

The first 13 motions are listed by precedence. After the chair states a motion, higher-ranking motions are in order and lower-ranking motions are not (except for Amend as shown on the chart and Previous Question).

TABLE OF MOTIONS

	Interrupt?	Second?	Debate?	Amend?	Vote?	Reconsider?
PRIVILEGED MOTIONS						
Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn	No	Yes	No	Yes	Maj	Yes
Adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Maj	No
Recess (12)	No	Yes	No	Yes	Maj	No
Raise a Question of Privilege	Yes	No	No	No	(1)	No
Call for the Orders of the Day	Yes	No	No	No	(15)*	No
SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS						
Lay on the Table	No	Yes	No	No	Maj	(3)*
Previous Question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	Yes
Limit or Extend Limits of Debate (12)	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3	Yes
Postpone to a Certain Time (or Definitely) (12)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj	Yes
Commit or Refer (12)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj	Yes
Amend (12)	No	Yes	(5)	Yes	Maj	Yes
Postpone Indefinitely (12)	No	Yes	Yes (16)	No	Maj	(4)
MAIN MOTIONS						
Main Motion	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj	Yes
INCIDENTAL MOTIONS (11)						
Suspend the Rules	No	Yes	No	No	(9)*	No
Withdraw a Motion	*	*	No	No	Maj (13)*	(3)
Objection to the Consideration of a Question (10)	Yes	No	No	No	2/3 Neg.	(3)
Point of Order	Yes	No	No*	No	(1)*	No
Parliamentary Inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	(1)	No
Appeal	Yes	Yes	Yes*	No	(7)	Yes
Request for Information	Yes	No	No	No	(1)	No
Division of the Assembly	Yes	No	No	No	(14)	No
Division of a Question	No	Yes	No	Yes	Maj	No
MOTIONS THAT BRING A QUESTION AGAIN BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY (8)						
Reconsider* (2)	No*	Yes	(5) (16)	No	Maj	No
Rescind	No	Yes	Yes (16)	Yes	(6)	(3)
Take from the Table	No	Yes	No	No	Maj	No
Discharge a Committee	No	Yes	Yes (16)*	Yes	(6)	(3)
Amend Something Previously Adopted	No	Yes	Yes (16)	Yes	(6)	(3)

* Refer to *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* for rule(s).



- (1) Chair decides or answers. Normally no vote is taken.
- (2) Only made by a member who voted on the prevailing side and is subject to time limits.
- (3) Only the negative vote may be reconsidered.
- (4) Only the affirmative vote may be reconsidered.
- (5) Debatable when applied to a debatable motion.
- (6) Majority with notice, or two-thirds without notice or majority of entire membership.
- (7) Majority or tie vote sustains the chair.
- (8) None of these motions (except Reconsider) is in order when business is pending.
- (9) Rules of order, two-thirds vote — standing rules, majority vote.
- (10) Must be proposed before debate has begun or a subsidiary motion is stated by the chair (applied to original main motions).

- (11) The incidental motions have no precedence (rank). They are in order when the need arises.
- (12) A main motion is made when no business is pending.
- (13) The maker of a motion may withdraw it without permission of the assembly before the motion is stated by the chair.
- (14) On demand of a single member, the chair must take a rising but not necessarily a counted vote.
- (15) Upon a call by a single member, the orders of the day must be enforced.
- (16) Has full debate. May go into the merits of the question which is the subject of the proposed action.

