

Maine's Parliamentary Procedure at a Glance

To Do This	You Say This:	Can You Interrupt The Speaker?	Is The Motion Debatable?	Can The Motion Be Amended?	What Type Of Vote Is Required
Introduce business (Primary Action)	I move that...	NO	YES	YES	Simple Majority
Consider a Bill out of order on the Bill Calendar	I move we suspend the rules and consider Bill # at this time	NO	NO	NO	2/3 Majority
Object to considering something or an improper matter	I object to the consideration of the question	YES	NO	NO	Simple Majority
Amend a motion	I move that we amend the motion to be...	NO	YES	YES	Simple Majority
End debate	I move the previous question	NO	NO	NO	Simple Majority

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Ask for a vote by the actual count to verify a voice vote	I call for a <i>Division</i>	NO	NO	NO	No vote, any member may demand it
Reconsider action already taken - a person making this motion must have been on the prevailing side of action being reconsidered	I move we now reconsider our action relating to Bill #	NO	YES	NO	Simple Majority
Vote on a ruling by Presiding Officer	I appeal the Chair's decision	NO	YES	NO	Simply Majority
Object to a procedure or a personal affront	Point of <i>Order</i>	YES	NO	NO	No vote Chair decides
Request information	Point of <i>Information</i>	NO	NO	NO	No vote unless objection from the floor

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Complain about noise, heat, etc.	Point of <i>Privilege</i>	YES	NO	No	No Vote
Suspend consideration of an item	I move that we table Bill #	NO	NO	NO	Simple Majority
Take up a matter that was tabled	I move we take from the table Bill #	NO	NO	NO	Simple Majority
Have something studied further	I move that we refer this matter to the committee	NO	YES	YES	Simple Majority
Postpone consideration of something	I move we postpone this matter	NO	YES	YES	Simple Majority
Recess the meeting	I move we recess until...	NO	NO	YES	Simple Majority
Adjourn the meeting	I move we adjourn	NO	NO	NO	Simple Majority