

Parliamentary Motions Guide

Based on *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (12th Edition)*

Listed in the **order of precedence** . Any motion can be introduced if it is higher in rank than the pending motion.

YOU WANT TO:		YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§21	End meeting	I move to adjourn	-	Y	-	-	Maj
§20	Take break	I move to recess for...	-	Y	-	Y	Maj
§19	Register complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Y	-	-	-	-
§18	Follow the agenda	I call for the orders of the day	Y	-	-	-	-
§17	Lay aside temporarily	I move to lay the question on the table	-	Y	-	-	Maj
§16	End debate	I move the previous question	-	Y	-	-	2/3
§15	Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to...	-	Y	-	Y	2/3
§14	Postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion to...	-	Y	Y	Y	Maj
§13	Refer to a committee	I move to refer the motion to..	-	Y	Y	Y	Maj
§12	Modify the wording of a motion	I move to amend the motion by...	-	Y	Y	Y	Maj
§11	Kill main motion	I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely	-	Y	Y	-	Maj
§10	Introduce business before assembly (main motion)	I move that [or "to"]...	-	Y	Y	Y	Maj

Y Yes

- No

Maj A majority vote (more than half) of those present **and** voting

2/3 A two-thirds vote.



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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	Y	-	-	-	-
§24	Submit matter to assembly	I appeal the decision of the chair	Y	Y	**	-	Maj
§25	Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules which ...	-	Y	-	-	2/3
§26	Avoid main motion altogether	I object to the consideration of the question.	Y	-	-	-	2/3
§27	Divide motion	I move to divide the question ...	-	Y	-	Y	Maj
§29	Demand rising vote	I call for a division .	Y	-	-	-	-
§33	Parliamentary law question	Parliamentary Inquiry	Y+	-	-	-	-
§33	Request information	Request for Information	Y+	-	-	-	-

"Bring Back" Motions - No order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else is pending.

§34	Take matter from table	I move to take from the table ...	-	Y	-	-	Maj
§35	Change a previous action	I move to rescind / amend something previously adopted ...	-	Y	Y	Y	2/3*
§37	Reconsider motion	I move to reconsider the vote.	Y+	Y	**	-	Maj

* Can be a majority vote if notice is given.

** Debatable only when the motion or matter is debatable.

Y+ Generally cannot interrupt a speaker unless urgent.

