

APPENDIX

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RANK	TABLE OF BASIC POINTS OF MOTIONS	SECOND REQUIRED	DEBATABLE	AMENDABLE	VOTE REQUIRED	MAY RECONSIDER	MAY INTERRUPT
	Privileged Motions						
1	Dissolve or adjourn sine die	Yes	No	No	Majority	No	No
2	Adjourn to a fixed time or recess	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No	No
3	Point of no quorum	No	No	No	None	No	No
4	Fix the time to (or at) which to adjourn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes	No
5	Question of privilege	No	No	No	None	No	Yes
	Subsidiary Motions						
6	Lay on the table	Yes	No	No	$\frac{2}{3}$	Yes	No
7	The previous question	Yes	No	No	$\frac{2}{3}$	No	No
8	Limit or extend debate	Yes	No	No	$\frac{2}{3}$	Yes	No
9	Postpone to a time uncertain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes	No
10	Commit or refer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes	No
11	Amend (or substitute)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes	No
12	Postpone indefinitely	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Yes	No
	Incidental Motions						
*	Point of order	No	No	No	None	No	Yes
*	Appeal	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Yes	No
*	Division of a question	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No	No
*	Separate consideration	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No	No
*	Fix the method of voting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes	No
*	Nominations to committees	No	No	No	Plurality	No	No
*	Withdraw or modify a motion	No	No	No	Majority	No	No
*	Suspension of rules	Yes	No	No	$\frac{2}{3}$ **	No	No
	Main Motions						
None	Main Motion	Yes	Yes	Yes	Varies	Yes	Majority
***	Reconsider or rescind	Yes	***	No	$\frac{2}{3}$	No	No
None	Take from the table	Yes	No	No	Majority	No	Majority
None	Advance an article	Yes	Yes	Yes	$\frac{2}{3}$	Yes	No

*Same rank as motion out of which they arise.

**Unanimous if rule protects minorities; out of order if rule protects absentees.

***Same rank and debatable to same extent as motion being reconsidered.