

## The Six Most Common Things you do at Congress

| To do this:                           | You say this:  | Must motion be seconded? | May motion be amended? | May motion be debated? | Who decides the outcome? |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Introduce business by making a motion | "I move that..."   | Yes                      | Yes                    | Yes                    | Majority                 |
| Change a motion or a resolution       | "I move that this motion be amended by..."                       | Yes                      | Yes                    | Yes                    | Majority                 |
| Postpone indefinitely                 | "I move we postpone the question indefinitely."                  | Yes                      | No                     | Yes                    | Majority                 |
| Postpone to a definite time           | "I move that consideration of this matter be postponed until..." | Yes                      | Yes                    | Yes                    | Majority                 |
| Refer to the Board or a Commission    | "I move that we refer this to the Commission on.. /Board..."     | Yes                      | Yes                    | Yes                    | Majority                 |
| Stop Debate                           | "I move the previous question."                                  | Yes                      | No                     | No                     | 2/3 vote                 |

### REMEMBER:

When you want to speak, you must stand and move to a microphone, state your name and where you are from, whether you are speaking in favor or opposition to the motion, then offer your opinion.