

LMC Government Session

Legislative Simulation

Assignment: You have been elected to serve on the LMC Class of 2022 Legislative Simulation. Your mission is to pass a bill with your peers in the House and Senate establishing the official LMC Class of 2022 Dessert. Please keep in mind that you were elected to represent your constituents in your district.

4 different bills have been filed (1 Senate bill and 3 House bills).

- SB 1 – Authored by Ian Ramirez (Ice Cream as official dessert w/mix-ins and a lactose option)
- HB 2 - Authored by Elizabeth Eddins (Ice Cream as official dessert w/mix-ins, no dairy free or lactose intolerant option)
- HB 3 - Authored by De’Andre Guin (Frio’s Gourmet Pops as official dessert, gluten free, dairy free, nut free options)
- HB 4 – Authored by Mark Linabury (Pecan Pie as official dessert)

Rules:

- Each class member has been assigned to the House or Senate and given a district they represent.
- The House members must elect a Speaker of the House at lunch who will ultimately lead the House strategy.
- The Senate will be led by Lt. Governor, Melissa Bochat, who will lead the Senate’s strategy.
- During lunch, you will have the opportunity to sit amongst peers at a caucus meeting to plan your strategy (each table will be designated per caucus). Be aware that during lunch, lobbyists, advocacy groups, and constituents will also be present working to advocate for their cause.
 - o Dairy Farmers of America Caucus
 - o Popsicle Caucus
 - o Pecan Farmers Caucus
 - o Lactose Intolerant Caucus
 - o Gluten Free Caucus
 - o Wheat Farmers Caucus
- The Speaker of the House will pick 1 chair and 4 committee members towards the end of lunch to finalize which bill will go to the House floor for a vote.
 - o House Dessert Committee
- The Lt. Governor will pick 1 chair and 4 committee members towards the end of lunch to finalize which bill will go to the Senate floor for a vote.
 - o Senate Dessert Committee
- At 3:30, the House and Senate committee members will have 10 minutes to meet prior to the floor debate. Whichever bill passes out of each committee, that bill sponsor will be chosen to present the bill to the entire chamber.
- From 3:40- 4:15, each Chamber will meet and will need to vote a bill version out by the majority and have the opposite Chamber also vote and approve before it heads to Governor Albert’s desk.
 - o Amendments can be made to the bills.
 - o If each Chamber passes their own bill, the other Chamber will also need to pass the same version. Only one bill will get to the Governor’s desk, and both Chambers must vote to pass one bill version into law.
 - o The Senate or the House can decide to take up a companion version- the exact same bill- as the other Chamber if they wish.
 - o If the Chamber’s cannot come to an agreement by 4:15, then the class will not a pass a bill.

Leadership:

- Governor- Brian Albert
- Lt. Governor- Melissa Bochat
- Speaker of the House- Elected by class during lunch
- House Parliamentarian, Sarah Henry
- Senate Parliamentarian, Angela Storseth
- Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the House, Sarah Rhea

35 House of Representatives

1. De'Andre Guin

HB 3 Author- You represent the gluten-free district. Your bill is focused on popsicles being the official dessert because it's favorable to gluten free and lactose intolerant districts. You have a constituent that opened a franchise of Frio's Gourmet Pops and you think this would be the perfect official LMC class dessert and accommodates all allergens.

2. Mark Linabury

HB 4 Author- You think Pecan pie should be the official dessert of LMC because it is the official state pie of Texas. You represent the pecan farmers of southeast Texas.

3. Elizabeth Eddins

HB 2 Author- your version of the bill is very similar but not identical to the senate version. You have a big dairy district and outside the legislature, you are a dairy farmer. Over the last few years, sales for you have declined because of the milk alternatives.

4. Ana Brumfield

You represent a large wheat farmer community. In fact, Wheat Farmers of America is headquartered in your district.

5. Ann Marie Ronsman

You represent a large share of Pecan Farmers in your district. You have about 30 acres yourself of pecan trees, so this industry is very important to you. You want to work closely with Rep. Ian Ramirez because he just got a Planters nut factory in his district and you want to make sure they are using locally sourced pecans. You think passing the Pecan Pie as the official LMC class of 2022 dessert would make you look really good to the factory.

6. Antonio Paz

Your district is split between dairy farmers and lactose intolerant constituents. You are constantly at battle in your district so try to find the best solution for everyone. You think Frio's Gourmet Pops is a great solution because it includes dairy options as well as allergen free options so is the best of all worlds.

7. Brittany Vinson

You represent a large gluten free community. Your district tries whatever it can to keep the wheat industry out of your district lines. You like the Frio's Gourmet Pops bill but fear the dairy lobby is too strong.

8. Christi Tartt

You represent a large dairy cattle community where cattle are bred for the ability to produce large quantities of milk.

9. **Cindy Polio**
You represent a large ice cream factory in your community. You fear the gourmet popsicle community is taking over the ice cream industry.
10. **David Deveau**
You represent then gluten free district and are constantly at odds with the wheat industry.
11. **Debbie Glenn**
As a restaurant owner outside of your job in the legislature, you are a paying member of the Texas Restaurant Association. You are thrilled to see any legislation around food, and you know what desserts do best in your restaurant and will be a top advocate for anything but popsicles. You believe popsicles does not do well for restaurants.
12. **Dianna Morgan**
You represent the community for alternative sugars. You think popsicles is the perfect dessert because it can be made using several different options as opposed to just cane sugar.
13. **Brandon Steinman**
You are a strong advocate for the gluten free community. Your district is indifferent, but you personally have a passion for gluten free options.
14. **Erin Kinney**
You represent the lactose intolerant district. You push to make sure that any legislation that passes always includes at least a lactose intolerant option.
15. **Heather Cook**
Planters has a nut packaging factory in your district. They recently started packaging pecans grown in Rep. Ann Marie Ronsman's district. You are working very closely with her to make sure that the official class dessert of LMC is a Pecan Pie, but you also have a vested interest in working with the lactose intolerant community because Planter's provides almonds for a large almond milk factory.
16. **James Campbell**
You represent rural Texas and have a vested interest in desserts that include eggs.
17. **Janice Thigpen**
You represent the milk alternative district- Almond milk, oat milk, soy milk, coconut milk, cashew milk etc.
18. **Jeffrey Newkirk**
You represent the sugar cane farmers and support any legislation that uses cane sugar.
19. **Jennifer Carattini-Wright**
You have a lot of dairy stakeholders in your district and will vote for any legislation that uses dairy products.
20. **Jessica Munselle**
You have a large pie factory in your district and pie is your favorite dessert.
21. **Jordan Campos**
You represent the artificial food coloring industry. You like desserts that are bright and colorful. Popsicles intrigue you. There are a few dye free options however that Frio's Gourmet Pops provide.

22. Jose de Leon

You have a small independent chocolate factory in your community that employs about 1,000 constituents. They have had declining sales lately so you think passing legislation highlighting chocolate candies would help boost your local economy.

23. Katie Schonert

You represent a large wheat farm community in your district.

24. Kimberly Steed

You have an independent cookie bakery, Mama's Little Cookie Shop, in your community. It is a local favorite, and you have constituents calling everyday asking you to amend one of the bills to include a cookie provision. They think ice cream and cookies should always be served together.

25. Kristine Marlow

You represent a large gluten free district, but they would support pie crusts that are gluten free.

26. Kurt Kleeman

You represent a large wheat farm community in your district.

27. Lisa Fenley

Mars Wrigley Confectionary opened a distribution center in your district. You vested interests are in some of their famous candy brands such as M&M's, snickers, Milky Way, Twix, etc

28. Lisa Prado

You have a lot of dairy stakeholders in your district and will vote for any legislation that uses dairy products.

29. Pamela Milstead

Your district is split between dairy farmers and lactose intolerant constituents. You are constantly at battle in your district so try to find the best solution for everyone.

30. Rebecca Smith

You represent then gluten free district and are constantly at odds with the wheat industry.

31. Ruthanne Haut

You represent the milk alternative district- Almond milk, oat milk, soy milk, coconut milk, cashew milk etc.

32. Sabrina K. Yamani

You represent the community for alternative sugars. You think popsicles are the perfect dessert because it can be made using several different options as opposed to just cane sugar.

33. Sandra Ferguson

Mars Wrigley Confectionary opened a distribution center in your district. You vested interests are in some of their famous candy brands such as M&M's, snickers, Milky Way, Twix, etc.

34. Tamika Taylor

You represent a large lactose intolerant district.

35. Whitney Arriaga

You are a strong advocate for the gluten free community. Your district is indifferent, but you personally have a passion for gluten free options.

9 Senators:

1. Ian Ramirez

SB 1 Author, you are willing to work with the lactose intolerant stakeholders on the bill, the dessert under the bill includes a lactose intolerant option. Mix-ins also include gluten free options for the gluten free-community as well.

2. Evin Wilkerson

You have a lot of lactose intolerant and gluten free stakeholders in your district and will vote for any legislation that has several options available.

3. Brittany Chandler

You have a small independent chocolate factory in your community that employs about 1,000 constituents. They have had declining sales lately so you think passing legislation highlighting chocolate candies would help boost your local economy.

4. Jordan Buras

You are a strong advocate for the gluten free community. Your district is indifferent, but you personally have a passion for gluten free options.

5. Michael Ellis

Mars Wrigley Confectionary opened a distribution center in your district. You vested interests are in some of their famous candy brands such as M&M's, snickers, Milky Way, Twix, etc. However, they just cut a deal with Frio's to provide chocolate, caramel, etc. for their popsicles. Mars is supportive of both ice cream and popsicles since both industries use their products.

6. Christina Harugthy

You have a large frozen fruit factory and wholesaler in your district that distributes products to companies like Frio's Gourmet Pops. They have a vested interest in HB 3. You are working with Senator Kelly McDonald who also has an interest in carrying a companion to the House version, in the Senate.

7. Kelly McDonald

You believe the Frio's Gourmet Pops bill in the House (HB 3) is the right bill that needs to pass since it has options for all allergens and might be a good middle ground. You want to work with Senator Christina Harugthy on a plan to get the Senate to carry a companion bill as opposed to SB 1.

8. Rebecca McDonald

You have a lot of dairy stakeholders in your district and will vote for any legislation that uses dairy products.

9. Paul Sirbaugh

You represent a large ice cream factory in your community.

Alumni Roles:

Blanton Lobby Firm

- The biggest and most powerful lobby firm in all of LMC. Blanton represents the Dairy Farmers. You were hired to push and get SB 1 PASSED.

Rivera Lobby Firm

- A very friendly lobby firm that represents the lactose intolerant community. You pushed hard for the lactose intolerant community to have a provision in SB 1 that includes a lactose intolerant ice cream. However, you believe several Senators will try and get a companion version of HB 3, The Frio's Gourmet Pops bill, in the Senate and is the most likely bill to pass. You are working with Hollie & Hollie to make sure the Senate carries a companion.

Hollie & Hollie Lobby Firm

- You are a very trustworthy husband and wife lobby team. Both of you have been around the Capitol for years so know the ins and outs of the process. You have been hired by a company in Senator Christina Harugthy' S district (a large frozen fruit factory and wholesaler) to push HB 3. Your mission is to get the Senate to agree to pass HB 3, the Frio's Gourmet Pops bill.

Constituent A – You dislike the dairy industry, you support HB 3, Frio's Gourmet Pops

Constituent B – CEO of the Mars Wrigley Confectionary

Constituent C – Owner of Mama's Little Cookie Shop in District 24

Constituent D – You are a dairy farmer