

## *Mock Debate & Vote Script*

### **Participants:**

**Presiding Officer:** Controls the debate and makes rulings on procedures.

**Bill/Tally Clerk:** Responsible for reading the resolution and collecting, counting, and announcing the votes.

**Floor Manager Pro:** Manages the presentation by supporters of the resolution; this person is sometimes the chair of the committee, in this case the Committee on Education and Workforce, or a person appointed by the chair. In the script, the Floor Manager Pro will be a House Member from the state of Maryland.

**Member Pro:** A member of the Education and Workforce Committee who supports the resolution. In the script, the Member Pro will be a House Member from the state of Minnesota.

**Floor Manager Con:** Manages the presentation by opponents of the resolution; often, this person is the Ranking Member of the minority party on the committee. In the script, the Floor Manager Con will be a House Member from the state of Louisiana.

**Member Con:** A member of the Education and Workforce Committee who opposes the resolution. In the script, the Member Con will be a House Member from the state of Pennsylvania.

**Member Offering Amendment:** A member of the Education and Workforce Committee who opposes the resolution in its current form and wishes to alter it. In the script, the Member Offering Amendment will be a House Member from the state of New York.

### **Debate Script:**

**FLOOR MANAGER PRO:** “M(r.)(s.) Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1,000,001 and ask for its immediate consideration.”

**BILL/TALLY CLERK:** [Reads text of full H. Res. 1,000,001.]

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** “The gentleperson from Maryland is recognized for 10 minutes.”

**FLOOR MANAGER PRO:** “M(r.)(s.) Speaker, for the purpose of debate, I yield the customary 5 minutes to the gentleperson from Louisiana, pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume.”

**FLOOR MANAGER CON:** “M(r.)(s.) Speaker, I thank the gentleperson from Maryland for yielding the customary 5 minutes, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.”

“M(r.)(s.) Speaker, I rise today in opposition to this bill, H. Res. 1,000,001, a bill to push back the starting time of the school day for American middle and high school students.”

*[Floor Manager Con will give prepared 1-2 minute speech here.]*

“M(r.)(s.) Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania.”

**MEMBER CON:** “M(r.)(s.) Speaker, I would like to thank the gentleperson from Louisiana for paying such close attention to H. Res. 1,000,001 in the Committee on Education and the Work Force, and helping his colleagues who oppose it to understand it better.”

*[Member Con will give prepared 1-2 minute speech here.]*

**FLOOR MANAGER CON:** “M(r.)(s.) Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleperson from New York.”

**MEMBER OFFERING AMENDMENT:** “M(r.)(s.) Speaker, I thank the gentleperson from Louisiana for yielding and rise today to offer an amendment to the bill under consideration.”

*[Member Offering Amendment will give prepared amendment here.]*

**FLOOR MANAGER CON:** “M(r.)(s.) Speaker, I move to vote on the gentleperson’s amendment, and yield back the balance of my time.”

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** “Without objection, the question is on the amendment to H. Res. 1,000,001. Those in favor say ‘Aye’? Those opposed say ‘No’?”

*[Presiding Officer decides if the “Ayes” or “Noes” have it].*

**FLOOR MANAGER CON:** “M(r.)(s.) Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.”

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** “A recorded vote has been demanded. This will be a 1-minute vote.”

*[Class must vote using the red and green voting cards. Each student must only submit one vote, either “Yea” or “Nay,” to the Bill/Tally Clerk. The Bill/Tally Clerk is responsible for collecting and counting the vote.]*

**BILL/TALLY CLERK:** *[Announces vote results.]*

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** “There being no further amendment in order, the question is on H. Res. 1,000,001. The Chair recognizes the gentleperson from Maryland.”

**FLOOR MANAGER PRO:** “M(r.) (s.) Speaker, . . .

*[Floor Manager Pro will give prepared 1-2 minute speech here.]*

“M(r.) (s.) Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleperson from Minnesota.”

**MEMBER PRO:** “M(r.) (s.) Speaker, I thank the gentleperson from Maryland and rise today to support this important bill, H. R. 1,000,001.”

*[Member Pro will give prepared 1-2 minute speech here.]*

**FLOOR MANAGER PRO:** “M(r.) (s.) Speaker I yield back the balance of my time and, and I move the previous question on the resolution.”

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** “Without objection, the question is on the resolution, H Res. 1,000,001. Those for? Those opposed? The “ayes” appear to have it.”

**FLOOR MANAGER CON:** “M(r.) (s.) Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.”

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** “This will be a 1-minute vote.”

*[Class must vote using the red and green voting cards. Each student must only submit one vote, either “Yea” or “Nay,” to the Bill/Tally Clerk. The Bill/Tally Clerk is responsible for collecting and counting the vote.]*

**BILL/TALLY CLERK:** *[Announces vote results.]*

**FLOOR MANAGER PRO:** “M(r.) (s.) Speaker, I move to table the motion to reconsider.”

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** “Without objection? The motion to reconsider is tabled.”

**FLOOR MANAGER PRO:** “M(r.) (s.) Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.”

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** “Without objection the House stands adjourned until morning hour debates at [insert tomorrow’s class time here], [insert tomorrow’s date here].”

*Running time: 15-25 minutes.*