



SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS

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RONRIB

Ch. 14 Part C, p. 126-127

“Subsidiary motions assist the assembly in treating or disposing of a main motion (and sometimes other motions).” p. 126

• Subsidiary Motions

See RONRIB p. 124 for list of Subsidiary Motions

- Lay on the Table
- Previous Question
- Limit or Extend Limits of Debate
- Postpone to a Certain Time
- Commit or Refer
- Amend
- Postpone Indefinitely

- MAIN MOTION

A Summary of Subsidiary Motions

RONR 12th, 6:5 (1-7); RONRIB, p. 126-127

1. They always apply to a presently pending motion, without deciding the main question.
2. They can be applied to any main motion.
3. They are ranked in order of precedence. (More later.)
4. They are out of order when another has the floor.
5. They are in order so long as the motion to which they can be applied is pending.

Any Presently Pending Motion so Long as the Motion is Pending

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2. Let's change it.
3. Let's Look Into It.
4. Let's discuss it later.
5. Let's discuss it now, but ...
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7. Let's do something else first.

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- B. Commit or Refer
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- C. Postpone Indefinitely
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- 1C. Postpone Indefinitely
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- 2D. Amend
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- 4F. Postpone to a Certain Time
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- 5A. Limit or Extend Limits of Debate
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- 6G. Previous Question
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- 7E. Lay on the Table

Let's Review

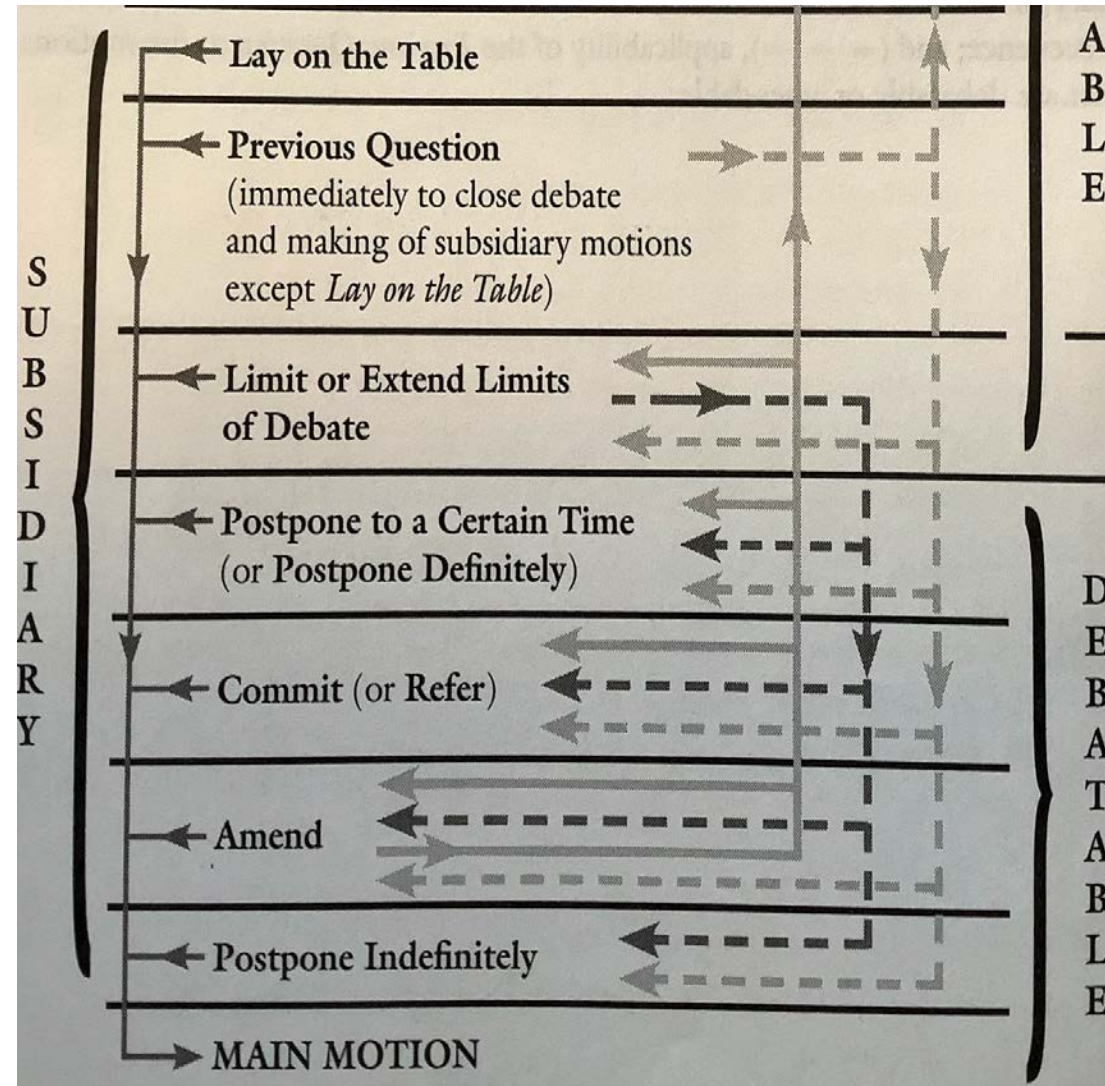
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RONR 12th ed. t4



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- True or False? [RONR 12th, t28, #81](#)
- True or False? [RONR 12th, t26, #79 & 80; RONRIB, T10, p 211](#)
- True or False? [RONR 12th, t22, #64](#)

There are three types of “Secondary motions”.

Go to RONR 12th ed. 5:2

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*Privileged
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*Incidental
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Though they *are* secondary motions, Privileged Motions and Incidental Motions, *are not* subsidiary motions.

THIS HAS BEEN AN *RONR* SHORT TAKE ON

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