**Chart #1: The Ranking Motions**

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| Characteristics: | | In order when another  has the floor | Must be seconded | Debatable | Amendable | Vote required for  adoption | Can be reconsidered |
| PRIVILEGED MOTIONS: | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13. | Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn | No | Yes | No | Yes | Maj | Yes |
| 12. | Adjourn | No | Yes | No | No | Maj | No |
| 11. | Recess | No | Yes | No | Yes | Maj | No |
| 10. | Question of Privilege | Yes | No | No | No | — | No |
| 9. | Call for Order of the Day | Yes | No | No | No | — | No |
| SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS: | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8. | Lay on the Table | No | Yes | No | No | Maj | No |
| 7. | Previous Questions (“Call the Question) | No | Yes | No | No | 2/3 | Yes |
| 6. | Limit or Extend Limits of Debate | No | Yes | No | Yes | 2/3 | Yes |
| 5. | Postpone Definitely | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Maj | Yes |
| 4. | Refer (or Commit) | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Maj | Yes[[1]](#footnote-1) |
| 3. | Amend | No | Yes | Yes[[2]](#footnote-2) | Yes | Maj | Yes |
| 2. | Postpone Indefinitely | No | Yes | Yes | No | Maj | Yes[[3]](#footnote-3) |
| 1. | MAIN MOTION | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Maj | Yes |

**Chart #2: Some Common Additional Motions**

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| Characteristics: | | In order when another  has the floor | Must be seconded | Debatable | Amendable | Vote required for  adoption | Can be reconsidered |
| INCIDENTAL MOTIONS: | | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Appeal a Ruling of the Chair | Yes | Yes | Yes[[4]](#footnote-4) | No | Maj | Yes |
|  | Close Nominations or Polls | No | Yes | No | Yes | 2/3 | No |
|  | Consider by Paragraph (or Consider “Seriatim”) | No | Yes | No | Yes | Maj | No |
|  | Divide the Question | No | Yes | No | Yes | Maj | No |
|  | Division of the Assembly | Yes | No | No | No | — | No |
|  | Object to Consideration[[5]](#footnote-5) | Yes | No | No | No | 2/3 | Yes[[6]](#footnote-6) |
|  | Request for Information or Parliamentary Inquiry | Yes | No | No | No | — | No |
|  | Point of Order | Yes | No | No | No | — | No |
|  | Suspend the Rules | No | Yes | No | No | 2/3 | No |
| MOTIONS THAT BRING A QUESTION AGAIN BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY: | | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Reconsider | No | Yes | Yes[[7]](#footnote-7) | No | Maj | No |
|  | Rescind or Amend Something Previously Adopted | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2/3[[8]](#footnote-8) | Yes |
|  | Take from the Table | No | Yes | No | No | Maj | No |

1. Cannot be reconsidered if the committee has already begun its work. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. No if the motion being amended is not debatable—such as a motion to limit debate. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Only an affirmative vote on this motion may be reconsidered. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. If the motion upon which the ruling was made is debatable. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Can only be made before any debate has begun. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Only a vote sustaining the objection can be reconsidered. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. If the motion being reconsidered is debatable. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Majority vote with previous notice. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)