

**YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT
CLOSING CEREMONY SCRIPT - 2023**

Youth in Government Participants: Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor (President of the Senate), House Sergeant-at-Arms, Youth Governor, Youth Governor-Elect, Secretary of State, Chief Justice, Chief Justice-Elect, Appellate Judges, Attorney General, Deputy Attorney Generals, Senate Chaplain, House and Senate Floor Leaders, House and Senate Assistant Floor Leaders

Speaker: (At 12:30 p.m. announce to the members of the House that they have 5 minutes before you call them to order. Send a page to the Senate with a message to the President of the Senate that the house now awaits the presence of the Senate. This is a written note. The Speaker should have this note written prior to the Closing Ceremony and should have it ready to give to the page at this time.)

Speaker: (At 12:35 p.m., rap the gavel 3 times to call the meeting to order.)
“The House will come to order. The House will be at ease pending the arrival of the Senate.”

(Rap the gavel once.) **“Please be seated.”**

While this procedure is occurring the House, the same procedure is occurring in the Senate.

President of the Senate: (At 12:30 p.m. announce to the members of the Senate that they have 5 minutes before you call them to order.)

President of the Senate: (At 12:35 p.m., rap the gavel 3 times to call the meeting to order.)
“The Senate will come to order. The Senate will be at ease. The Senators will please line up at the Senate doors as we await the invitation from the House to join them in the Closing Ceremony.”

(When the House page arrives with a note from the Speaker, the President of the Senate will lead the Senators across the Rotunda to the House. Wait outside the doors until the Sergeant-at-Arms announces your arrival.)

Sgt.-at-Arms: “Mister/Madam Speaker.”

Speaker: “The Chair recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms.”

Sgt.-at-Arms: “Mister/Madam Speaker, may I announce the arrival of the Senate.”

Speaker: “The House is pleased to welcome the presence of the Senate.”

(Rap the gavel 3 times.) **“Please stand.”**

(Go into the well and greet the Lieutenant Governor. Take him/her to the rostrum and seat him/her to your right. The Senators file in and take a seat wherever there is one available.)

Sgt.-at-Arms: “Mister/Madam Speaker.”

Speaker: “The Chair recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms.”

Sgt.-at-Arms: “Mister/Madam Speaker, may I announce the arrival of the Honorable Judge, Jessica Lorello of the Idaho Court of Appeals.”

Speaker: “This joint body is pleased to welcome the Honorable Judge Jessica Lorello, of the Idaho Court of Appeals and member of the Statewide Committee. Floor Leaders and Assistant Floor Leaders, please escort Judge Lorello into the Chamber.”

(Speaker, go into the well, shake Judge Lorello’s hand and escort her to the rostrum to be seated on right.)

Sgt.-at-Arms: “Mister/Madam Speaker, may I announce the arrival of the YMCA Youth Government Elected Officials.”

Speaker: “This joint body is pleased to welcome the YMCA Youth Governor, Secretary of State, Chief Justice, Chief Justice- Elect and the Appellate Judges, Attorney General, Deputy Attorney Generals. Floor Leaders and Assistant Floor Leaders, please escort the YMCA Youth Government Elected Officials into the Chamber.”

(The Floor Leaders and Assistant Floor Leaders will be seated at the desks in the back row, on both sides of the aisle. When instructed to do so, the Floor Leaders lead the designated group down the aisle and the Assistant Floor Leaders are behind the designated group. When the Floor Leaders reach the well, they turn towards each other and wait for the designated group to pass between them. When the Assistant Floor Leaders reach the well, the Floor Leaders turn and follow the Assistant Floor Leaders back to their seats.)

(Speaker, go into the well and welcome the Governor. Escort them to the rostrum where they will be seated. All other officials will be seated in chairs on the left and the right of the aisle.)

Speaker: (Rap the gavel three times.) All Representatives, Senators, and all those present in the gallery, please stand and join me in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.”

(Turn and face the Flag and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.”

Speaker: (Rap the gavel once.)

“Please be seated.”

Speaker: “Chief Justice, would you please announce the decisions of the Youth in Government Supreme Court and offer your closing remarks.”

(The Chief Justice goes to the podium and announces the decision in each of the cases argued in front of the Youth Supreme Court and then adds his/her thoughts and comments about the State Convention.)

Speaker: “Thank you, Chief Justice. Mr. /Madame Governor, would you please announce your decisions regarding legislation passed by this legislature and offer your closing remarks.”

(The Governor goes to the podium and announces which pieces of legislation he/she has signed. He/she also announces which pieces of legislation he/she has vetoed and includes a brief explanation of his/her objections to each bill vetoed. He/she then adds his/her thoughts and comments about the State Convention. This is when he/she will announce the elected Youth Governor for the next program year.)

Youth Governor: “I am now honored to announce the Youth Governor for the 2024 Youth in Government State Session. The 2024 Youth Governor is _____.”

“I would like to welcome Mr./Ms. _____ to join me at the podium and provide us with a brief acceptance speech.”

Speaker: “Thank you, Mr./Madame Governor the Chair recognizes the newly elected Youth Governor.”

Elected Governor: “Thank you Mr./Madame Chair.

(The newly elected Governor will go up to the podium and shake the Youth Governor’s hand and Speaker of the House’s hand. They will then need to provide a very brief acceptance speech and a little information on their positive vision for the next program year.)

Speaker: “Thank you, Mr./Madame Governor. Lieutenant Governor, please present your closing remarks to this Joint Session.”

(The Lieutenant Governor goes to the podium and offers his/her thoughts and comments about the State Convention.)

Speaker: “Thank you, Lieutenant Governor.”

(Now it is the Speaker’s turn to offer his/her thoughts and comments about the State Convention.)

Sgt.-at-Arms: “Mister/Madam Speaker”

Speaker: “The Chair recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms.”

Sgt.-at-Arms: “Mister/Madam Speaker, may I announce the arrival of the Treasure Valley YMCA Youth in Government Coordinator Mr. John Rutten-Turner.”

Speaker: “The chair would like to welcome the Treasure Valley YMCA Youth in Government Coordinator Mr. John Rutten-Turner to the podium. Floor Leaders and Assistant Floor Leaders please escort Mr. Rutten-Turner into the Chamber.”

The Speaker will go into the well and shake Mr. Rutten-Turner hand and then escort her to the podium. The YMCA Youth in Government Coordinator goes to the podium and offers his/her closing remarks.)

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Rutten-Turner for you kind words. Floor Leaders and Assistant Floor leaders please escort Mr. Rutten-Turner out of the Chambers.”

Speaker: “The Senate Chaplain will now lead us in prayer.”

Senate Chaplain: *Provides closing prayer.*

Speaker: “Thank you. Will everyone including those in the gallery please stand for the retirement of the flags. Will both the Sergeants of Arms please attend to the retirement of the flags.”

The Sergeant of arms for both the House and Senate will come down the aisle side by side and separate at the well to each take a flag. They will then come back to the well where they will meet in the middle of the well and turn to take both flags side by side out of the House Chamber. Both flags should be taken to the far right side behind the chambers until the ceremony is over and flags should be placed back into the chamber.

Speaker: “Thank you. You may all now be seated.”

House Floor Leader: (Stand.) “Mr. Speaker.”

Speaker: “The Chair recognizes the House Floor Leader.”

House Floor Leader: “Mr. Speaker, I move that the 2023 Youth in Government State Session adjourn *sine die*.”

Senate Floor Leader: (Stand.) “Mr. Speaker, I second that motion.”

Speaker: “All those in favor, say ‘aye.’”

Speaker: “The 2023 Youth in Government State Session is now adjourned *sine die*.”

(Rap the gavel once.)