



## Table of Frequently Used Parliamentary Motions

| <i>For use in Student Congress</i> |   |  |                  |            |            |                       |                |
|------------------------------------|---|--|------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Type                               | Motion  | Purpose  | Second Required? | Debatable? | Amendable? | Required Vote         | May Interrupt? |
| Privileged                         | 24. Fix time for reassembling                           | To arrange time of next meeting                      | Yes              | Yes-T      | Yes-T      | Majority              | Yes            |
|                                    | 23. Adjourn   | To dismiss the meeting                               | Yes              | No         | Yes-T      | Majority              | No             |
|                                    | 22. Recess  | To dismiss the meeting for a specific length of time | Yes              | Yes        | Yes-T      | Majority              | No             |
|                                    | 21. Rise to a question of privilege                     | To make a personal request during debate             | No               | No         | No         | Decision of the Chair | Yes            |
|                                    | 20. Call for orders of the day                          | To force consideration of a postponed motion         | No               | No         | No         | Decision of the Chair | Yes            |
| Incidental                         | 19. Appeal a decision of the chair                      | To reverse a decision                                | Yes              | No         | No         | Majority              | Yes            |
|                                    | 18. Rise to a point of order or parliamentary procedure | To correct a parliamentary error or ask a question   | No               | No         | No         | Decision of the Chair | Yes            |
|                                    | 17. Division of the chamber                             | To verify a voice vote                               | No               | No         | No         | Decision of the Chair | Yes            |
|                                    | 16. Object to the consideration of a question           | To suppress action                                   | No               | No         | No         | 2/3                   | Yes            |
|                                    | 15. Divide a motion                                     | To consider its parts separately                     | Yes              | No         | Yes        | Majority              | No             |
|                                    | 14. Leave to modify or withdraw a motion                | To modify or withdraw a motion                       | No               | No         | No         | Majority              | No             |
|                                    | 13. Suspend the rules                                   | To take action contrary to standing rules            | Yes              | No         | No         | 2/3                   | No             |
| Subsidiary                         | 12. Rescind   | To repeal previous action                            | Yes              | Yes        | Yes        | 2/3                   | No             |
|                                    | 11. Reconsider  | To consider a defeated motion again                  | Yes              | Yes        | No         | Majority              | No             |
|                                    | 10. Take from the table                                 | To consider tabled motion                            | Yes              | No         | No         | Majority              | No             |
|                                    | 9. Lay on the table                                     | To defer action                                      | Yes              | No         | No         | Majority              | No             |
|                                    | 8. Previous question                                    | To force an immediate vote                           | Yes              | No         | No         | 2/3                   | No             |
|                                    | 7. Limit or extend debate                               | To modify freedom of debate                          | Yes              | Yes        | Yes-T      | 2/3                   | No             |
|                                    | 6. Postpone to a certain time                           | To defer action                                      | Yes              | Yes        | Yes        | Majority              | Yes            |
|                                    | 5. Refer to a committee *                               | For further study                                    | Yes              | Yes        | Yes        | Majority              | Yes            |
|                                    | 4. Amend an amendment °                                 | To modify an amendment                               | 1/3              | Yes        | No         | Majority              | No             |
|                                    | 3. Amend °  | To modify a motion                                   | 1/3              | Yes        | Yes        | Majority              | No             |
| Main                               | 2. Postpone indefinitely                                | To suppress action                                   | Yes              | Yes        | No         | Majority              | No             |
|                                    | 1. Main motion  | To introduce a business                              | Yes              | Yes        | Yes        | Majority              | No             |



\* No. 5 should include:

1. How appointed?
2. The number
3. Report when? or to what standing committee

T = Time

° Nos. 3 and 4 by:

1. Adding (inserting)
2. Striking (deleting)
3. Substituting