

Precedence Motions Chart

Parliamentary Motions—Quick Reference

These are the thirteen ranking motions. When any motion on the list is pending, no motion of a lower rank is in order. Main motions are the lowest in order and may be made only when no other business is pending.

The five motions at the top of the chart are *Privileged Motions* that do not relate to pending business, but relate to special matters of immediate and overriding importance and are allowed to interrupt the consideration of anything else.

Motions below the blank line are *Subsidiary Motions* and assist the assembly in treating or disposing of a main motion.

Name of Motion	Requires Second	Debatable	Amendable	Vote Required for Adoption
Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Adjourn	Yes	No	No	Majority
Recess	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Raise a Question of Privilege	No	No	No	Chair Decides
Call for Orders of the Day	No	No	No	Chair Decides
Lay on the Table	Yes	No	No	Majority
Previous Question	Yes	No	No	Two-thirds
Limit or Extend Limits of Debate	Yes	No	Yes	Two-thirds
Postpone to a Certain Time	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Commit (Refer to another group)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amend	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Postpone Indefinitely	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Main Motion	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

Other Actions that may interrupt a speaker

Request for Information—must be made from a designated microphone with a yellow light

Parliamentary Inquiry—must be made from a designated microphone with a yellow light

Point of Order—state, “Madam President, Point of Order” from your position in the assembly and proceed to a microphone to state your point.