Parliamentary Motions Guide

Based on *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (11th Edition)*

The motions below are listed in order of precedence. Any motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the pending motion.

YOU WANT TO:		YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§21	Close meeting	I move to **adjourn**	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§20	Take break	I move to **recess** for	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§19	Register complaint	I rise to a **question of privilege**	Yes	No	No	No	None
§18	Make follow agenda	I call for the **orders of the day**	Yes	No	No	No	None
§17	Lay aside temporarily	I move to **lay** the question **on the table**	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§16	Close debate	I move the **previous question**	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§15	**Limit or extend debate**	I move that debate be limited to ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
§14	**Postpone to a certain time**	I move to postpone the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§13	**Refer** to committee	I move to refer the motion to …	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§12	Modify wording of motion	I move to **amend** the motion by ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§11	Kill main motion	I move that the motion be **postponed indefinitely**	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
§10	Bring business before assembly (a **main motion**)	I move that [or "to"] ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

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Incidental Motions - No order of precedence. Arise incidentally and decided immediately.

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§23 Enforce rules	**Point of order**	Yes	No	No	No	None
§24 Submit matter to assembly	I **appeal** from the decision of the chair	Yes	Yes	Varies	No	Majority
§25 Suspend rules	I move to **suspend the rules** which …	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§26 Avoid main motion altogether	I **object to the consideration** of the question	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
§27 Divide motion	I move to **divide the question**	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§29 Demand rising vote	I call for a **division**	Yes	No	No	No	None
§33 Parliamentary law question	**Parliamentary inquiry**	Yes (if urgent)	No	No	No	None
§33 Request information	**Request for information**	Yes (if urgent)	No	No	No	None

Motions That Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly - no order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else pending.

§34 Take matter from table	I move to **take from the table** …	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§35 Cancel or change previous action	I move to **rescind/ amend something previously adopted**...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3 or maj. w/ notice
§37 Reconsider motion	I move to **reconsider** the vote ...	No	Yes	Varies	No	Majority