

Student Congress verbiage reminder

- When making a motion, say “I move,” not “I make a motion to. . .”
- To call the previous question and go directly to a vote, you must first make sure that an affirmative and a negative speech have been given. Then stand and when recognized, say, “I call the question,” or “I call the previous question.”
 - If you need to leave the chambers for any reason, stand (but don’t do it during any speeches). When recognized (“For what purpose does the speaker rise?”), say, “Point of personal privilege.” PO says, “State that privilege.” You say, “Permission to exit chambers.” PO says, “Permission granted.”
 - When you return from the bathroom (or wherever you went), stand outside the door until the speaker has finished his/her speech (you may enter when the PO is speaking). Stand patiently right inside the door until the PO asks, “For what purpose does the speaker rise?” You say, “Point of personal privilege.” PO says, “State that privilege.” You say, “Permission to re-enter chambers.” PO says, “Permission granted.”
 - To offer an amendment to a bill, you must give the amendment IN WRITING to the PO. When the PO says that there is an amendment and asks for the author, you stand. Then you go forward and give an authorship speech ON YOUR AMENDMENT and how it makes the bill better.
 - At the beginning of each speech, when you get to the front of the room, say, “I’m at the leisure of my Presiding Officer and my judges OR I’m at the leisure of all those above me.” When they nod for you to begin your speech, go for it!