

TABLE OF RULES RELATING TO MOTIONS

Containing Answers to Two Hundred Questions in Parliamentary Practice

Explanation of the Table - A star shows that the rule heading the column in which it stands, applies to the motion opposite to which it is placed; a blank shows that the rule does not apply; a figure shows that the rule only partially applies, the figure referring to the note showing the limitations. Take, for example, "Lay on the Table," the Table shows that 8 19 of the Pocket Manual treats of this motion; that it is "undebatable" and "cannot be amended;" and that an affirmative vote on it (as shown in note 5) "cannot be reconsidered;" a 2/3 vote, "that it does "require to be seconded," and that it is not "in order when another member has the floor."	Undebatable	Opens Main Question to Debate	Cannot be Amended	Cannot be Reconsidered	Requires a 2/3 Vote	Does not require to be Seconded	In Order when another has the floor	NOTES
Adjourn	*	-	*	*	-	-	-	<p>(1) Every motion in this column has the effect of suspending some rule or established right deliberative assemblies, and therefore requires a two-thirds vote, unless a special rule to the contrary is adopted.</p> <p>(2) Undebatable if made when another question is before the assembly.</p> <p>(3) An Amendment may be either (1) by "adding" or (2) by "striking out" words or paragraphs; or (3) by "striking out certain words and inserting others;" or (4) by "substituting" a different motion on the same subject; or (5) by dividing the question" into two or more questions as specified by the mover, so as to get a separate vote on any particular point or points.</p> <p>(4) An appeal is undebatable only when relating to indecorum, or to transgressions of the rules of speaking, or to the priority of business, or when made while the Previous Question is pending. When debatable, only one speech from each member is permitted. On a tie vote the decision of the Chair is sustained.</p> <p>(5) An affirmative vote on this motion cannot be reconsidered.</p> <p>(6) The objection can only be made when the question is first introduced, before debate.</p> <p>(7) Allows of but limited debate upon the propriety of the postponement.</p> <p>(8) The Previous Question, if adopted, cuts off debate and brings the assembly to a vote on the pending question only, except where the pending motion is an amendment or a motion to commit, when it also applies to the question to be amended or committed.</p> <p>(9) Can be moved and entered on the record when another has the floor, but cannot interrupt business then before the assembly; must be made on the day, or the day after the original vote was taken, and by one who voted with the prevailing side.</p>
Adjourn, Fix the Time to which to	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Amend	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Amend an Amendment	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	
Amend the Rules	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	
Appeal, relating to indecorum	*	-	*	-	-	-	*	
Appeal, in all other areas	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	
Call to Order	*	-	*	-	-	*	*	
Close Debate, motion to	*	-	-	-	*	-	-	
Commit to Refer	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	
Extend the Limits of Debate, motion to	*	-	-	-	*	-	-	
Fix the Time of which to Adjourn	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Leave to Continue Speaking after Indecorum	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	
Lay on the Table	*	-	*	5	-	-	-	
Limit Debate, motion to	*	-	-	-	*	-	-	
Objection to Consideration of a Question	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	
Orders of the Day, motion for the	*	-	*	-	-	*	*	
Postpone to a Certain Time	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Postpone Indefinitely	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	
Previous Question	*	-	*	-	*	-	-	
Priority of Business, questions relating to	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Privilege, Question of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Reading Papers	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	
Reconsider a Debatable Questions	-	*	*	*	-	-	9	
Reconsider an Undebatable Question	*	-	*	*	-	-	9	
Refer (same as commit)	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	
Rescind	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	
Rise (in Committee equals Adjourn)	*	-	*	*	-	-	-	
Special Order, to make a	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	
Substitute (same s Amend)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Suspend the Rules	*	-	*	*	*	-	-	
Take from the Table	*	-	*	5	-	-	-	
Take up a Question out of its Proper Order	*	-	*	-	*	-	-	
Withdrawal if a Motion	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	