

Ranking Motions

Motions on this page are listed in rank order, with the highest ranking motions at the top. After a motion has been stated by the chair, higher ranking motions are in order, but not lower ranking motions except that Amend and Previous Question can be applied to amendable and/or debatable motions of higher rank than themselves.

| | Is it in order when another has the floor? | Does it require a second? | Is it debatable? | Is it amendable? | What vote is required to adopt? | Can it be reconsidered? |
|--|--|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Fix the time to which to adjourn* | No | Yes | No | Yes | M | Yes |
| Adjourn ** | No | Yes | No | No | M | No |
| Recess *** | No | Yes | No | Yes | M | No |
| Raise a question of privilege | Yes | No | No | No | (1) | No |
| Call for the orders of the day | Yes | No | No | No | (2) | No |
| Lay on the table | No | Yes | No | No | M | No |
| Previous question | No | Yes | No | No | 2/3 | Yes |
| Limit or extend limits of debate | No | Yes | No | Yes | 2/3 | (3) |
| Postpone to a certain time | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | M(4) | Yes |
| Commit or Refer to a committee | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | M | (5) |
| Amend | No | Yes | (6) | Yes | M | Yes |
| Postpone Indefinitely | No | Yes | Yes | No | M | (7) |
| Main Motion | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | M | Yes |

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* A main motion if made when no business is pending.

** Check RONR for specific rules.

*** Is debatable as a main motion

(1) Chair grants

(2) No vote: demand

(3) Yes, the unexecuted part may be reconsidered.

(4) 2/3 vote required if made a special order.

(5) Yes, if the committee has not started work.

(6) Yes, if applied to a debatable motion.

(7) Only an affirmative vote may be reconsidered.