

Parliamentary Motions at a Glance

Ranking Motions (Highest to Lowest)							
To do this...	You say...	Can Interrupt Speaker	Need Second	Can Be Debated	Can Be Amended	Vote Required	Can Be Reconsidered
PRIVILEGED MOTIONS: Deals with matters of immediate importance and does not relate to the pending business.							
Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn	I move to rescind the motion to ____ adopted on	No	Yes	No	Yes	M	Yes
Adjourn	I move to adjourn.	No	Yes	No	No	M	No
Recess	I move to recess for ____ minutes.	No	Yes	No	Yes	M	No
Raise a Question of Privilege	I rise to a question of privilege.	Yes	No	No	No	Ⓞ	No
Call for the Orders of the Day	I call for the orders of the day.	Yes	No	No	No	Ⓞ	No
SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS: Assists the assembly in treating or disposing of a main motion.							
Lay on the Table	I move that the motion be laid on the table.	No	Yes	No	No	M	Yes*
Previous Question (Call the question)	I move the previous question.	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	Yes*
Limit or Extend the Limits of Debate	I move that debate be limited to...	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3	Yes*
Postpone to a Certain Time/Definitely	I move to postpone the question to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	M	Yes*
Commit or Refer	I move that the motion be referred to...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	M	Yes
Amend	I move to amend the motion by...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	M	Yes
Postpone Indefinitely	I move that we postpone the motion indefinitely...	No	Yes	Yes	No	M	Yes*
MAIN MOTION: The motion that introduces a question to the assembly.							
Introduce new business	I move that...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	M	Yes
Non-Ranking Motions							
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INCIDENTAL MOTIONS: Related to the parliamentary situation. Must be decided so business can proceed.							
Point of Order	Point of Order!!!	Yes	No	*	No	Ⓞ	No
Appeal	I appeal from the decision of the chair.	Yes	Yes	Yes*	No	M*	Yes
Suspend the Rules	I move to suspend the rule that interferes with...	No	Yes	No	No	2/3*	No
Object to Consideration of a Question	I object to the consideration of the question.	*	No	No	No	2/3*	Yes*
Division of the Assembly		Yes	No	No	No	N	No
MOTIONS THAT BRING A QUESTION AGAIN BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY							
Take From the Table	I move to take from the table the motion to...	No	Yes	No	No	M	No
Rescind or Amend Something Prev. Adopted	I move that when this meeting adjourns, it adjourn to meet next ____ day at (time) p.m.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	*	Yes*
Reconsider	I call up the motion to reconsider the vote...	*	Yes	Yes*	No	M	No

KEY					
RONR The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised	2/3 Two-thirds vote required	M Majority vote required	N No vote taken, the chair responds	Ⓞ Usually with no vote, the chair decides	* See RONR for specific rules.