

We will be conducting a Senate Subcommittee Hearing to consider a nationwide ban on smoking in all public buildings, including restaurants and hotels. The committee will consist of Senators who both support and oppose the ban, as well as Senators who are relatively neutral. They want to question various people who will be affected by the ban, both positively and negatively. Senators will hear these people's ideas, as well as ask them questions, in an effort to gain information to make a better decision on the bill.

Find your role in the list below. Read your role to understand the position or stance you have on the issue. You then need to develop a statement or two in support of your position.

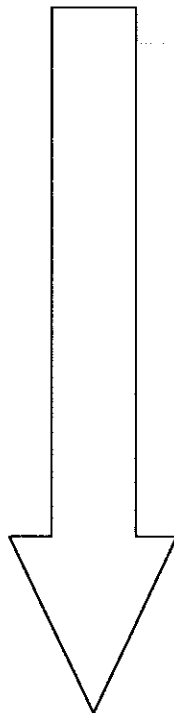
Homework: On another piece of paper....

- 1. Copy your role exactly as it is listed below.**
- 2. Write down some supporting statements that further support your stance.**
- 3. Be prepared to read the above, as well as answer questions, during the committee hearing.**

When your group is called to testify, you will...

- 1. Read your role card so everyone knows who you are and what your position is.**
- 2. Read the supporting statements you have created to further support your stance.**
- 3. Answer questions the Senators may ask you. Do the best you can, and answer as if you really are this person and support your position.**

Roles are listed below. Senators, you have different instructions listed directly above the Senatorial roles on the final page.



SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ROLES

TOBACCO FARMER #1

You own a tobacco farm that employs many people. This farm has belonged to your family for many years.

TOBACCO FARMER #2

You own a tobacco farm. It is a small business that you have been working hard to expand.

TOBACCO FARMER #3

You own a tobacco farm that is very large. It is the largest employer of people in your community.

Tobacco Farmer #4

I recently converted my open pasture into a tobacco farm, as the soil was not suited for other farming. My livelihood depends on the money I earn from this farm.

CIGARETTE FACTORY OWNER #1

You own a factory, which makes cigarettes. You do not smoke yourself.

CIGARETTE FACTORY OWNER #2

You own a factory that produces cigarettes from the tobacco grown in your area. You have contributed money to Senator #1's election campaign.

CIGARETTE FACTORY OWNER #3

You own a factory, which makes cigarettes. It is the largest employer of people in your area.

NONSMOKER #1

You belong to a group of nonsmokers which is very active in trying to get smoking banned from public places.

NONSMOKER #2

You do not smoke. A close relative of your recently died from lung cancer caused by cigarette smoking.

Nonsmoker #3

I used to smoke until I developed lung cancer and was forced to quite. My children never smoked, but suffered the effects of my second hand smoke and now have asthma.

NONSMOKER #4

You do not smoke. You suffer from allergies, especially to cigarette smoke. You had to quit your job because of these health problems.

SMOKER #1

You have smoked cigarettes since you were 15. You are in good health, and tired of all the fuss over smoking.

SMOKER #2

You are a smoker. You feel it is your right to smoke wherever and whenever you please.

SMOKER #3

You are a smoker and a businessman. You must fly often, and you object to the ban on commercial flights.

Smoker #4

I am a smoker who also manages a casino. I like to smoke when I gamble and so do my customers.

HEALTH WORKER #1

You are a doctor. You have seen first hand the effects that smoking has on the health of individuals.

HEALTH WORKER #2

You are the head of the Public Health Department. It is your job to promote the health of the people living in your area.

HEALTH WORKER #3

You are a pulmonary specialist. You treat patients with disorders of the respiratory system.

RESTAURANT OWNER #1

You own an exclusive restaurant in a major city. You want to make your customers happy.

RESTAURANT OWNER #2

You own a small truck stop restaurant. Many of your customers are smokers.

RESTAURANT OWNER #3

You own a successful restaurant.
You also smoke.

HOTEL OWNER #1

You own a large hotel in the
downtown area. You recently
had a fire in your hotel caused
by someone smoking in bed.

HOTEL OWNER #2

You own a small hotel on the
main street of town. You and
your family have run it for
years. You have many
customers who return, mainly
businessmen who smoke.

MOTEL OWNER

You own a motel with a
restaurant. You do not smoke
and the stale smoke bothers
your allergies.

Environmentalist #1

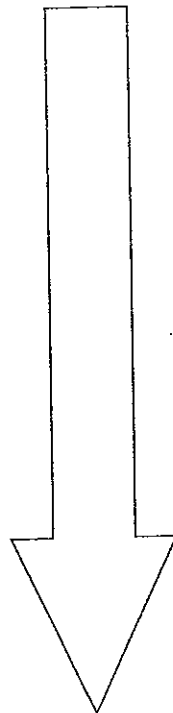
I am an environmentalist and I am
concerned about the trash and pollution
produced by cigarettes.

Environmentalist #2

I am an environmentalist and I am
concerned about the fire hazard posed by
discarded cigarettes.

Environmentalist #3

I work for a local water conservation group
and I am concerned about the environmental
impact cigarettes have on our streams and
rivers.



Find your role below. You should understand the concerns of your state, and take that attitude into the simulation. You will also ask questions of the people testifying before your committee. The people you will question are listed under your role. Look up each person's position in the roles above, and then develop a question for that person. If you are to ask a "positive" question, then that question should be one that the person would appreciate, or be able to answer that would support their stance. A "negative" question would be one that challenges them or puts them on the defensive. Look up their stance so you are better able to develop an appropriate question.

Senator #1

You are a senator from a tobacco growing state. Your people and economy depend on the tobacco industry.

Ask a positive question to Farmer #1
Ask a negative question to Non-smoker #3
Ask any question to Restaurant owner #3

Senator #2

You are a senator from a state that has some tobacco farms, but your state also has high medical costs due to smokers.

Ask a positive question to Farmer #2
Ask a negative question to Smoker #1
Ask any question to Hotel Owner #1

Senator #3

You are the chairperson of the subcommittee. You are relatively neutral on the smoking issue. You see both the positive and negative benefits of the ban.

Ask a positive question to the Environmentalist #1
Ask a negative question to Factory owner #1
Ask any question to Healthcare Worker #1

Senator #4

You are a senator from a state that is relatively neutral on smoking, but tends to support individual freedoms and liberties.

Ask a positive question to Smoker #2
Ask a negative question to the Motel owner
Ask any question to Health Care Worker #3

Senator #5

You are a senator from a state that has passed many laws restricting smoking, and your constituents do not support big tobacco industries.

Ask a positive question to Non-smoker #1
Ask a negative question to Restaurant owner #2
Ask any question to factory owner #3

Once the hearing is over, the senators will discuss the bill, including any amendments they might like to make to the bill, and then vote.