Creating a Witness Slip

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Purpose of a witness slip

- A way to engage the general public and advocacy organizations in the legislative process
- Provides legislators with data on view/position of a bill.
- Integral step in getting legislation moving from committee to Senate/House floor
Positions and types of testimony

- Positions
  - Proponent
  - Opponent
  - No Position on Merits
- Types of Testimony
  - Oral
  - Written
  - Record of Appearance
Step 1: Go to ilga.gov and click on the appropriate chamber’s schedule
Step 2: Click “schedule for the week” in the appropriate chamber
Step 3: Click on the committee that is hearing the bill
Step 4: Click on “create witness slip” and a new screen will appear.
Step 5: Click on the paper with pencil
Step 6: Fill out slip with personal information, then click “create slip”
You’ve created a witness slip!!
Go and advocate!!