

Object & Effect of Permissible Motions

Motion	Object	Effect
PRIVILEGED MOTIONS		
Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn	To have a legal continuation of the meeting	Sets definite continuation time
Adjourn	To end the meeting	Adjourns the meeting
Recess	To secure an intermission	Delays action
Raise a Question of Privilege	To correct undesirable condition	Corrects undesirable condition
Call for the Orders of the Day	To secure adherence to order of business	Secures adherence to order of business
SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS		
Lay on the Table	To clear the floor for more urgent business	Delays action
Previous Question	To secure immediate vote on pending question	Ends debate
Limit or Extend Time of Debate	To provide more or less time for discussion	Shortens or lengthens discussion period
Postpone to a Certain Time	Often, to give more time for informal discussion and for securing followers (if someone has critical information)	Delays action
Commit or Refer	To enable more careful consideration to be given	Delays action
Amend	To improve the motion	Changes the original motion
Postpone Indefinitely	To prevent a vote on the question	Suppresses the question
Main Motion	To introduce item of business to assembly	Proper way to handle & introduce business
INCIDENTAL MOTIONS		
Appeal	To determine the attitude of the group on the ruling made by the chair	Secures ruling of the group rather than by the chair
Division of the Assembly	To determine the accuracy of a voice vote & secure expression of individual member's voices	Secures an accurate check on vote
Division of a Question	To secure more careful consideration of parts	Secures action by parts
Objection to the Consideration of a Question	To prevent wasting time on unimportant business	Suppresses the motion
Parliamentary Inquiry	To obtain parliamentary information	Facilitates proper use of parliamentary rules
Point of Order	To call attention to violation of rules	Keeps the organization functioning according to parliamentary procedure
Request for Information	To secure information & be excused from a duty	Provides information
Suspend the Rules	To permit action not possible under the rules	Secures action which otherwise would be prevented by rules
Withdraw a Motion	To eliminate a motion	Eliminates motion allowing for a new motion
MOTIONS THAT BRING A QUESTION AGAIN BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY		
Reconsider	To reconsider the question	Secures further consideration & another vote on question
Rescind	To repeal action previously taken	Repeals action previously taken
Take from The Table	To continue the consideration of the question	Continues consideration of the question