

2010 GOP STATE Parliamentary Procedure



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3 Steps to Present a Motion

- Member makes a motion
 - “Mr. Chairman, I move adoption of the following motion ...”
- Member seconds the motion
- Chair places the motion before the body
 - “It has been moved and seconded to adopt the following motion ... Is there any debate?”

Ranking of Motions

- Main Motion – Lowest ranking. Can only be made when no other business is before the body
- Postpone Indefinitely – Kills motion without a direct vote on it. “Mr. Chairman, I move to postpone the motion indefinitely”
- Amend – by inserting, striking or combination. “Mr. Chairman, I move to amend the motion by striking the word “government” before the word “funds” and inserting the word “taxpayers””. Must be germane to main motion

Ranking of Motions

- Commit – Sends motion to a committee. “Mr. Chairman, I move to commit the pending motion to the Rules Committee” Remaining motions are undebatable
- Postpone Definitely – postpones motion to a definite time. “Mr. Chairman, I move to postpone the motion until the next regular meeting”
- Limit/Extend Debate – Limits or extends limits of debate. 2/3rds vote “Mr. Chairman, I move to limit debate to 3 minutes for each speaker”
- Call Question – Stops debate and amendments. Requires majority vote in conventions. “Mr. Chairman, I call the question”.

Ranking of Motions

- Question of Privilege – Ruled on by chair. If motion is involved, the motion becomes a main motion
- Call for Orders of the Day – Used when the agenda is not being followed.
- Recess – temporary break in business
- Adjourn – ends session immediately
- Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn

Incidental Motions

- Suspend the Rules – allows the body to do something they could not do otherwise
 - 2/3rds vote
 - Not debatable
- Point of Order – used when breach of rules occur
 - Ruled on by Chair
- Appeal – Transfers ruling from chair to body

Voting

- Method of voting is set out in Supplemental Rules and must be followed
- Roll Call vote must be taken when:
 - Ordered by a majority vote
 - 20% of SDs sign a roll call petition
 - Ordered by Convention Chair

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Overview

Basic Information

- June 11-12, 2010
- Dallas Convention Center
- Temp Committees begin Tuesday
- Wear comfortable clothes
- Many vendors

Temporary Committees

- Rules – Considers changes to RPT Rules and recommends Supplemental Rules
- Platform- Recommends the Party Platform to the Perm Platform Committee
- Credentials – Recommends temporary roll of delegates and resolves challenges, if any
- Members are appointed by SREC

SREC

- Meets on Thursday
- 1 man and 1 woman from each SD plus state chair and vice-chair
- Approves temporary roll, excl challenges
- Approves temporary supplemental rules
- Approves temporary convention agenda

Day One - Friday

- 1st General Session- usually around noon to 1 p.m.
- Speeches
- SD caucuses in afternoon (approx 4pm)
 - Temp Chair calls to order
 - Elect Perm Chair (almost always temp chair)
 - Elect Perm members of committees (Rules, Credentials, Platform, Perm Org)
 - New comm member-Nominations Comm

Day 2 – Saturday

- SD caucuses in morning
- Complete SD caucus business
 - State Chair and Vice-Chair nominations
 - Elect SREC members
- 2nd General Session
 - Adopt Perm Credentials Comm Report
 - Elect Permanent Convention Chairman

Day 2 - Saturday

- Ratify SREC elections
- Elect State Chair and Vice-Chair
- Adopt Rules Committee Report
- Adopt Platform
- Adjourn

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