

BEING RECOGNIZED TO SPEAK

Any time you wish to speak during debate, you must do the following:

1. Raise your Placard.
2. If the Chair points at you, you are being recognized to speak.
3. Walk to the podium/microphone - you may have to wait in line to speak. When it is your turn, say the following:

_____, representing
Your Full Name
_____, Sir/Madame Chair...
Your School

4. What you say next depends on what you are wishing to do:

Ask a Non-Debatable Technical Question (NDTQ):

...(Ask your question).

Speak during Pro/Con Debate

...I rise to speak in (favor/opposition) of this bill.

Optional - before starting your speech, you can also choose ONE (1) of the following options. If you are yielding to another delegate, they must be with you:

...I rise to speak in (favor/opposition) and reserve my right to yield to the delegate from (School).

...Will the Sponsors yield to a (question/series of questions)? I also reserve my right to...

...speak afterward.

OR

...yield to the delegate from (School).

5. When you are done speaking, you either yield your time to the Chair, or yield your time to the delegate with you:

I yield my time to the Chair.

OR

I yield my time to the delegate from (School).

NON-DEBATABLE TECHNICAL QUESTIONS

An NDTQ is a question of fact - questions that can be answered with yes, no, or evidence such as research/stats. They are "non-debatable." You cannot respond after Sponsors answer your question.

If the Chair believes your question is debatable, it will be called out of order and the floor will move to the next question.

Sample Technical Questions

- Where did you get your research?
- How many people will this impact?
- From where will the funding come?

Sample Debatable Questions

- Isn't this bad for Kentucky?
- Why is this a good option?
- Won't this be too expensive?

PRO / CON DEBATE

During Pro/Con Debate, in addition to (or instead of) speaking, you can also do either of the following if you reserve your right:

Ask a Question or Series of Questions

Delegates may use part or all of their time to ask the Sponsors a question or series of questions, any of which can be debatable.

Answers by the Sponsors are included in your 1 minute - if you are satisfied with a response, you can pause them, thank them for their answer, and move on to another question or to speaking/yielding.

Yielding

Delegates may also yield part of their 1-minute Pro/Con speech to one other delegate. You must reserve the right to yield before you begin speaking, and the delegate you are yielding to must be with you.

Motions and Amendments

Though an important part of the legislative process, no motions or amendments will be recognized at KYA due to time constraints.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE SCRIPT

It is now time for bill (#). Will the Sponsors of bill (#) come forward?

Bill Sponsors walk to podium

The Clerk will now read the title of the bill.

Clerk reads Bill Title

The Bill Sponsors will have 3 minutes to divide between their opening and closing statements. You may begin when ready.

Bill Sponsors give their Opening Statement

Seeing that the authors used (time) for their opening statement, they will have (time) for their closing. We will now have a 1-minute caucus.

Delegates caucus - discuss the bill as a group

It is now time for Non-Debatable Technical Questions. Are there any such questions on the floor?"

Delegates are recognized one by one to ask NDTQ's

The time for Non-Debatable Technical Questions has ended.

At this point during Committees, the Chair will call Lobbyists to give testimony if any are present

We will now move on to Pro-Con debate. Are there speakers wishing to speak in opposition to this bill?

The Chair selects speakers in opposition from those who raise their placards. They line up in front of the room

Are there speakers wishing to speak in favor of this bill?

The Chair selects speakers in favor from those who raise their placards. They also line up in front of the room

Seeing as the Bill Sponsors' opening was taken as a speech in favor, it is now time for a speech in opposition.

The first speaker in opposition has 1 minute to speak

Seeing as that was a speech in opposition, it is now time for a speech in favor.

The first speaker in favor has 1 minute to speak

The Chair then alternates between 1-minute speeches in opposition and favor until the final speakers

Seeing as that was our final speech in favor, it is now time for our final speech in opposition.

The final speaker in opposition has 1 minute to speak

Chair calls previous question. The Sponsors will now have (time) for their closing. You may begin when ready.

Bill Sponsors give Closing Statement

It is now time to (rank/vote on) this bill.

During Committees, the Chair will call a 30-second caucus for delegations to come to a consensus on ranking the bill

During House/Senate Chamber debate, the Chair will proceed directly to a vote on the bill

It is now time to vote on bill (#). Doorkeeper, please seal the chamber. All those in favor, please raise your placard and say Aye (Counts). All opposed, please raise your placard and say Nay (Counts).

It is the decision of the Chair that bill (#) has been (passed/defeated). (Chair raps gavel once). And it has. (Chair raps gavel twice).