned on a distant asteroid to protect the universe from his or her views?