

Sturgis Parliamentary Procedure Motions Chart

The motions below are listed in order of precedence. A motion can be introduced if it is **higher** on the chart than the pending motion.

IF YOU WANT TO:	THEN YOU SAY:	Can your motion interrupt a speaker?	Does the motion need a 2nd?	Is the motion debatable?	Can the motion be amended?	What type of vote is required?
Adjourn the meeting	I move that we adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Take a break	I move to recess for ____ minutes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Register a complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None
Lay aside a motion temporarily	I move that the main motion be postponed temporarily	No	Yes	No	No	Varies
Close debate and vote immediately	I move to close debate	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
Limit or extend debate	I move to limit debate to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3
Postpone action to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion until ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Refer the matter to a committee	I move to refer the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Modify the wording of a motion	I move to amend the motion by	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Make a motion	I move that ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

Incidental Motions: No order of precedence. Arise incidentally and are decided immediately.

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Appeal a decision	I appeal from the decision of the chair	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Suspend the rules	I move to suspend the rule	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
Enforce the rules	Point of Order	Yes	No	No	No	None
Ask a Parliamentary question	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None
Divide a motion	I request that the motion be divided ...	No	No	No	No	None
Demand a recorded vote	I call for a division of the assembly	Yes	No	No	No	None

Restorative Main Motions: No order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else is pending.

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Amend a previous action	I move to amend the motion that was ...	No	Yes	Varies	Yes	Varies
Reconsider a motion	I move to reconsider ...	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Cancel a previous action	I move to rescind ...	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Resume consideration (take the matter from the table)	I move to resume consideration of ...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority

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