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Parliamentary Procedure Leadership Development Event (#SuperBowlLDE)

Education Resource – Motion Primer

2019 - Take from The Table

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Take from The Table is a Motion Which Brings a Question Again Before the Assembly that is listed on the Chart of Permissible Motions for the National FFA Parliamentary Procedure Leadership Development Event (LDE).

The object of the motion to Take from the Table is to make pending again before the assembly a motion or a series of adhering motions that previously has been laid on the table. (RONR, 11th ed., p. 75-78, 213, 300-304, II. 16-20)

Motion Characteristics

- Takes precedence over no pending motion, and therefore cannot be moved while any other question is pending
- It takes precedence over a main motion that has been made but has not yet been stated by the chair.
- It yields to privileged and incidental motions but not to subsidiary ones.
- Can be applied to any question or series of adhering motions that lies on the table.
- This motion is not in order, however, until some business or interruption matter has been transacted or dealt with since the question was laid on the table.
- If it is moved and voted down, the motion to Take from the Table cannot be renewed until some further business has been transacted.
- No subsidiary motion can be applied to the motion to Take from the Table.
- Is out of order when another has the floor.
- Must be seconded.
- Is not debatable.
- Is not amendable.
- Requires a majority vote.
- Cannot be reconsidered

Further Rules and Explanation

- A question that has been laid on the table remains there and can be taken from the table during the same session or, if the next regular business session will be held before a quarterly time interval has elapsed.
- If not taken from the table within these time limits, the question dies, although it can be reintroduced later as a new question.
- When a question is taken from the table, it is before the assembly, with everything adhering to it, exactly as it was when laid on the table.
- If the question is taken up on the same day that it was laid on the table, members who had exhausted their right of debate cannot speak on the question again.
- If the question is taken up on another day, no notice is taken of speeches previously made.

Manner of putting the question

- If multiple members request the floor at a time that would be appropriate to move to Take from the table a member may rise and state, “Mr. President, I rise for the purpose of moving to take a question from the table.
- A majority affirmative vote is required to adopt the motion to Take from the Table.
- The objection is sustained if there are at least twice as many negative as affirmative votes.

Methods of Demonstrating Object to the Consideration of a Question

Member A: I move to Take from the Table the motion related to our chapter having a movie night.

Member B: I second the motion.

Chair: It has been moved and seconded to Take from the Table the motion related to our chapter having a movie night. All those in favor of Taking the Motion from the Table say Aye? All those opposed say No?

The Aye’s have it and we will take the motion from the table.

OR

The No’s have it and we will not take the motion from the table.