

RULES OF ORDER,

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IV. No question shall be put up by the Presiding Officer, unless regularly moved and seconded; nor be open for consideration until so put; and, when put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion—

1. To adjourn;
2. To lay on the table;
3. To put the previous question;
4. To postpone;
5. To refer; or
6. To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof, shall be decided without debate.

V. The Previous question shall be put from the Chair, only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the members of the Lodge present, and then always be put in the words following: "SHALL THE QUESTION BE NOW PUT?" which words shall be understood to have precedence to whatever question may be pending immediately before, and call for the previous question may have been made.

VI. If the vote of the Lodge, taken pursuant to such call for the previous question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon forthwith put to vote the question so pending immediately before such call, and shall allow no amendment or further debate thereon; and if, on the other hand, the vote of the Lodge be in the negative, the Presiding Officer shall be thereby precluded from putting to vote, during the remainder of the current term, the question pending as aforesaid.

VII. Any member may require the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

VIII. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, or longest or latest time proposed.

IX. The Yeas and Nays shall be taken and recorded on the call of any member, duly seconded.

X. After any question, except that of indefinite postponement or the previous question, may have been decided, any two members having voted in the majority, may, at the same or any subsequent meeting, move for a reconsideration thereof. But no such question shall be allowed upon such motion.

Any question decided by the Lodge shall be final, and no reconsideration shall be allowed thereon.