

Robert's Rule---Common Motions

WHAT YOU WANT	WHAT TO SAY	INTERRUPT ?	2 ND ?	DEBATE ?	AMMEND ?	VOTE
Close meeting	I move to adjourn	N	Y	N	N/A	Majority (51%)
Take a break	I move to recess	N	Y	N	Y	Majority
Register complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Y	N	N	N	N/A
Enforce agenda tasks	I call for the order of the day	Y	N	N	N	N/A
Lay aside temporarily	I move to lay aside the question on the table	N	Y	N	N	Majority
Close debate	I move the previous question	N	Y	N	N	2/3 (67%)
Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to...	N	Y	N	Y	2/3
Postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion to...	N	Y	Y	Y	Majority
Refer to a committee	I move to refer the motion to a committee	N	Y	Y	Y	Majority
Modify wording of motion	I move to amend the motion by...	N	Y	Y	Y	Majority
Kill main motion	I move that the motion to postponed indefinitely	N	Y	Y	Y	Majority
Bring business before an assembly (a main motion)	I move that [or "to"]...	N	Y	Y	Y	Majority
Enforce rules	Point of order	Y	N	N	N	N/A
Submit matter to assembly	I appeal from the decision of the chair	Y	Y	Varies	N	Majority
Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules	N	Y	N	N	2/3
Avoid main motion altogether	I object to the consideration of the question	Y	N	N	N	2/3
Divide motion	I move to divide the question	N	Y	N	Y	Majority
Demand a rising vote	I call for a division	Y	N	N	N	N/A
Parliamentary law question	Parliamentary inquiry	Y	N	N	N	N/A
Request for information	Point of information	Y	N	N	N	N/A
Take matter from table	I move to take from the table...	N	Y	N	N	Majority
Cancel previous action	I move to rescind...	N	Y	Y	Y	2/3 or Majority with notice
Reconsider motion	I move to reconsider...	N	Y	Varies	N	Majority