**Chart #1: The Ranking Motions**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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)