

Parliamentary Motions Guide

Based on *American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, 2nd Edition*

The motions below are listed in order of precedence.

Any motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the pending motion.

YOU WANT TO:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
(173) Close meeting	I move that we adjourn	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
(171) Take break	I move to recess for	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
(167) Register complaint	I rise to a question of personal privilege [or question of privilege affecting the assembly]	Yes	No	No	No	None
(164) Kill motion without debate	I move that the main motion be tabled	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
(160) Close debate and vote immediately	I move to close debate and vote immediately	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
(157) Limit or extend debate	I move to limit debate to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3
(153) Postpone to certain time	I move to postpone the motion until ...	No	Yes	Limited	Yes	Majority
(149) Refer to committee	I move to refer the motion to ...	No	Yes	Limited	Yes	Majority
(135) Modify wording of motion	I move to amend the motion by ...	No	Yes	Yes, unless undebatable motion	Yes	Majority
(p115) Propose action to assembly (a main motion)	I move ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

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Incidental Motions - no order of precedence. Arise incidentally and decided immediately.

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(179) Suspend rules	I move to suspend . . .	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
(183) Enforce rules	Point of order!	Yes	No	No	No	None
(186) Submit matter to assembly	I appeal the ruling of the chair	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority or tie sustains
(189) Parliamentary question	I rise to a parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None
(189) Factual inquiry	I rise to a request for information	Yes	No	No	No	None
(193) Withdraw motion	I withdraw my motion	Yes	No	No	No	Majority
(196) Divide motion	I request that the motion be divided ...	No	No	No	No	None
(200) Demand rising vote	Division!	Yes	No	No	No	None

Specific-Purpose Main Motions - no order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else pending.

(121) Adopt one of several similar motions	I move the adoption of . . . in lieu of . . .	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
(123) Amend a previous action	I move to amend the motion which ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Same as original
(125) Confirm prior action	I move to ratify . . .	No	Yes	Yes	No	Same as original
(127) Recall referred matter	I move to recall ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
(129) Reconsider main motion	I move to reconsider ...	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
(132) Cancel previous action	I move to rescind ...	No	Yes	Yes	No	Same as original