

# A Turkey Takes A Stand



## Characters:

Narrator 1	Senator 1	Trevor Turkey	Spectator 1
Narrator 2	Senator 2	Tonya Turkey	Spectator 2
Narrator 3	Senator 3	TV Reporter	Spectator 3
Narrator 4	Senator 4	Teddy Turkey	Spectator 4
Narrator 5	Reporter 1	Teresa Turkey	Spectator 5
Narrator 6	Reporter 2	Sally Salmon	Spectator 6

### **Narrator 1:**

It's several weeks before Thanksgiving. An unusual hearing is about to take place in the halls of congress. A buzz fills the room as the members of Congress settle into their seats.

### **Narrator 2:**

For Trevor and Tonya turkey, this is an important day. They know, as they prepare to make their case before lawmakers and the nation, that they have a chance to make history. Cameras flash as they take their seats.

### **Senator 1:**

Good morning, our speakers today are Mr. Trevor Turkey and Mrs. Tonya Turkey from Turkeyville, USA. Sir, you may begin.

### **Trevor:**

Thank you Senator. I come to you this morning to talk about Thanksgiving, more specifically, about the dilemma of turkeys on

that great national holiday. For most citizens, Thanksgiving is a time of celebration. For me and my fellow turkeys, many of whom become the main course on dinner tables across this country, it's a sad sad day indeed.

**Senator 2:**

Mr. Turkey, are you proposing that we abolish Thanksgiving?

**Narrator 3:**

Sounds of shock and dismay fill the room.

**Tonya:**

No sir, I'm only asking for a change in the celebration. We're here to propose a new law that would abolish turkeys as the main course for Thanksgiving dinner.

**Narrator 4:**

The gasps of shock and whispers of dismay grow louder.

**Senator 1:** (hitting his gavel on the table)

Order! Order! Order!

**Senator 3:**

Mr. Turkey, we sympathize with your concerns. But why should we change a tradition that began with the pilgrims?

**Senator 4:**

What would YOU suggest as the official main course for the Thanksgiving meal, sir? Hot dogs? Perhaps we should turn Thanksgiving dinner into a barbeque?

**Narrator 5:**

The sound of giggles fills the hearing room.

**Senator 1:** (hitting his gavel on the table)

Order! Order! Order!

**Trevor:**

The pilgrims ate a variety of foods on the first Thanksgiving- corn, fish, and squash for example. All are delicious, as well as nutritious. Fish, in fact, would make a fine main course for Thanksgiving!

**Senator 1:**

Sir, your proposal could affect other Thanksgiving traditions. For example, what about the stuffing? Where would we cook the stuffing?

**Tonya:**

You can cook the stuffing in a pan or baking dish. In fact, many recipes today encourage cooking stuffing separately.

**Senator 2:**

What about gravy? How would we make gravy?

**Trevor:**

Many of today's gravy mixes taste just as good as homemade, Senator.

**Senator 3:**

What about leftovers? No turkey sandwiches or turkey soup?

**Tonya:**

Great sandwiches, salads, and soups can be made from leftover fish and vegetables too. In fact, you'll find a number of delicious turkey-free recipes on my website: [Don't Eat Turkey.com](http://Don'tEatTurkey.com)

**Senator 4:**

Well Mr. And Mrs. Turkey, you certainly have thought this through. We'll consider your proposal and let you know when we've made a decision.

**Trevor:**

Thank you, Senators!

**Narrator 6:**

Two reporters catch up with Trevor and Tonya as they leave the hearing room.

**Reporter 1:**

Trevor and Tonya, what are your thoughts on the hearing?

**Tonya:**

We presented our case. We can only hope for the best.

**Reporter 2:**

Do you think your proposal will become a law?

**Trevor:**

That's up to congress. Excuse me, we have a plane to catch.

**Narrator 1:**

Trevor and Tony push their way through the crowd outside the building. Some spectators shout their opinions about his proposal.

**Spectator 1:**

Save our turkeys!

**Spectator 2:**

Keep our Thanksgiving traditions!

**Spectator 3:**

Eat more fish!

**Spectator 4:**

Don't ruin our Thanksgiving by taking away our meals! Turkey is something we look forward to each year!

**Spectator 5:**

Yea! You can't stop us from eating turkey!

**Spectator 6:**

I can't believe you're trying to change something that's been the same for so long!

**Narrator 2:**

During the next few days, Trevor and Tonya appeared on many talk shows and spoke about their proposal at rallies and protests. At the end of the week, they return home to their kids, Teresa and Teddy Turkey.

**Teddy:**

Mom and dad are back! We saw you on television! We're so proud of you!

**Teresa:**

How was your trip? We couldn't wait to talk to you!

**Trevor:**

I think it went well. The senators plan to vote on our proposal in two more days. We'll know then if our trip was a success.

**Narrator 3:**

Two days pass. Trevor, Tony, and their fellow turkeys wait nervously for the results of the Congressional Vote. When the news finally arrives, Turkeyville television stations interrupt their regularly scheduled programs...

**TV Reporter:**

We have breaking news!!! Congress has passed- by a single vote – a law to abolish turkey as the main course at Thanksgiving dinner. Fish is now the official food for that holiday meal!

**Narrator 4:**

Trevor, Tonya, and their family jump for joy. Across Turkeyville, turkeys rejoice when they hear the news. Trevor and Tonya are their heroes!

**Teresa and Teddy:**

You saved us, mom and dad!

**Turkey Spectators:**

Gobble Gobble. Trevor and Tonya are our heroes! They saved us!

**Narrator 5:**

It's one week before Thanksgiving and members of congress are back in the hearing room to hear an emergency proposal.

**Senator 1:**

Ma'am, please tell us your full name and why you're here.

**Sally Salmon:**

Thank you Senator. My name is Sally Salmon and I'm here to talk about Thanksgiving. More specifically, about the dilemma that fish have on this great national holiday....

**Narrator 6:**

Here we go again!

**ALL:**

Happy Thanksgiving!