

YOUR GUIDE TO STUDENT CONGRESS MOTIONS

WHAT YOU WANT TO DO	WHAT YOU SAY	VOTE NEEDED	EFFECT
Begin debate	"I move that we open the floor for debate."	Majority	Officially begin debating legislation.
Stop debating a bill or resolution	"I move to previous question."	2/3	Calls for an immediate vote on legislation.
Debate the legislation later (to table it)	"I move to table the legislation."	Majority	Puts legislation on hold. (It will need to be readdressed before the end of the legislative day.)
Personal liberties	"Point of personal privilege (to exit chambers)."	Decision of the P.O.	Gets permission to leave the congress chamber (for a restroom break)

BEFORE GIVING A SPEECH:

Clearly write your name, school (or school code), and position (affirmative or negative) on the board

Preface your speech by stating, "At the leisure of the chamber, the judges and the presiding officer." WAIT for the OK from the PO!

AT THE END OF YOUR SPEECH:

State, "For these reasons, I stand in (affirmation or negation) of this (bill or resolution). I now stand ready for any and all cross examination."

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- There is no such thing as "prefacing a question" or a "two-part question" in cross examination
- NFL rules allow for an "open chamber" (which means legislators may freely come and go without asking for personal privilege); NCFL rules allow no such option.
- NFL rules allow for recess during a session; NCFL rules allow no such option.
- You are role playing a federal legislator. You are not a high school student.
- A debate cycle should always end after an *affirmative* speech.
- Recency does not reset after lunch

GAVELING PROCEDURES: 1 tap = 2 minutes; 2 taps = 2 minutes 30 seconds; 3 taps = 3 minutes