

YOU AS THE LEGISLATOR

The Nevada Legislature is a deliberative, law-making body of elected members who come together to consider, discuss and decide proposals and policies that affect the affairs and operations of the State and its people. The Senate and Assembly comprise Nevada's bicameral Legislature.



Debate is the fundamental characteristic of this legislative body. Opinions of members are exchanged, questions are deliberated and decisions are reached. All members have the same rights as any other member to participate fully.

As a role-playing Senator, you will have the opportunity to hear the opinions of your fellow participants. They will hear your viewpoint as well. And, it may be that you or they are persuaded to see the other side before your votes are cast!

Members of each House of the Legislature must pass legislative measures by a majority vote of the membership, unless a higher vote requirement is needed, in order for the measure to be sent to the Governor for approval and to, ultimately, become law.

Keep in mind, Legislators must work together in order to achieve that majority threshold to enact legislation into law. Oftentimes, this requires members to negotiate and compromise (work through difficult matters and come to agreement) in order to effectively perform their duties of office. The decisions of the Legislature are the decisions of the membership—not merely the opinions of individual members.

Your participation in this legislative simulation affords you the understanding that decision making is not a simple and clear-cut process. It takes thoughtful deliberation, cooperation with other members and final decisions that directly affect your diverse constituencies. Votes can be difficult at best!