

Parliamentary Procedure

CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN MOTIONS ACCORDING TO PRECEDENCE

	Amend able?	Debat- able?	Required vote	Interrupt speaker?
Privileged motions (in order of precedence)				
Adjourn.	no	no	1/2	no
Recess	yes	no ³	1/2	no
Question of privilege. . .	no	no	ch ²	yes
Subsidiary motions (in order of precedence)				
Lay on the table	no	no	1/2	no
Previous question.	no	no	2/3	no
Close debate	yes	no	1/2	no
Postpone indefinitely. . .	no	yes	1/2	no
Postpone to a certain time	yes	yes	1/2	no
Refer to committee	yes	yes	1/2	no
Amend.	yes	yes	1/2	no
Main motions (no order of precedence)				
Main motion for general				
business	yes	yes	1/2	no
Take from the table.	no	no	1/2	no
Reconsider	no	1	1/2	no
Rescind.	no	yes	2/3	no
Make special order of business	yes	yes	2/3	no
Incidental motions (no order of precedence)				
Point of order.	no	no	ch ²	yes
Appeal the decision of the chair.	no	1	1/2	yes
Suspend rules.	no	no	2/3	no
Parliamentary inquiry. . .	no	no	ch	yes
Request for information. . .	no	no	ch	yes
Division of a question . .	no	no	ch	no

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2. Requires only chair's decision; a majority vote if appealed from the chair.
3. Original motion not debatable; amendment debatable.

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CLASSIFICATION OF SPECIAL MOTIONS ACCORDING TO PRECEDENCE

	Amend- able?	Debat- able?	Required vote	Interrupt speaker?
To suppress debate or hasten action				
1. Previous question. . .	no	no	2/3	no
2. Suspend rules.	no	no	2/3	no
3. Limit debate	yes	no	2/3	no
4. Take from the table. .	no	no	1/2	no
5. Make special order of business.	yes	yes	2/3	no
To delay action				
6. Postpone to a certain time	yes	yes	1/2	no
7. Lay on the table . . .	no	no	1/2	no
8. Refer to committee . .	yes	yes	1/2	no
To prevent action				
9. Object to considera- tion	no	no	2/3	yes
10. Withdraw a motion . .	no	no	1/2	no
11. Postpone indefinitely	no	yes	1/2	no
To consider more informally				
12. Committee of the whole	yes	yes	1/2	no
To change a decision				
13. Reconsider.	no	1	1/2	yes
14. Rescind	no	yes	2/3	no
To maintain rules and order				
15. Question of privilege	no	no	ch ²	yes
16. Question of order . .	no	no	ch ²	yes
17. Appeal from decision of chair.	no	1	1/2	yes
18. Parliamentary inquiry	no	no	ch	yes
19. Request for informa- tion.	no	no	ch	yes
To close a meeting				
20. Adjourn	no	no	1/2	no
21. Fix time of next meeting	yes	no ³	1/2	no
22. Recess.	yes	no ³	1/2	no

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