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The Nevada Senate's Simulation Experience

PRESIDENT

- You are the Presiding Officer, but under the rules of the Senate, you cannot vote on final passage of any bill or resolution. When you ask for “yeas” and “nays” in the script, you should not vote one way or the other.
- During debate, you are responsible for limiting debate to ten minutes per bill or resolution. There is a timer function on your computer screen to set a ten-minute timer.
- You control when Senators speak. You will see a list of those requesting to speak on your computer screen. It is Senate's practice to recognize all Senators wishing to speak a first time before recognizing anyone wishing to speak a second time. Also you always recognize a bill sponsor prior to any other Senators wishing to speak.
- At certain points of the script, you will ask for “yeas” and “nays.” This is a voice vote.
- If you cannot tell who wins a voice vote, you may conduct what is called a “division of the house.” Ask those voting "yea" to stand, then ask those voting "nay" to stand. A count is made, and the resulting vote is then announced.
- Your role is to ensure that the Senate Session runs smoothly. Stick to the script. Feel free to ask the Senate staff member(s) in attendance if you have any questions.