

Committee Request Assignment

Under *Committees* you can indicate committee preferences to the leadership and to other legislators. Committee assignments are important because they signal your policy priorities to constituents, and they provide opportunities for extraordinary influence over legislation within particular policy areas. Committees have negative and positive agenda control. With rare exceptions, only bills that are favorably reported from committee are taken up on the floor. In addition, the committee's version of a bill (not the bill as introduced) is usually the focus of debate when a bill is taken up on the floor.

In one single spaced page, explain the motivations behind your committee requests and how they relate to your representational and policy goals.