

## Parliamentary Motion Guide

Based on Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure (4th Ed)

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.

Page #	You want to:	You Say:	Can you Interrupt?	2 <sup>nd</sup> ?	Debate?	Amend?	Vote?
77	Close Meeting	I move that we <b>adjourn</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
75	Take break	I move to <b>recess</b> for	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
72	Register complaint	I rise to a <b>question of privilege</b>	Yes	No	No	No	None
68	Lay aside temporarily	I move that the main motion be <b>postponed temporarily</b>	No	Yes	No	No	Varies
65	Close debate and vote immediately	I move to <b>close debate</b>	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
62	<b>Limit or extend debate</b>	I move to limit debate to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3
58	<b>Postpone to certain time</b>	I move to postpone motion until ...the	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
55	<b>Refer to committee</b>	I move to refer the	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
47	Modify wording of motion	I move to <b>amend</b> the motion by	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
32	Bring business before assembly (a <b>main motion</b> )	I move that ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
<b>Incidental Motions</b>							
82	Submit matter to assembly	I <b>appeal</b> from the decision of the chair	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
84	Suspend rules	I move to <b>suspend the rule</b> requiring	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
87	Enforce rules	<b>Point of order</b>	Yes	No	No	No	None
90	Parliamentary question	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None
94	Request to <b>withdraw motion</b>	I wish to withdraw my motion	Yes	No	No	No	None
96	<b>Divide motion</b>	I request that the motion be divided ...	No	No	No	No	None
99	Demand rising vote	I call for a <b>division of the assembly</b>	Yes	No	No	No	None
<b>Restorative Motions</b>							
36	<b>Amend a previous action</b>	I move to amend the motion that was	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Varies
38	Reconsider main motion	I move to <b>reconsider</b> ...	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
42	Cancel previous action	I move to <b>rescind</b> ...	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
44	Take from table	I move to <b>resume consideration</b> of	No	Yes	No	No	Majority

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