



Rules of Procedure
"Motions"

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NOTE - Majority = 50%+1

*NOTE - NOT listed in order of precedence

Motion	Purpose	Votes Needed to Pass	Second	Debate on Motion	Amendable	Notes
Point of Privilege	Used to request personal privilege, <i>"I rise to a question of personal privilege."</i>	No	No	No	No	May interrupt a speaker
Point of Information	Share or request information of interest to the body <i>"point of information"</i>	No	No	No	No	None
Point of Order	Correct Parliamentary Procedure <i>"point of order"</i>	None	No	No	No	May interrupt a speaker
Limit Debate	Limits debate on particular legislation <i>"I move that debate be limited to..."</i>	Majority	Yes	No	Yes	None
Call the Previous Question	Moves the bill as it stands directly to a vote <i>"I move the previous question"</i>	Two-Thirds Majority	Yes	No	No	Tables all amendments (that have not been heard)
Lay on the Table	Postpones consideration on legislation <i>"I move to lay the question on the table"</i>	Majority	Yes	No	No	Carries amendments
Reconsideration	Reconsiders tabled/failed bills <i>"I move to reconsider the vote..."</i>	Two-Thirds Majority	Yes	No	No	Only debatable if the motion to be reconsidered is debatable; can only be called by a member on the prevailing side
Recess	Break out of session <i>"I move to recess for..."</i>	Majority	Yes	No	Yes	Motion should include recess time
Orders of the Day	Conform the group to the program or order of business <i>"I call for the orders of the day"</i>	None	No	No	No	May interrupt a speaker
Division of the Question	Separates parts of the bill to be voted upon individually <i>"I move to divide the question"</i>	Two-Thirds Majority	Yes	Yes (2 Pro, 2 Con)	No	None
Extend Debate	An extension of discussion on the issue <i>"I move that debate be extended to..."</i>	Majority	Yes	No	Yes	Motion should include extension time
Roll Call Vote	Individual voting counts <i>"I call for division"</i>	Two-Thirds Majority	No	No	No	If motion fails, standard voting procedures (electronic vote) will take place
Table Indefinitely	Kill the bill with any pending amendments <i>"I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely"</i>	Two-Thirds Majority	Yes	No	No	
End Debate	Brings members to vote pending amendments <i>"I move to close debate"</i>	Majority	Yes	No	No	None
Place A Bill on the Calendar						
1. Despite Unfavorable Committee Report	Places a bill on calendar that died in committee	Two-Thirds Majority	Yes	Yes		None
2. Out of Order and Place At Top	Places a bill on top of calendar <i>"I move that ["or"]"</i>	Unanimous	Yes	No		None
Suspension of Rules	Suspends operation of rules <i>"I move to suspend the rules which"</i>	Two-Thirds Majority	Yes	No	No	None
Objection to the Consideration of a Question	Prevents debate on a original main motion <i>"I object to the consideration of the motion"</i>	Two-Thirds Majority	No	No	No	Must be made before there is any debate or before any subsidiary motion is stated
Appeal from Decision of Chair	Overturn a decision of the chair <i>"I appeal from the decision of the chair"</i>	Majority	Yes	Limited	No	May interrupt a speaker & may be reconsidered is debatable unless the immediate pending question is not debatable
Withdrawing a Motion	Detracts a motion <i>"I wish to withdraw my motion"</i>	No Vote Required	No	No	No	Only the maker of the motion may withdraw
Adjourn	Ends session <i>"I move to adjourn"</i>	Majority	Yes	No	No	Will only be entertained at end of session