

Robert's Rules of Order Motions Chart

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Part 1—Main Motions. These motions are listed in order of precedence. A motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the pending motion. § indicates the section from Robert's Rules.

§	Purpose	Wording	Allowed to Interrupt	Second Needed	Debatable	Amendable	Vote Required
21	Close meeting	I move to adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
20	Take a break	I move to recess for ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
19	Register complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None
18	Make follow agenda	I call for the orders of the day	Yes	No	No	No	None
17	Lay aside temporarily	I move to lay the question on the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
16	Close debate	I move the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
15	Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
14	Postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
13	Refer to committee	I move to refer the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
12	Modify wording of motion	I move to amend the motion by ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
11	Kill main motion	I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
10	Make a motion	I move that [or "to"] ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

Part 2—Incidental Motions. No order of precedence. These motions arise incidentally and are decided immediately.

§	Purpose	Wording	Allowed to Interrupt	Second Needed	Debatable	Amendable	Vote Required
23	Enforce rules	Point of Order	Yes	No	No	No	None
24	Submit matter to assembly	I appeal the decision of the chair	Yes	Yes	Varies	No	Majority
25	Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
26	Avoid main motion altogether	I object to the consideration of the question	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
27	Divide motion	I move to divide the question	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
29	Demand a rising vote	I move for a rising vote	Yes	No	No	No	None
33	Parliamentary law question	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None
33	Request for information	Point of information	Yes	No	No	No	None

Part 3—Motions That Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly. No order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else is pending.

§	Purpose	Wording	Allowed to Interrupt	Second Needed	Debatable	Amendable	Vote Required
34	Take matter from table	I move to take from the table ...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
35	Cancel previous action	I move to rescind ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3 or Majority with notice
37	Reconsider motion	I move to reconsider ...	No	Yes	Varies	No	Majority