

Senate Committee Schedule

Commerce and Labor

Room 2134 – M/W/F – 8:00 a.m.

Senator Pat Spearman, Chair
(775) 684-1461

Education

Room 2134 – M/W/F - 1:00 p.m.

Upon Floor adjournment
Senator Roberta Lange, Chair
(775) 684-1466

Finance

Room 2135 – Daily – 8:00 a.m.

Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop, Chair
(775) 684-1423

Government Affairs

Room 2149 – M/W/F – 3:30 p.m.

Senator Edgar Flores, Chair
(775) 684-1474

Growth and Infrastructure

Room 2144 – M/W/F – 3:30 p.m.

Senator Dallas Harris, Chair
(775) 684-1468

Health and Human Services

Room 2134 – T/TH – 3:30 p.m.

Senator Fabian Doñate, Chair
(775) 684-1441

Judiciary

Room 2135 – Daily – 1:00 p.m.

Senator Melanie Scheible, Chair
(775) 684-1438

Legislative Operations and Elections

Room 2149 – T/TH – 3:30 p.m.

Senator James Ohrenschall, Chair
(775) 684-1465

Natural Resources

Room 2144 – T/TH – 3:30 p.m.

Senator Julie Pazina, Chair
(775) 684-1453

Revenue and Economic Development

Room 2149 – T/TH – 1:00 p.m.

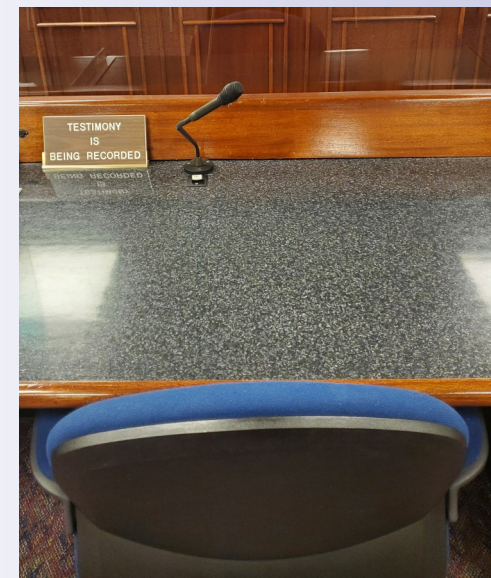
Senator Dina Neal, Chair
(775) 684-1456

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HOW TO TESTIFY BEFORE A SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE



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How to Testify Before a Senate Committee

- ◆ Citizen participation in the legislative process is integral to the production of good public policy. Nevada's open legislative process gives you an opportunity to offer your perspective.
- ◆ Once a bill has been introduced, it is referred to a committee for study and consideration. The committee Chair determines when a bill is scheduled for a hearing.
- ◆ Though committee meetings are generally informal, it is important that you follow the guidelines and protocols listed below.

Before the Hearing

- ◆ Find out when and where your bill will be heard.
- ◆ Plan your testimony. You will be more effective in communicating your message if you have prepared your testimony in writing for distribution to committee members. You can then verbally summarize your remarks to conserve time.

At the Committee Meeting

- ◆ Be on time for the committee meeting.
- ◆ Be sure to sign in when you arrive and indicate whether you intend to testify. Sign-in sheets are available at the entrance of each committee room. Please print your name and information to ensure legibility.
- ◆ Do not be nervous when you testify. The Senators are elected to represent you; they want to hear what you have to say.
- ◆ Wait your turn. The Chair will announce the beginning of the hearing on each particular bill.

- ◆ The bill's sponsor is generally the first to speak. After his or her testimony, the Chair may ask for testimony from any proponents and opponents, usually in the order in which they appear on the sign-in sheet.
- ◆ Begin testimony by addressing the Chair and the committee members. Give your name and the name of the organization or group you represent and state why you are there. For example: *"Mr. (or Madam) Chair, members of the Committee, my name is Pat Public from Reno, NV. I am representing myself, and I support/oppose this bill because...."*
- ◆ All testimony and all committee discussion must be addressed through the Chair. For example: In answer to a committee member's question, you would say, *"Mr. (or Madam) Chair, through you to Senator Smith, yes, I do approve the changes that were previously discussed."*
- ◆ Be courteous and brief in your language and in the manner in which you address the members of the committee. Try not to repeat testimony offered by previous witnesses. Be prepared to answer questions asked by committee members. Respond to the questions as best you can. You need not be embarrassed if you do not have a specific answer. The Legislative Counsel Bureau's committee staff may be able to answer difficult questions after further review.
- ◆ Demonstrations, applause and addressing committee members or witnesses from the audience are prohibited.
- ◆ Do not be offended if Senators come and go during a hearing. They have other commitments, including the presentation of their bills in other committees that are meeting at the same time.

After Testimony

- ◆ Do not expect immediate committee action. The bill may be held until another day. After the discussion on your bill, you are welcome to stay and listen for the remainder of the committee meeting.
- ◆ If the vote on your bill is postponed and the Chair does not announce a date for further consideration, check back with committee staff or monitor the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Website for information on scheduling.

Where to Find Bill Information

- ◆ A fast, easy way to find up-to-date bill information is by using the internet. The Nevada Legislature maintains an extensive website where you can find bills, amendments, committee schedules, locations and agendas. The internet address is: www.leg.state.nv.us.
- ◆ When the Legislature is in session, the Legislative Message Center is available from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1-800-995-9080 or 1-800-978-2878 toll free.
- ◆ Copies of bills, resolutions, journals and histories can be obtained in the Public Bill Room on the first floor of the Legislative Building in Room 1201 or by calling the Public Bill Room at (775) 684-1387.