# Senate Interim Committee on Commerce and General Government

### **Committee Primer**

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## "Commerce" According to Merriam Webster

#### **Definition**:

"The exchange or buying and selling of goods, commodities, property or services, especially on a large-scale or involving transportation from place to place."

#### **Synonyms**:

marketplace, trade, industry, business, economic activity



### Other Sources that Define "Commerce"

"[T]he buying and selling of goods and services".

(Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary)

"Commerce refers generally to the activity of exchanging products, goods and services for financial gain".

(Legal Information Institute, Cornell Law School)

Commerce includes "a business such as insurance". (United States v. South-Eastern Underwriters [1944])



## **Open Discussion**



What does "Commerce" mean to you?



What policies or issues fit under "Commerce"?



What do you want to know about "Commerce"?



## "General Government" According to Merriam Webster

No specific definition for "general government".

#### "General" defined as:

- Involving, applicable to, or affecting the whole.
- Not confined by specialization or careful limitation.

#### "Government" defined as:

- The executive branch of a political unit (e.g. state, county, or city).
- The complex of political institutions, laws, and customs through which the function of governing is carried out.



## **Open Discussion**



What does "General Government" mean to you?



What policies or issues fit under "General Government"?



What do you want to know about "General Government"?



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