

Special Rules for Law and Justice Committee Investigation Regarding the Department of Corrections

Hearings

(a) A committee member may question witnesses only when recognized by the chairman for that purpose. The chair retains the right to limit time for questioning by a member. The chairman shall, so far as practicable, recognize alternately based on seniority of those majority and minority members present at the time the hearing was called to order and others based on their arrival at the hearing. After that, additional time may be extended at the direction of the chairman.

(b) All questions put to witnesses before the committee shall be relevant to the subject matter before the Committee for consideration, and the chairman shall rule on the relevance of any questions put to the witnesses.

(c) Witnesses appearing before the committee may, so far as practicable, submit written statements at least 24 hours before their appearance.

(d) All witnesses appearing in hearings may be administered the following oath by the Chairman or his designee prior to receiving the testimony: ``Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony that you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?."