

Parliamentary Motions Guide
Based on *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (10th 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?	Can it be reconsidered?
End the meeting	I move to adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Take a break	I move to recess for	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Register complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None	No (usually)
Make follow agenda	I call for the orders of the day	Yes	No	No	No	None	
Suspend further consideration of an issue	I move to table the motion	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Close debate	I move to previous questions	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No (unless vote on question is not yet taken)
Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to...	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3	
Postpone discussion to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion to...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Give closer look to something	I move to refer the motion (matter) to committee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes (unless committee has already taken up the subject)
Amend a motion	I move to amend the motion by...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Kill main motion	I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	
Introduce business	I move that (to)...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes

Incidental motions – no order of precedence. Arise incidentally and decided immediately.

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Enforce rules	Point of order	Yes	No	No	No	None	No
Vote on a ruling of the chair	I appeal the chair's decision	Yes	Yes	Varies	No	Majority	Yes
Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules so that...	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
Avoid main motion altogether	I object to consideration of this motion	Yes	No	No	No	2/3	Only if the main question or motion was not, in fact, considered
Divide motion	I move to divide the question	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	
Demand rising vote	I call for a division	Yes	No	No	No	None	No
Parliamentary law question	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None	
Request information	Point of information	Yes	No	No	No	None	No

Motions that bring a question before the assembly again – no order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else is pending.

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Take matter from table	I move to take from the table...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Cancel previous action	I move to rescind	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3 Majority with notice	
Reconsider motion	I move to reconsider the vote on...	No	Yes	Only is the motion to be reconsidered is debatable	No	Majority	No