

Florida State Association of PARLIAMENTARIANS



PRIVILEGED MOTIONS

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Privileged motions are a class of motions that are so urgent or important that they are entitled to **immediate** consideration by the assembly even though they do not have anything to do with the main motion or a pending question. They have this importance because they do involve the needs of the members or the organization in the meeting.

They are usually secondary motions, meaning they are made when there is a main motion already being addressed. The privileged motions are also among the thirteen ranking motions—but they are the highest ranking motions.

Mnemonics to help you remember the rank order lowest to highest:

Club Rules Really Are Fine

Highest to lowest:

Find All Right Red Cars

Tips to remember the Standard Descriptive Characteristics:

1. 4 and 5 don't need a second
2. 4 and 5 can interrupt
3. None are debatable
4. 1 and 3 are amendable
5. 4 and 5 have no vote, Chair rules
6. Only 1. can be reconsidered

Privileged Motions Standard Descriptive Characteristics

#		Name of Motion	Second	Interrupt	Debatable	Amendable	Vote	Reconsider
1	F	Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn						
2	A	Adjourn						
3	R	Recess						
4	R	Raise a Question of Privilege						
5	C	Call for the Orders of the Day						

Fix the time to which to adjourn: Set the time for another meeting to continue the business of the current session. Adoption of this motion does not adjourn the present meeting or set the time for its adjournment.

Adjourn: A motion to close the meeting.

Recess: A short interruption that does not close the meeting. After recess, business resumes exactly at the point where it was interrupted.

Question of privilege: To make an urgent request or motion regarding the rights of a person or the assembly for immediate consideration.

Call for the orders of the day: A single member can require the assembly to follow the order of business or agenda, or take up a special order that is scheduled to come up, unless 2/3 of the assembly decides to do otherwise.