

Robert's Rules of Order Motion Chart

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.

If You Want To:	You Say:	Interrupt?	2nd?	Debate?	Amend?	Vote?*
Close meeting	I move to adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Take break	I move to recess for	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Register complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None
Make follow agenda	I call for the orders of the day	Yes	No	No	No	None
Lay aside temporarily	I move to lay the question on the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Close debate	I move the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to...	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
Postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion to...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Refer to a committee	I move to refer the motion to a committee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Modify wording of motion	I move to amend the motion by...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Kill main motion	I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Bring business before assembly (a main motion)	I move that [or "to"]...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

* Majority means more than ½ of the votes cast; 2/3 means at least 2/3 of the votes cast

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

If You Want To:	You Say:	Interrupt?	2nd?	Debate?	Amend?	Vote?
Enforce rules	Point of order	Yes	No	No	No	None
Submit matter to assembly	I appeal from the decision of the Chair	Yes	Yes	Varies	No	Majority
Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
Avoid main motion altogether	I object to the consideration of the question	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
Divide motion	I move to divide the question	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Demand rising vote	I call for a division	Yes	No	No	No	None
Parliamentary law question	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None
Request for information	Request for information	Yes	No	No	No	None

Motions That Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly – no order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else pending.

If You Want To:	You Say:	Interrupt?	2nd?	Debate?	Amend?	Vote?
Take matter from table	I move to take from the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Cancel previous action	I move to rescind	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Reconsider motion ***	I move to reconsider... I voted on the prevailing side.	No	Yes	Varies	No	Majority

** Majority if previous notice; 2/3 without such notice

*** Can only be made by one who voted on the prevailing side of the motion to be reconsidered