

Committee Decorum

The Advisory Committee on Capitol Area Security recommends that the House and Senate adopt joint rules at the beginning of each biennium that specify the conduct of members and the public in committee hearings. The Committee recommends these rules state the type of conduct that is expected and the type of conduct that is not allowed, for example disruptive behavior, video cameras, or signs. In addition, these committee decorum rules should specify how the rules will be enforced, give the committee chair the power to clear the committee room in case of disturbance, and seek the assistance of the Sergeant at Arms and Capitol Security.

The Committee also recommends that in all cases of potential criminal activity on the Capitol grounds, Minnesota State Patrol Capitol Security Division be the designated investigatory authority.