

## PARLIAMENTARY LAW DESK CHART

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|                    | Motions   | Debatable  | Amendable | Requires<br>a Second | Vote<br>Required  | In Order<br>When<br>Another Is<br>Speaking | Can Be Re-<br>considered | Motions to<br>Which<br>It Applies   | Motions to<br>Which<br>Apply to it                      |
|--------------------|---|--|-----------|----------------------|---|--|--------------------------|---|---|
| PRIVILEGED MOTIONS | <ul> <li>Time for Next Meeting<br/>(when privileged)</li> </ul> | No   | Yes       | Yes                  | Majority  | No   | No                       | None  | Amend   |
|                    | Adjourn   | No   | No        | Yes                  | Majority  | No   | No                       | None  | None  |
|                    | Recess  | No   | Yes       | Yes                  | Majority  | No   | No                       | None  | None  |
|                    | Question of Privilege<br>(treat as Main Motion)                 | No   | No        | No                   | Chair; unless<br>appealed; then<br>Majority   | Yes  | Yes                      | None  | All   |
|                    | Orders of the Day   | No   | No        | Νο                   | None; it takes<br>2/3 to postpone<br>special order  | Yes  | No                       | Any special<br>order  | None; except to<br>postpone<br>orders                   |
| INCIDENTAL MOTIONS | Appeal  | No   | No        | Yes                  | Majority  | Yes  | Yes                      | Any decision of the chair   | Lay on table<br>Close debate<br>Reconsider              |
|                    | Point of Order  | No   | No        | No                   | None; unless<br>appealed; then<br>majority  | Yes  | No                       | Any motion or<br>act  | None  |
|                    | Objection to Consider-<br>ation of Question                     | No   | No        | No                   | 2/3   | Yes  | Yes                      | Main questions<br>and questions of<br>privilege                                   | Reconsider  |
|                    | Reading Papers  | No   | No        | Yes                  | Majority  | No   | Yes                      | None  | None  |
|                    | Withdrawal of Motion  | No   | No        | No                   | Majority  | No   | Yes                      | Any motion  | Reconsider  |
|                    | Suspension of Rules   | No   | No        | Yes                  | 2/3   | No   | No                       | Any motion<br>where needed  | None  |
| SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS | Lay on the Table  | No   | No        | Yes                  | Majority  | No   | No                       | Main questions,<br>appeals,<br>question of<br>privilege,<br>reconsider            | None  |
|                    | Previous Question<br>(close debate)                             | No   | No        | Yes                  | 2/3   | No   | Yes                      | Any debatable motion  | Reconsider  |
|                    | Limit or Extend Limits<br>of Debate                             | No   | Yes       | Yes                  | 2/3   | No   | Yes                      | Any debatable<br>motion   | Reconsider  |
|                    | Postpone to a<br>Definite Time                                  | Yes  | Yes       | Yes                  | Majority  | No   | Yes                      | Main motion,<br>question of<br>privilege  | Amend<br>Reconsider Limit<br>of Close Debate            |
|                    | Refer or Commit   | Yes  | Yes       | Yes                  | Majority  | No   | Yes                      | Main motion,<br>question of<br>privilege  | Amend<br>Reconsider Limit<br>of Close Debate            |
|                    | Amend   | Yes  | Yes       | Yes                  | Majority  | Νο   | Yes                      | Main motion,<br>limit, debate,<br>refer, postpone,<br>fix time of next<br>meeting | Amend<br>Reconsider<br>Close debate                     |
|                    | Postpone Indefinitely   | Yes  | No        | Yes                  | Majority  | Νο   | Yes                      | Main motion,<br>question of<br>privilege  | Limit or<br>Close debate<br>Reconsider                  |
|                    | MAIN MOTION   | Yes  | Yes       | Yes                  | Majority  | No   | Yes                      | None  | All   |
|                    | Reconsideration*  | Yes, if motion<br>to which it<br>applies is<br>debatable | No        | Yes                  | Majority  | Yes  | No                       | Any motion<br>except adjourn<br>suspend rules lay<br>on table                     | Limit debate,<br>Lay on table<br>Postpone<br>definitely |
|                    | Rescind*  | Yes  | Yes       | Yes                  | 2/3 of members<br>present, majority<br>when notice to rescind<br>was given at previous<br>meeting | No   | Yes                      | Main motions,<br>appeals,<br>question of<br>privilege                             | All   |

\*These are treated as if they were main motions.





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