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Main Motion

"I move that..." Definition: We should do this. Second Needed? Yes Amendable? Yes Debatable? Yes Vote Needed? 50% +1

Amendment

"I move to amend by..." Definition: I have a change I would like to propose. Second Needed? Yes Amendable? Yes Debatable? Yes Vote Needed? 50% +1

Close Debate

"I move the previous question." Definition: I think that we should vote. Second Needed? Yes Amendable? No Debatable? No Vote Needed? 2/3

Order

"I raise a point of order." Definition: I protest that we are doing something wrong. Second Needed? No Amendable? No Debatable? No Vote Needed? No

Confusion

"Point of clarification..." Definition: I'm confused... please explain the situation more clearly! Second Needed? No Amendable? No Debatable? No Vote Needed? No

Correction

"Point of information ... "

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Postpone with time limit

"I move to postpone S. __ until __." Definition: We need more time to think about this. Second Needed? Yes Amendable? No Debatable? No Vote Needed? 50% +1

Remove from the table

"I move to take up S. ___ from the table." Definition: Let's address this before the initial time limit that had been set. Second Needed? Yes Amendable? No Debatable? No Vote Needed? 2/3

Kill a resolution/amendment

"I move to postpone S. ___ indefinitely." Definition: You don't believe the resolution/amendment should even be considered. Second Needed? Yes Amendable? No Debatable? Yes Vote Needed? 2/3