THE ROLE OF THE SENATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS
The Polish Senate

- The Upper Chamber of the Polish parliament
- The history of the Senate is rich in tradition and stretches back over 500 years
- Abolished in 1946
- Reestablished in 1989
Legislative procedure

Sponsor of bill
members of Sejm, Senate, Council of Ministers, President, 100000 citizens

Sejm

Senate

Promulgation
In Journal of Law

President of Poland
Signature
THE PASSED BILL IS SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE

1. Preparation of all documents
2. Committees’ work
3. Plenary session of the Senate – debate
   * the presentation of a committee’s report by Senator-rapporteur
   * the presentation of a government position
   * discussion
   * voting
WORK AT COMMITTEES

- Marshal of the Senate refers the bill to relevant Senate committees

- The bill is discussed at a committee meeting and draft Senate resolution and the report of the committee are prepared
PLenary session of the senate, debate on the bill

-The presentation of the committee’s report
  -by a senator-rapporteur

* 1 minute questions from Senators
The presentation of a government position

* by the Minister or relevant representative of the government

* 1 minute questions from Senators
Discussion

*all Senators may take part in a discussion

*as a rule speech of a Senator in a discussion may not exceed 10 minutes (5 minutes extra time on Senator’s demand)
Amendments

* shall be submitted by Senators by the end of the discussion,
* may propose an alternative solutions
* must be closely linked to the bill
Committees meeting during a break in the plenary session

* committees express their opinion on every tabled amendment

* committees prepare report
After resuming the debate Senator-rapporteur

*discusses the motions included in the report
*explains the consequences of adoption of motions
VOTE ON THE BILL AT THE SESSION OF THE SENATE

Voting order:

1) voting on a motion to reject a bill
2) voting on a motion to accept a bill without amendments
3) voting on amendments to particular articles or paragraphs, according to the sequence of the provisions of the bill

*voting on the Senate resolution in–total with amendments
SENATE RESOLUTION

- Adoption of a bill without amendments
- Adoption of amendments to a bill
- Complete rejection of a bill
Thank you for your attention

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