

Model Senate – Summary of Steps

Actual Steps	Model Senate Process
Senate Sponsor	Each of our bills has two Senate sponsors
Senate Majority Leader	<p>A panel of honors students will decide which climate change and immigration bill to bring to the Senate floor for speeches.</p> <p>Senate Majority Leader (Heidi), Minority Leader (Tony), and Executive (Marley) negotiate a schedule for the day.</p> <p>Respective leaders (Heidi and Tony) will express the party platform and position on the two bills and associated amendments.</p>
Senate Committee	<p>EPW Committee Chair (Rachel) and Judiciary Committee Chair (Ranier) will manage the tight committee schedule so that the committee reads, debates, amends, and passes the bill out of committee.</p> <p>Ranking members (Will and Chase) will represent the Republican party platform within committee debate and work with Committee chairs to create the schedule for committee work.</p> <p>Part of this schedule will be hearing testimony from two lobbyists, one for and one against each bill. Climate lobbyists are Ande (for) and Bella (against). Immigration reform lobbyists are Quinn (for) and Natalie (against).</p> <p>The committees will also hear from two experts on ways to modify the bill to make it more effective. Climate experts are Sean and Gordon. Immigration reform experts are Avra and Breeze.</p> <p>Committee secretaries (Dylan and Tessa) will track changes in the bill and print out new copies when necessary.</p> <p>Majority Whip (Sarah) and Minority Whip (Bryn) will float between committee, keep track of how party members plan to vote, and try to persuade them to support the position of the leadership.</p>

Senate Subcommittee	Members of each party will have an opportunity to caucus with one another to talk substance and strategy in lieu of a formal subcommittee hearing on some aspect of the bill.
Senate Floor	<p>The bill will come to the floor for comment and speeches before it goes to committee and after it comes back with amendments.</p> <p>After the bill gets out of committee (if it gets out of committee), the Majority and Minority Leaders (Heidi and Tony) will work together to allow the entire Senate to debate and give speeches on the bill and the amendments. If a bill passes, it will go to the Executive (Marley) for signature.</p>
Conference Committee	Skipping this step
President	Executive O'Brien (Marley) signs, signs with reservations, or vetoes the bill with a short explanation as to why.