

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE GUIDE

THIRTEEN RANKING MOTIONS

PRIVILEGED MOTIONS are such that, while having no relation to the pending questions, are of such urgency or importance that they are entitled to immediate consideration.

SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS are those that may be applied to another motion for the purpose of modifying it, delaying action on it or disposing of it.

MAIN MOTION is the basis of all parliamentary procedure. Can only be introduced if no other business is pending.

- PRIVILEGED**
- Fix the time to which to adjourn (a main motion if no business pending)
 - Adjourn
 - Recess (a main motion if no business pending)
 - Raise a question of privilege
 - Call for the orders of the day

- SUBSIDIARY**
- Lay on the table
 - Previous question
 - Limit or extend limits of debate
 - Postpone to a certain time (definite)
 - Commit (refer to a committee)
 - Amend
 - Postpone indefinitely

Main Motion

	Is it in order when another has the floor?	Does it require a second?	Is it debatable?	Is it amendable?	What vote is required for adoption?	May it be reconsidered?
	No	Yes	No	Yes	M	Yes
	No	Yes	No	No	M	No
	No	Yes	No	Yes	M	No
	Yes	No	No	No	(1)	No
	Yes	No	No	No	(2)	No
	No	Yes	No	No	M	No
	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	Yes
	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3	Yes 3
	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	M (4)	Yes
	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	M	Yes 5
	No	Yes	Yes 6	Yes	M	Yes
	No	Yes	Yes	No	M	(7)
	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	M	Yes

(1) Chair grants, (2) No vote; Demand,
 (5) Only is committee has not started work,

(3) Unexecuted part may be reconsidered,
 (6) If applied to a debatable motion,

(4) 2/3 vote if made a special order,
 (7) Affirmatively only

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INCIDENTAL MOTIONS are those which arise out of a pending questions OR out of a question that has just been pending OR relate to the business of the assembly. Incidental motions usually apply to the method of transacting business rather than to the business itself. Incidental motion have no rank among themselves because they are incidental to the business of the assembly.

RESTORATIVE MOTIONS are motions which bring a question again before the assembly for its consideration.

- INCIDENTAL**
- Appeal
 - Consideration by paragraph
 - Division of the assembly
 - Division of a question
 - Objection to the consideration of a question
 - Parliamentary inquiry
 - Point of order
 - Suspend the rules

- RESTORATIVE**
- Reconsider
 - Take from the table

Is it in order when another has the floor?	Does it require a second?	Is it debatable?	Is it amendable?	What vote is required for adoption?	May it be reconsidered?
Yes	Yes	Yes 1	No	M (2)	Yes
No	Yes	No	Yes	M	No
Yes	No	No	No	(3)	No
No	Yes	No	Yes	M	No
Yes	No	No	No	(4)	4(a)
Yes	No	No	No	(5)	No
Yes	No	No	No	(6)	No
No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
(7)	Yes1	No	No	M	No
No	Yes	No	No	M	No

(1) If applied to a debatable question, (2) Majority in negative required to reverse Chair's decision, (3) No vote; Demand, (4) 2/3 against consideration sustains objection, (4a) Negative only, (5) Chair answers, (6) Chair rules, (7) In order if another has been assigned the floor and if that member has not begun to speak.