

STANDING ORDERS 37-43

MOTIONS

Motions in writing

37. All substantive motions shall be in writing, and seconded, before being debated or put from the Chair. A Member who has made a motion may withdraw the same, by leave of the House, such leave being granted without any negative voice.

(1951 SO 32 amended 1999)

Questions under debate

38. When a question is under debate no question is received unless to amend it; to postpone it to a day certain; for the previous question; for reading the orders of the day; for proceeding to another order; to adjourn the debate; or for the adjournment of the House.

(1951 SO 33)

Referred to Committee

39. A motion to refer a Bill, resolution or any question to the Committee of the Whole or any standing or select committee shall preclude all amendment of the main question.

(1951 SO 35)

Amendments to motion

40. A motion may be amended: (a) by leaving out certain words; (b) by leaving out certain words in order to insert other words; (c) by inserting or adding other words. When the amendment is of form (a) above the Speaker shall put a question that words proposed to be left out do stand apart of the question; which if resolved in the affirmative shall dispose of the amendment. If the amendment is of form (b) above the same question shall be put as in case (a) which if resolved in the affirmative shall dispose of the amendment, but if in the negative then the Speaker shall put the further question that the words proposed to be inserted by the amendment be there inserted. If the amendment be of form (c) above the Speaker shall put a question that the proposed words be there inserted or added, which shall be resolved either in the affirmative or negative.

(1951 SO 36)

Exception with amendment

41. No amendment shall be proposed to be made to any words which the House has resolved shall stand part of a question or shall be inserted in or added to, a question except the addition of other words thereto.

(1951 SO 37)

Motion contrary to rules

42. Whenever the Speaker is of opinion that a motion offered to the House is contrary to the rules and privileges of Parliament, he or she shall apprise the House thereof immediately, before putting the question thereon, and quote the Standing Order or authority applicable to the case.

(1951 SO 39)

Previous Question

43. (1) The previous question, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments of the main question, and shall be in the following words, "That this question be now put." If the previous question be resolved in the affirmative the original question is to be put forthwith without any amendment or debate.

(2) A motion for the previous question is not admitted in a Committee of the Whole or any Select Committee of the House.

(3) The motion for the previous question may be superseded by a motion to adjourn or for reading the orders of the day.

(4) If the previous question be resolved in the negative, the original question shall not be debated or put on the same day.