



Parliamentary Procedure

How to Take a Motion from the Table



In parliamentary law, a motion is often referred to as a "**question**" because a motion is a proposal that presents a "yes" or "no" question for the assembly to decide.

Q: If a motion (question) has been "**Laid on the Table**", how does the assembly "**Take it from the Table?**"

A: First, remember that if a motion has been "laid on the table" it should only have been done because it was necessary to deal with a more urgent matter, and should not have been used as a means to kill or avoid dealing with the motion. RONR § 17 LAY ON THE TABLE

A motion to "**Take from the Table**" can be made during the same meeting after the urgent matter has been handled.

A member will make a motion at that time... *"I move to Take from the Table the motion relating to endorsing the proposal to amend National Bylaws Article III, Section 2..."*

Or, this can be done at the next Regular Meeting (so long as it is within the quarterly time interval), usually under Unfinished Business... *"I move to Take from the Table the motion relating to endorsing the proposal to amend National Bylaws Article III, Section 2..."*

This can also be done at a Special Meeting if the call of the Special Meeting specifies either the particular question that lies on the table or its subject matter.

This motion to "**Take from the Table**" requires a second, **it is not debatable**, and requires a majority vote.

Roberts Rules of Order § 34 **TAKE FROM THE TABLE**