

# Reconsider

A Motion That Brings a Question before the Assembly Again

**Reconsider (B)**

**INTERRUPT**  
 Before Person who has floor speaks It can't interrupt pending business (PB), but, as soon as PB disposed of, it has the preference over all other main motions and general orders.

**MEMBER**  
 States how he voted on the motion, if on the prevailing side (or if motion adopted by unanimous consent) he makes the motion. If vote by ballot must be willing to waive secrecy

**SECOND**

~~AMEND (S)~~

**DEBATE**  
 Ok If motion to be reconsidered is debatable Debate can go into merits of the original question. Anyone who exhausted his right to debate in first consideration won't be able to speak on it again during the reconsideration, without permission of the assembly.

~~DEBATE~~  
 If motion to be reconsidered is undebatable or it is subject to an unexhausted order for the Previous Question

~~COMMIT~~

~~POSTPONE INDEFINITLY~~

**Yields to: Nothing (Except Reconsider and Enter on the Minutes)**

The making of this motion is in order when any other question is pending, even after the assembly has voted to adjourn, if it was made before the chair declared the meeting adjourned. Even while an order for the Previous Question is in effect on a motion which is immediately pending, **until the chair actually begins to take the vote**, a motion to Reconsider an earlier vote on another question is in order.

The consideration of the motion to reconsider, however, has only the same rank as the motion to be reconsidered. For example, a motion to reconsider a motion to postpone to a certain time could be made while a motion to recess was pending, but it could not be dealt with until the motion to recess had been disposed, because the motion to recess has a higher rank than the motion to postpone to a certain time. Generally speaking, can be applied to most motions except: 1) when action has been taken that cannot be undone; or 2) when another parliamentary motion can accomplish the same purpose. Not to Adjourn; Take a Recess; Lay on the Table; Take from the Table; Suspend the Rules or Order of Business; and Reconsider.

**CHAIR**  
 States the Question – Asks for Vote If adopted the reconsidered motion is pending.

**VOTE**  
 Majority Vote regardless of vote necessary to adopt the motion

~~RECONSIDER~~

~~RENEWED~~  
 Except by unanimous consent

**Exceptions:** The making of this motion is subject to time limits: Reconsider can be made only on the same day the vote to be reconsidered was taken. In a convention or session of more than one day, reconsideration can be moved only on the same day the original vote was taken or on the next succeeding day within the session on which a business meeting is held. These time limitations do not apply to standing or special committees

The *Effect of Making* this motion is to **suspend** all action that the original motion would have required until the reconsideration is acted upon; but if it is not called up, this effect terminates with the session except in an assembly having regular meetings **as often as quarterly**, when, if not called up, its effect does not terminate till the close of the next regular session. As long as its effect lasts, any one at an adjourned, or a special, or a regular meeting, may *call up* the motion to reconsider and have it acted upon.

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**Applications**