

Robert's Rules of Order Motions Chart

Based on *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (10th Edition)*

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.

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

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

PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
Enforce rules	Point of Order	No	No	No	None
Submit matter to assembly	I appeal from the decision of the chair	Yes	Varies	No	Majority
Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules	Yes	No	No	2/3
Avoid main motion altogether	I object to the consideration of the question	No	No	No	2/3
Divide motion	I move to divide the question	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Demand a rising vote	I move for a rising vote	No	No	No	None
Parliamentary law question	Parliamentary inquiry	No	No	No	None
Request for information	Point of information	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:	YOU SAY:	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
Take matter from table	I move to take from the table ...	Yes	No	No	Majority
Cancel previous action	I move to rescind ...	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3 or Majority with notice
Reconsider motion	I move to reconsider ...	Yes	Varies	No	Majority