

**PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE AT A GLANCE**

**TO DO THIS:**

**YOU SAY THIS:**

May I Interrupt the speaker?	Do I need a second?	Is it debatable?	Can it be amended?	What vote is needed?	Can it be reconsidered?
ADJOURN MEETING NO	"I move that we adjourn." YES	NO	NO	MAJORITY	NO
CALL AN INTERMISSION NO	"I move that we recess for..." YES	NO	YES	MAJORITY	NO
COMPLAIN ABOUT HEAT, NOISE, ETC. YES	"I rise to a question of privilege." NO	NO	NO	NO VOTE	NO (usually)
TEMPORARILY SUSPEND CONSIDERATION OF AN ISSUE NO	"I move to table the motion." YES	NO	NO	MAJORITY	NO
END DEBATE AND AMENDMENTS NO	"I move the previous question." YES	NO	NO	2/3	NO <sup>1</sup>
POSTPONE DISCUSSION FOR A CERTAIN TIME NO	"I move to postpone the discussion until..." YES	YES	YES	MAJORITY	YES
GIVE SOMETHING CLOSER STUDY NO	"I move to refer the matter to committee." YES	YES	YES	MAJORITY	YES <sub>2</sub>
AMEND A MOTION NO	"I move to amend the motion by..." YES	YES <sub>3</sub>	YES	MAJORITY	YES
INTRODUCE BUSINESS NO	"I move that..." YES	YES	YES	MAJORITY	YES

\*\*\*\*THE MOTIONS LISTED ABOVE ARE IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE. THE MOTIONS BELOW ARE IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER.\*\*\*\*

PROTEST BREACH OF RULES OR CONDUCT

"I rise to a point of order."

YES	NO	NO	NO	NO VOTE <sup>4</sup>	NO
VOTE ON A RULING OF THE CHAIR YES	"I appeal from the chair's decision." YES	YES	NO	MAJORITY <sup>5</sup>	YES
AVOID CONSIDERING AN IMPROPER MATTER YES	"I object to consideration of this motion..." NO	NO	NO	2/3 <sup>6</sup>	— <sup>7</sup>
VERIFY A VOICE VOTE BY HAVING MEMBER STAND YES	"I call for a division." or "Division!" NO	NO	NO	NO VOTE	NO
REQUEST INFORMATION YES	"Point of information." NO	NO	NO	NO VOTE	NO
RECONSIDER A HASTY ACTION YES	"I move to reconsider the vote on..." YES	— <sup>8</sup>	NO	MAJORITY	NO
TAKE UP A MATTER PREVIOUSLY TABLED NO	"I move to take from the table..." YES	NO	NO	MAJORITY	NO
SUSPEND RULES TEMPORARILY NO	"I move to suspend rules so that..." YES	NO	NO	2/3	NO

NOTES

<sup>1</sup> Unless vote on question is not yet taken

<sup>2</sup> Unless the committee has already taken up the subject

<sup>3</sup> Only if the motion to be amended is debatable

<sup>4</sup> Except in doubtful cases

<sup>5</sup> A majority vote in negative needed to reverse ruling of chair

<sup>6</sup> A 2/3 vote in negative needed to prevent main motion consideration

<sup>7</sup> Only if the main question or motion was not considered motion was not considered

<sup>8</sup> Only if motion to be reconsidered is debatable