

Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Rules – 2024

1. In any case where committee rules do not apply, Senate Rules shall govern. ~~All powers, duties and responsibilities not addressed herein are reserved to the Chair.~~
2. Cell phones and other electronic devices are to be turned off unless audible tones and ringers are disabled/silenced while in the committee room.
3. All committee seating is assigned by the Committee Chair.
4. The Chair shall determine the committee agenda, including scheduling and the order of business. Any item listed on the agenda may be removed at any time by the Chair.
5. Persons wishing to appear before the committee must provide twenty-five (25) copies of written testimony to the Committee Assistant no later than 12:00 (noon) on the day prior to the committee meeting in which the person wishes to appear.
6. The Chair reserves the right to limit testimony that is cumulative in nature and may limit testimony, when necessary, to a specific number of minutes.
7. Committee members shall not interrupt or address conferees until and unless permission is granted by the Chair.
8. Questioning of conferees shall be limited to the subject matter on the agenda for the day, except as otherwise may be allowed by the Chair.
9. Committee members are expected to address conferees by their title (i.e. Senator, Representative, Secretary, Commissioner, Mr., Mrs., etc.).
10. The Chair reserves the right to limit questioning of conferees by committee members in the interest of time and in the interest of fairness to conferees and other committee members.
11. No bill or resolution shall be taken up for a vote unless announced by the Chair. The Chair may bring up any bill previously heard for discussion and possible vote at any time.
12. After a motion to pass out favorably or not favorably is seconded, the committee may consider amendments to the main motion.
13. A substitute motion is in order, but no additional substitute motion shall be in order until the prior substitute motion is disposed of.
14. A motion to lay on the table shall be in order only when such item is on the agenda or is taken up by the Chair. The motion requires a simple majority of those present to pass. Unless determined by the Chair, such motion is non-debatable.
15. A motion to "take from the table" shall not be in order unless the item is on the agenda or taken up by the Chair. The motion requires a second and is debatable.
16. Committee members shall not be approached during a committee meeting by anyone other than fellow legislators or legislative staff.
17. A request from any member to have their vote recorded shall be granted.
18. The Chair reserves the right to take such action as deemed necessary to prevent disruptive behavior in the committee room during hearings and deliberations.
19. Adjournment is reserved to the Chair.