

Chart for Determining When Each Motion Is in Order

In the chart below, the privileged, subsidiary, incidental and main motions are listed in order of rank. The motion at the top takes precedence over all the others, and each of the remaining motions takes precedence over all those below it. A main motion is in order only when no other motion is pending. When a given one of the motions listed is immediately pending, then (a) any other motion appearing above it in the list is in order, unless a condition stated opposite the other motion causes that motion to be out of order, and (b) motions listed below the given motion, which are not already pending, are out of order (except for the application of amend or the previous question to certain motions ranking above them).

	In order when another has the floor	Requires a second	Debatable	Vote required
PRIVILEGED MOTIONS (<u>C</u>an <u>Q</u>uention <u>R</u>eally <u>A</u>fford a <u>F</u>errari? - ranking order)				
To <u>f</u> ix the time to which to adjourn	No	Yes	No	Majority
To <u>a</u> djourn	No	Yes	No	Majority
To <u>r</u> ecess	No	Yes	No	Majority
To rise to a <u>q</u> uestion of privilege	Yes	No	No	Chair rules
To <u>c</u> all for the order of the day	Yes	No	No	None
SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS (<u>P</u>earls <u>A</u>re <u>C</u>lassy, <u>P</u>retty <u>L</u>ady, <u>P</u>retty <u>L</u>ady - ranking order)				
To <u>l</u> ay on the table	No	Yes	No	Majority
To call for the <u>p</u> revious question	No	Yes	No	Two-thirds
To <u>l</u> imit or extend limit of debate	No	Yes	No	Two-thirds
To <u>p</u> ostpone to a definite time	No	Yes	Yes	Majority
To refer to a <u>c</u> ommittee	No	Yes	Yes	Majority
To <u>a</u> mend	No	Yes	Yes	Majority
To <u>p</u> ostpone indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	Majority
INCIDENTAL MOTIONS (Non-ranking motions)				
To suspend the rules	No	Yes	No	Two-thirds
To withdraw a motion	Yes	No	No	Majority
To call for reading of papers	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
To object to consideration	Yes	No	No	Two-thirds (opposed)
To rise to a point of order	Yes	No	No	Chair rules
To rise to a parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	Chair responds
To appeal from the decision of the Chair	Yes	Yes	No (if relates to priority business or decorum)	Majority (in negative)
To call for a division of the house	Yes	No	No	None
To call for a division of the question	No	Yes	No	Majority
MOTIONS THAT BRING A QUESTION AGAIN BEFORE THE HOUSE				
To reconsider	No	Yes	Yes	Majority
To rescind	No	Yes	Yes	Majority (previous notice)
To take from table	No	Yes	No	Majority
MAIN MOTIONS	No	Yes	Yes	Majority