

A CONDENSED GUIDE TO THE COMMON MOTIONS

Here is given a very much shortened explanation of the most commonly used motions and the rules applying to them. They are arranged in order of precedence: when one is pending, those above it are in order and those below are not (with certain minor exceptions). For more information, consult the material on Parliamentary Procedure.

<u>The Motion</u>	<u>Debatable</u>	<u>Vote Required</u>	<u>Amendable</u>
Adjourn	Not when other business is pending.	Majority	No
Recess	Not when other business is pending.	Majority	Yes
Raise a question of Privilege	No	Majority	No
Call for orders of day	No	2/3	No
Lay on the table	No	Majority	No
All previous questions	No	2/3	No
Previous question	No	2/3	No
Limit or extend limits of debate	No	2/3	Yes
Postpone to a certain time	Yes	Majority	Yes
Refer to committee	Yes	Majority	Yes
Amend	Yes	Majority	Yes
Postpone indefinitely	Yes	Majority	Yes
Main motion, bill, or resolution	Yes	Majority	Yes