

Motion Chart

Directions: Complete the motion chart by indicating yes, no or N/A. **Be sure to use an asterisk and include exceptions to the rules after the charts.** Since it is necessary to know these motions without looking them up, complete the motion chart without using any resources. Use this as a diagnostic tool to help you improve areas where you are weakest.

Privileged Motions		I	S	D	A	M	R
13	Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn	N	Y	N	Y	M	Y
12	Adjourn	N	Y	N	N	M	N
11	Recess	N	Y	N	Y	M	N
10	Request Question of Privilege	Y*	N	N	N	C	N
9	Call for the Orders of the Day	Y	N	N	N	C	N
Subsidiary Motions		I	S	D	A	M	R
8	Lay on the Table	N	Y	N	N	M	Y*
7	Previous Question	N	Y	N	N	2/3	Y*
6	Limit or Extend Limits of Debate	N	Y	N	Y	2/3	Y*
5	Postpone Definitely	N	Y	Y*	Y	M*	Y*
4	Commit/Refer to Committee	N	Y	Y*	Y	M	Y*
3	Amend	N	Y	Y*	Y*	M	Y
2	Postpone Indefinitely	N	Y	Y*	N	M	Y*
Main Motions		I	S	D	A	M	R
1	Main Motion	N	Y	Y	Y	M	Y

Privileged:

Question of Privilege- not interrupt speaker unless unavoidable

Call for the orders of the day- enforced by one member, set aside by 2/3

Subsidiary:

All cannot interrupt, all require second, all can be R(*)

2, 7, 8 (PI, PQ, T) are not amendable

2-5 (PI, A, C/R, Post) are debatable*

6-7 (5) are 2/3 vote (Limit, PQ, Special Order Postponed)

Pearls Are Classy Pretty Lady Pretty Lady

Table- R* only negative vote (affirmative vote of Table can be removed from table)

PQ-R* before vote and if affirmative

Limit-R* affirmative vote

Postpone-debate postponement only; 2/3 vote if special order; R* negative only

Refer- debate to refer only; R* up until committee begun

Amend*-can apply to itself, debate if motion is debatable

PI- debate- merits of MM, R*- affirmative only

Incidental Motions		I	S	D	A	M	R
a.	Appeal	Y	Y	Y*	N	M*	Y
b.	Division of the Assembly	Y	N	N	N	C	N
c.	Parliamentary Inquiry	Y	N	N	N	C	NA
d.	Point of Order	Y	N	N	N	C/M	N
e.	Request for Information	Y	N	N	N	NA*	N
f.	Request to Withdraw a Motion	Y*	Y*	N	N	M	Y*
g.	Suspend the Rules	N	Y	N	N	2/3	N
Bring Back Motions							
h.	Rescind/Amend Something Previously Adopted	N	Y	Y	Y	M*	Y*
i.	Reconsider	N*	Y	Y*	N	M	N

Key: **I** = interrupting motion; **S** = second required; **A** = amendable motion; **D** = debatable motion; **M** = vote required (majority or 2/3); **R** = can reconsider vote

Appeal- debatable if motion debatable, chair speak first and last/members once,
M in (-) to reverse chair decision

Point of Order- M if ruled by assembly

Request for Information- Chair gives information, no ruling

Withdraw- Interrupt-if member/urgent, Second- if maker yes/member no, (-) vote only

Rescind-M with notice or 2/3 or M of M without, Reconsider (-) vote only

Reconsider- Not interrupt speaker, D if motion is