Committee Voting Procedures

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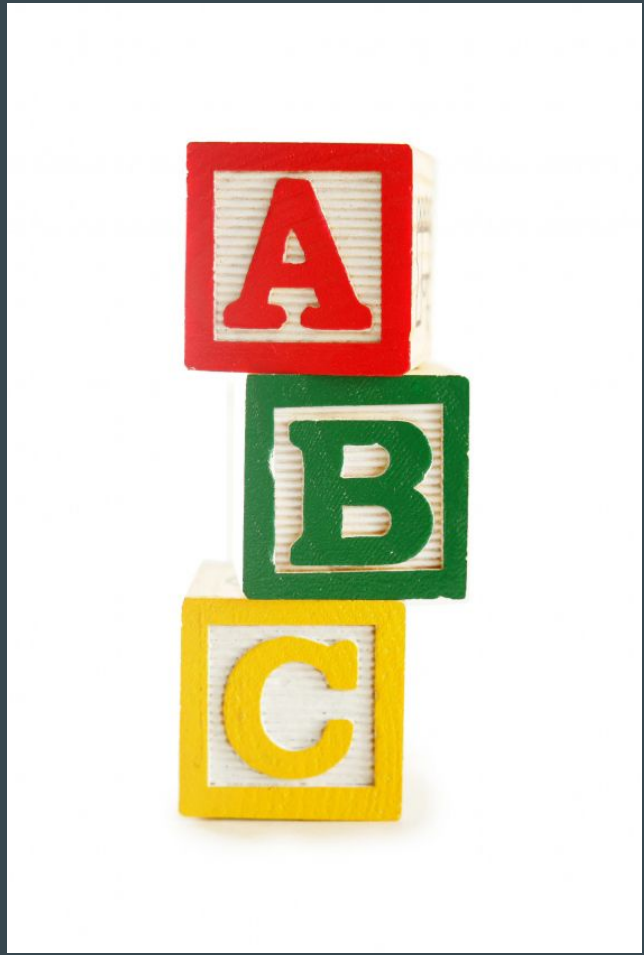
Basic Steps

1. Write Bill
2. Introduce Bill
3. Introduction Amendments
4. Motion for Previous Question/Lay on the Table

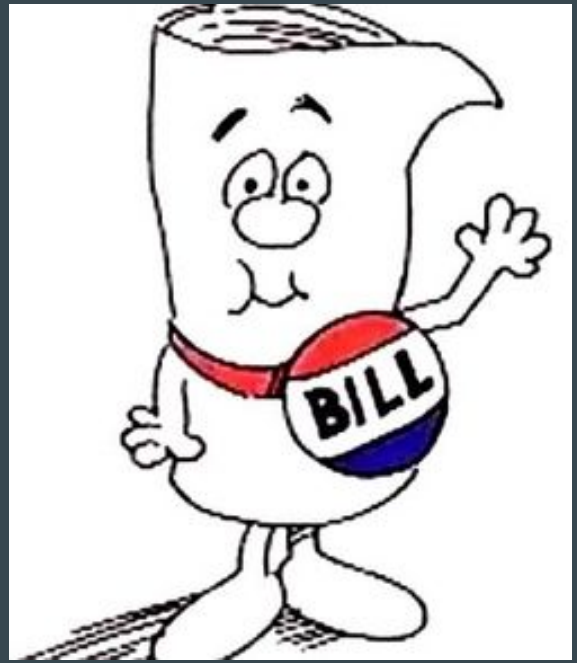
What Could Happen:

- Objection to Consideration
- Divide the Question
- Pass by Acclamation



Writing the Bill

- Parts Review
  - Title
  - Preamble
  - Content
  - Definitions
  - Enforcement
  - Funding
- Signatories=Delegates who want to see debated
- Sponsors=Authors
- When?
  - Mods
  - Speaker's List
  - UNMODS ESPECIALLY



Introduction of a Bill

Before the Motion:

- Required Signatories
  - Senate: 6
  - House: 10
- Submit to Chair
- Wait for approval

Motion:

- 1 Speaker For || 1 Speaker Against ------> Don’t speak on the content of the bill
- Requires support of 1/3 of voting members

Introduction of a Bill–What Happens Next?

- Read for the committee
- New Speaker's List opened
- Amendments may be introduced
- No time limit
- Continues until Motion for Previous Question/Lay on the Table

Introduction of an Amendment

- Why?
  - Change a bill that has already been introduced
- Before Motion:
  - Write amendment
  - Find Signatories
    - House: 8
    - Senate: 2
  - **Submit to Chair**
  - Wait for approval and publication

Introduction of an Amendment

- Author of amendment introduces amendment
- Chair asks authors of original bill if amendment is **FRIENDLY** or **UNFRIENDLY**

Introduction of Amendment

If friendly:	If unfriendly:

Amendment is added to bill and committee returns to general debate on bill	• Motion to debate:
	  ○ No vote
	  ○ No speakers for/against
	  ○ Only requires a second to be placed on floor
	  ○ Author of amendment gets first pro-speech and author of bill gets first con-speech
	  ○ Speaker's List
	  ○ Continues until Motion to Lay on the Table/for Previous Question

Outcome - Previous Question

- Motion For Previous Question = Motion to Vote on the Bill/Amendment
- Motion:
  - During debate on amendment or bill
  - One speaker against-->(Don't speak about content)
  - Requires a **2/3** majority to pass
- If motion for previous question passed:
  - Committee votes on amendment or bill
  - To pass bill/amendment: simple majority of votes
  - If bill/amendment fails: discarded

Outcome-Lay on the Table

- Motion to Lay on the Table = Stop debate without making a decision
- Motion:
  - During debate on an amendment/bill
  - No Speakers
  - Requires 2/3 majority
- Result: Debate on amendment/bill ended immediately
- Can be “Removed from the table” to be discussed later
  - No speakers
  - Requires simple majority

Amendment Outcome–Pass by Acclamation

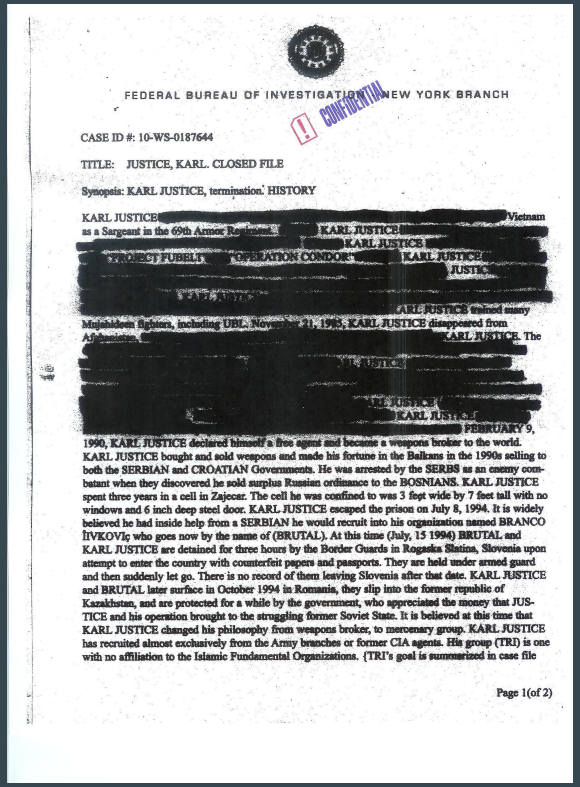
- Pass by Acclamation=Pass Automatically
- If no objection to an amendment
- Debate ended immediately
- Amendment adopted
- Debate on bill resumes

Voting

- Vocal Vote or Placard Vote is standard
- Vocal Vote: Everyone says “Yay” or “Nay” simultaneously
- Placard Vote: Raise your placards when asked
- May Motion for for Roll Call Vote
    - Requires seconds from 1/5th of members
    - Chair will read from member list
    - One by One say “Yay” or “Nay”

Motion To Divide Question

- What?
  - Separates out individual clauses from a bill
- Why?
  - If you agree with all but several clauses of a bill
  - Allows you to remove these clauses
- Motion:
  - During Debate on a bill/amendment
  - Does not require a vote
  - Clearly specify the divisions
- Committee votes on each division
- If pass with a simple majority: Considered part of the bill
- If fail: Discarded
- Then debate will continue on the remaining parts of the bill



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CASE ID #: 10-WS-0187644

TITLE: JUSTICE, KARL. CLOSED FILE

Synopsis: KARL JUSTICE, termination. HISTORY

KARL JUSTICE [redacted] Vietnam as a Sargeant in the 69th Armor Regiment. [redacted] KARL JUSTICE [redacted] KARL JUSTICE [redacted] KARL JUSTICE [redacted] JUSTICE [redacted] Mujahideen fighters, including UBL. [redacted] 1985, KARL JUSTICE disappeared from [redacted] KARL JUSTICE. The [redacted] KARL JUSTICE [redacted] FEBRUARY 9, 1990, KARL JUSTICE declared himself a free agent and became a weapons broker to the world. KARL JUSTICE bought and sold weapons and made his fortune in the Balkans in the 1990s selling to both the SERBIAN and CROATIAN Governments. He was arrested by the SERBS as an enemy combatant when they discovered he sold surplus Russian ordinance to the BOSNIANS. KARL JUSTICE spent three years in a cell in Zajecar. The cell he was confined to was 3 feet wide by 7 feet tall with no windows and 6 inch deep steel door. KARL JUSTICE escaped the prison on July 8, 1994. It is widely believed he had inside help from a SERBIAN he would recruit into his organization named BRANCO ĬIVKOVIç who goes now by the name of (BRUTAL). At this time (July, 15 1994) BRUTAL and KARL JUSTICE are detained for three hours by the Border Guards in Rogaska Slatina, Slovenia upon attempt to enter the country with counterfeit papers and passports. They are held under armed guard and then suddenly let go. There is no record of them leaving Slovenia after that date. KARL JUSTICE and BRUTAL later surface in October 1994 in Romania, they slip into the former republic of Kazakhstan, and are protected for a while by the government, who appreciated the money that JUSTICE and his operation brought to the struggling former Soviet State. It is believed at this time that KARL JUSTICE changed his philosophy from weapons broker, to mercenary group. KARL JUSTICE has recruited almost exclusively from the Army branches or former CIA agents. His group (TRI) is one with no affiliation to the Islamic Fundamental Organizations. (TRI's goal is summarized in case file

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Objection to Consideration

- Prevents debate on amendment, bill, or debatable motion
- Doesn't require speakers for/against
- Requires 2/3 majority
- Debatable Motions:
  - Return to Previous Question
  - Introduction of bill/ amendment