

How to Help Pass or Defeat Motions

Proponents or opponents to either promote or adopt motions and resolutions, or to obstruct and defeat them can legally use the following tactics or proceedings.

NOTE: Vote and function at meetings. Do not be idle or unconcerned. In addition, do not sleep on your rights, when you do, you forfeit them.

TO HELP PASS A MOTION:	HOW TO DEFEAT A MOTION:
1. Second it. Say, "I second the motion."	1. Do not second it. Be silent.
2. Speak for it before the vote is taken.	2. Speak against it before the vote is taken.
3. Vote for it.	3. Vote against it.
4. Vote against indefinite postponement to rescue it.	4. Move to postpone indefinitely to "kill" it.
5. Amend it sensibly to improve and perfect it.	5. Amend it adversely to ridicule it or encumber it.
6. Vote against referring it.	6. Move to refer it.
7. Vote against postponements or delays, and pass it now.	7. Move to postpone it to the next meeting – delay it.
8. Defeat the "previous question" to (continue to) bring out its good points in debate.	8. Move the "previous question" to shut off (further) discussion of its good points.
9. Vote against tabling it.	9. Vote to table it.
10. Vote against recessing so as not to give free time.	10. Move to recess to go after votes.
11. Vote down any motion to reconsider.	11. If the motion is passed move to reconsider it.
12. Carry out passed motions at once, so they cannot rescind.	12. If a passed motion remains un-executed, move to rescind.
13. Vote down adjournments to pass it right now.	13. Move to adjourn and delay or obstruct its passage.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Support or oppose questions at meetings and conventions with all your skill and eloquence, then abide by the result (the majority has spoken) – thus preserving harmony and unity, and safeguarding the organization's dignity and integrity.