

HOUSE WHAT TO SAY AND WHEN TO SAY IT

REQUEST TO SPEAK: Stand, wait to be recognized, and, on recognition state: "Thank you, Mr./Madam Speaker." Then, proceed with any of the following requests:

POINT OF ORDER: "Mr./Madam Speaker, point of order." If the House is not following its rules or straying from question before it, a member may make the point without first being recognized.

APPEAL A RULING: "Mr./Madam Speaker, under House Rule 5 I appeal your ruling on _____."

RECORD YOUR PRESENCE: "Mr./Madam Speaker, may I be recorded as present."

INTRODUCE LEGISLATION ON THE FLOOR: "Mr./Madam Speaker, I have a [bill/resolution/amendment] to introduce." If the Speaker has agreed in advance under House Rule 21(b)(2), Speaker will ask you to present it. Hand printed legislation to page who will distribute.

BRING A MEASURE BEFORE HOUSE: "Mr./Madam Speaker, I request that [bill number] be given its third and final reading and brought before the House for consideration."

TABLE/LIFT FROM THE TABLE: "Mr./Madam Speaker, I move that [bill number] be laid on/lifted from the Speaker's table." The motion requires a second and is usually adopted by voice vote, but a roll call may be requested.

SUSPEND THE RULES: "Mr./Madam Speaker, I move that the rules of the House that interfere with action on [bill number] be suspended."

RECONSIDER: "Mr./Madam Speaker, I move that the House reconsider [bill number]. If the motion prevails, say: "Mr./Madam Speaker, I move that the roll call on [bill number] be rescinded."

CALL THE PREVIOUS QUESTION: Under House Rule 42(7), the motion is made if 5 members rise for this purpose. A verbal motion is not made. Roll is called on the motion.

DEFER TO A DAY CERTAIN: "Mr./Madam Speaker, I request that action on [bill number] be deferred to a day certain, [date]."

REMOVAL FROM CONSENT CALENDAR OR CONSENT AGENDA: "Mr./Madam Speaker, I request that [bill number] be removed from the Consent Calendar/Consent Agenda."

DECLARE A CONFLICT: "Mr./Madam Speaker, due to a possible conflict of interest, I will not be participating in the debate or voting on [bill number]." When roll is taken, state "Not voting".

REQUEST ROLL CALL INSTEAD OF VOICE VOTE: "Mr./Madam Speaker, I request a roll call vote under House Rule 41(d)."

STRIKE A BILL: "Mr./Madam Speaker, I wish to strike [bill number]."