

2014 National FFA Parliamentary Procedure CDE

Finals

Team Problem Solving Activity

Scenario

During today's Finals, your team demonstrated the Privileged Motion to Raise to a Question of Privilege. The Forest Grove FFA Chapter meets on the first Monday of each month. At the October meeting the following scenario took place.

Member A "I move that our chapter take a field trip to the State Capitol when the Legislature is in session."

Member B "I second the motion."

President "It has been moved and seconded that our chapter take a field trip to the State Capitol when the Legislature is in session. Member A would you like to speak to your motion?"

Member A Debates main motion and sits down.

Member C "I rise to Question of Privilege affecting the assembly."

President "The member will state his question."

Member C "I feel that we should ask our Government teacher about touring the capitol so therefore I move that we invite the High School Government teacher to this meeting to discuss touring the State Capitol."

Member F "Second"

President "There is already a motion on the floor, therefore, your motion is out of order."

Questions (45 pts.)

1. Did Member C move his Question of Privilege correctly?

Yes, Member C correctly rose to a question of privilege.

“In raising a question of privilege, a member rises, addresses the chair without waiting for recognition, and says, “I rise to a question of privilege affecting the assembly...” (RONR, 11th ed., p. 227, ll. 32-35)

2. Did the Question of Privilege require a formal action (motion)?

“Depending on the case, the member then either (a) describes the situation briefly and asks that it be remedied, or (b) if he believes that the matter will require formal action by the assembly, makes a motion covering his question of privilege, and another member seconds it.” (RONR, 11th ed., p. 228, ll. 2-7)

3. Did the President handle the admissibility of the question of privilege correctly? If not what was incorrect?

No, the President should have ruled on the admissability of the Question of Privilege to introduce the motion.

“Is ruled upon by the chair. No vote on the question’s admissibility is taken unless the chair’s ruling is appealed. (RONR, 11th ed., p. 227, ll.3-4)

“If the motion made as a question of privilege is seconded, and if the chair admits it as such and decides that it should be entertained immediately, he states the question on it and proceeds as with any other main motion.” (RONR, 11th ed., p. 228, ll.16-19)

4. Can a second main motion be brought up by means of a Question of Privilege?

Yes

“Under the process by which a main motion is normally introduced, as already explained, it can be moved only while no motion is pending. Certain questions may come before the assembly with the status of main motions after having interrupted other business, however, if they are brought up by means of either of the two lowest-ranking privileged motions. To Call for the Orders of the Day and to Raise a Question of Privilege each have privileged rank and can therefore interrupt pending business. As a result of the application of one of these devices to interrupt a pending question, an order of the day may be taken up, or an urgent motion relating to the privileges of the assembly or of a member may be admitted as a question of privilege to be entertained immediately. But when such an order of the day or question of privilege has thus become pending, it is treated exactly as any other main motion” (RONR, 11th ed., p. 118, ll. 23-35 & p. 119, ll.1-4)