

House of Deputies Motion Chart—2012 Rules

Motion	2nd	Debate	Amend?	Vote?	How made?	Purpose	Other Notes/features
To Adjourn or Recess	Yes	No	No	Majority	“I move to adjourn”	To end a session or take a break.	Renewed after progress
To Adjourn to time Certain	Yes	Yes – 2 mins	Yes – time	Majority	“I move to adjourn to a time certain”	To end a session and reconvene at a certain time.	Renewed after progress
To Lay on the Table	Yes	No	No	Majority	“I move to lay on the table”	To temporarily suspend considering a matter.	Renewed after progress
To Vote Immediately or at a Time Certain, or to Extend Debate	Yes	No	Yes – time only	2/3	“I move to end debate” or	To change the length of debate or end debate.	At time fixed for vote, no motion in order except to adjourn. With Substitute covers main question as well
To Postpone to a Time Certain	Yes	Yes – 2 min	Yes – time	Majority	“I move to postpone to a time certain”	To postpone considering a resolution to a certain time.	With substitutes, covers the main question as well
To Commit or Recommit to any Committee	Yes	Yes-not cmte	Yes – cmte	Majority	“I move to refer to a Committee”	To send a matter to a committee.	May be renewed after progress
To Amend or to Substitute	Yes	If main question is	1 amend	Majority	“I move to amend” or “I move a substitute resolution”	To amend a matter or propose a substitute.	Must be germane, may not be renewed.
To Postpone Indefinitely	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	“I move to postpone the resolution indefinitely”	To kill a resolution without a yes or no vote.	May not be renewed
Appeal from Decision of Chair	Yes	Yes – 2 min	No	Majority	I appeal the decision of the chair”	To submit a ruling of a chair to a vote.	Tie sustains the Chair
To Take from Table	Yes	No	No	Majority	“I move to take from the table”	To take something from the table to reconsider.	May be renewed after progress
To Recall from Committee	Yes	No	Yes	2/3	“I move to recall resolution ____ from committee and place it on the calendar”	To take something from committee.	May be renewed after progress
To Create Special Order of Day for a Particular Time	Yes	Yes	Yes – time only	2/3	“I move that a special order of business be set”	To set a specific agenda item.	May be renewed after progress
To Call for Order of the Day	No	No	No	None	“I call for the orders of the day”	To draw the chair’s attention to the scheduled	If change is required, 2/3 vote required
To Suspend the Rules or Take Up Business Out of Order	Yes	Yes	No	2/3	“I move to suspend the rules”	To modify the rules of the house.	Cannot be reconsidered or renewed
To Divide the Question	Yes	No	No	Majority	“I move that the resolution be divided at _____ and _____”	To consider a resolution or motion in separate parts.	(1) if several distinct propositions that are independent, may be divided by Chair or (2) if relate to the same subject, but can stand alone, requires vote to divide
Object to the Consideration	No	No	No	2/3	“I object to the consideration of the question”	To prevent a resolution or motion from being considered by the House.	Must be made before debate begins. Negative vote may be reconsidered.
To Reconsider	Yes	Yes, if org. is	No	2/3	“I move to reconsider _____”	To reconsider	Cannot be reconsidered twice

House of Deputies Motion Chart—Proposed Rules

Motion	2nd	Debate?	Amend	Vote ?	How Made?	Purpose	Other Notes
To Adjourn or Recess	Yes	No	No	Majority	“I move to adjourn”	Used to end a session or take a break.	
To Adjourn to time Certain	Yes	Yes – time	Yes – time	Majority	“I move to adjourn to a certain time”	Used to end a session and reconvene at a certain time.	
Appeal from Decision of Chair	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	“I appeal the decision of the chair”	Used to vote on a decision of the chair on a point of order.	
To Create a Special Order of Business or Change the Order of Business	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3	“I move to create a special order of business”	To set a special order of business for a certain time.	
To Suspend the Rules	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3	“I move to suspend the rules” or “I move to suspend the rules and extend debate”	Used to suspend the rules of the House that interferes doing something or to extend debate.	
Motions that affect debate on a matter							
End Debate and Vote Immediately	Yes	No	No	2/3	“I move to end debate and vote immediately”	Used to end debate and force a vote.	
Postpone Debating a Motion or Resolution until a Specific Time	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	“I move to postpone considering this resolution until”	Postpone considering something until a certain time.	
To Recall from Committee	Yes	Yes	No	2/3	“I move to recall resolution XXX from committee”	To take something from a committee and place it on a calendar.	May not be brought until the 4 th Legislative Day
Motions that affect what is done with a matter							
To refer back to the original committee, different committee, etc	Yes	Yes	Yes – committee	Majority	“I move to refer the resolution to Committee_____”	To refer a matter back to a legislative committee, a different committee, or to a CCAB.	
Take No Further Action	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	“I move that the House take no further action on this resolution”	To stop considering something without a vote on the merits.	
To Amend or to Substitute	Yes	Yes	1 amend	Majority	“I move to amend”	To amend a resolution.	Must be related to the item it seeks to amend
To Divide the Matter	Yes	No	No	Chair rules	“I move that the resolution be divided at _____ and _____”	To vote on parts of the resolution separately.	Any deputy may appeal the ruling of the presiding officer
To Reconsider	Yes	Yes – if org. is	No	Majority	“I move to reconsider the vote on resolution_____”	To reconsider something previously acted upon.	Cannot be reconsidered twice