

# USEFUL PARLIAMENTARY MOTIONS

I want to change the wording in a motion / resolution.

## AMEND

*I move to amend the motion by*

- 1. Striking out the word(s)*
- 2. Inserting the word(s)*
- 3. Striking out the word(s) and inserting the word(s)*

I think this need some more study or work before we adopt this.

## REFER

*I move that the resolution be referred to the appropriate agency of the American Association of Endodontists with a report back to the 2023 General Assembly*

*OR*

*I move that the resolution be referred to a special committee [of “x” members,] appointed by the president to study this issue and report back to the 2023 General Assembly.*

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We need to hear from someone who will be here later, OR, we need to think about this until after lunch, etc.

## **POSTPONE TO A CERTAIN TIME**

*I move that we postpone this until after lunch.*

*OR, I move that this be postponed until 11 o'clock.*

*OR, I move that we postpone this until the treasurer is here to give us some financial information.*

We've already heard a lot on this. Let's end this soon...

## **LIMIT DEBATE (2/3 vote)** (ways to do this)

1. Limit the time to a specific number of minutes (more)

*I move to limit debate on this issue to 10 more minutes.*

2. Set a time limit to end at a specific time

*I move that debate on this end at 10 o'clock*

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3. Set the number of speakers on this resolution

*I move to limit debate to two more members to speak. OR,*

*I move to limit debate to one more member speaking in favor and one more against.*

4. Limit the amount of time each member will speak.

*I move to limit debate to two (2) minutes for each member to speak.*

**When the limit for debate has been reached, debate will end and the vote will be taken.**

I need more time to finish my debate

**EXTEND DEBATE (2/3 vote)** (similar to above but asking for more time)

*I move to extend debate by two more minutes.*

The effect is to allow the present speaker to extend the time limit for him/her by two more minutes. The same motion can be used to request an extension of any of the above limitations mentioned in the above paragraph on limiting debate (number of speakers, total time, etc.)

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We've been debating this long enough, or debate is getting repetitive.

### **CLOSE DEBATE AND VOTE IMMEDIATELY (2/3 vote)**

*I move to close debate and vote immediately.* (This is the most correct form.)

*I move to vote immediately.* (This, while not in proper form, will work.)

*I call the question.* (This is not the correct form, but will convey the message to the presiding officer that the intent is to end debate and vote now.)

We need a break.

### **RECESS**

*I move that we recess for \_\_\_\_ minutes.*

*I move we recess until 10:30.*

*I move that we recess for lunch.*