



# Robert's Rules Review

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# Overview

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Getting Started - Definitions

Motions made easy...

- Main Motion
- Subsidiary Motions
- Privileged Motions
- Incidental Motions



# Who is Robert?



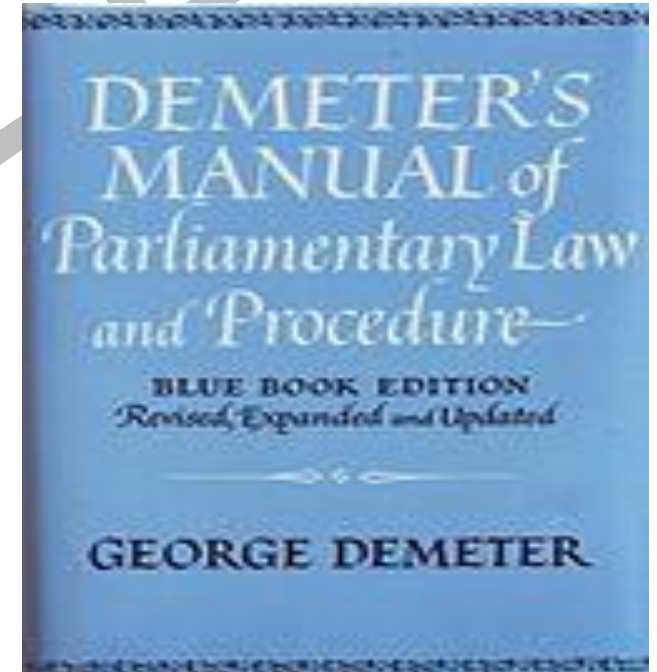
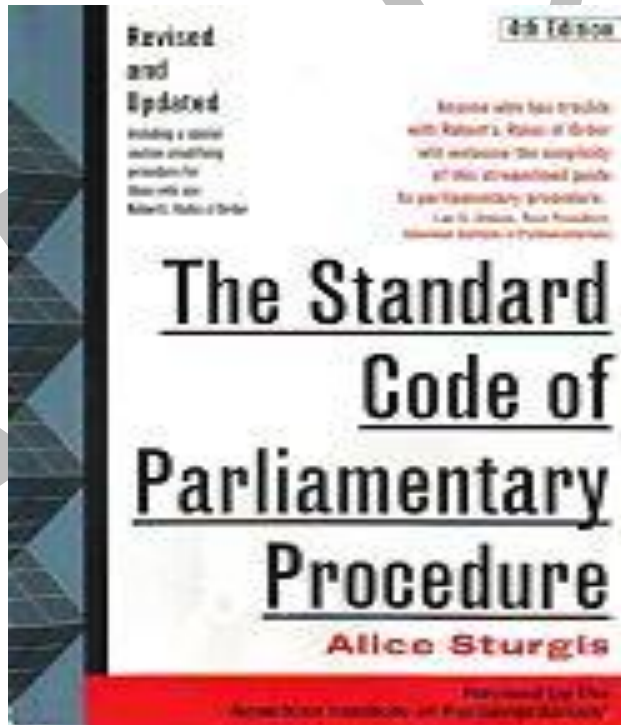
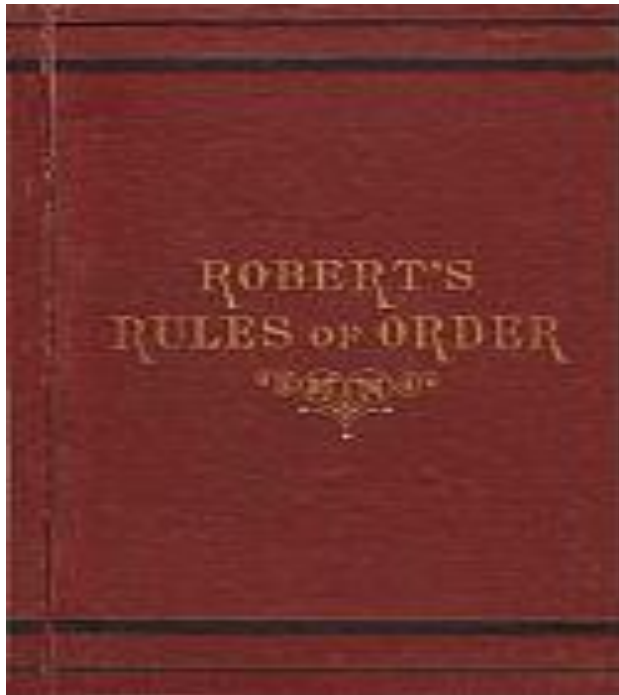
**Henry Martyn Robert**  
**May 2, 1837-May 11, 1923**

Author of *Pocket Manual of Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies* (*Robert's Rules of Order*) First edition - 1876

Most widely used manual of parliamentary procedure

Abbreviated *RONR*

# Parliamentary Procedure





# Why do we need the *rules*?



Taiwanese Parliament

# Why do we need the *rules*?

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Establishes rules and customs governing meetings

Establishes *order*

We don't always agree on everything

Majority of members can make decisions

Minority groups can still have a voice

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*Parliamentary procedure allows the will of the majority to move forward without disenfranchising the minority.*

# Getting Started - Definitions

## The Deliberative Assembly

- People gathered to take action in the name of the entire group
- Expression used to describe the English Parliament in 1774 by Edmund Burke
- The opinion of each member has equal weight expressed by ONE VOTE





# Getting Started - Definitions

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## Deliberative Assembly Types:

- Mass Meeting
- Assembly of the Organized Society
- Convention
- Legislative Body
- The Board

# Getting Started - Definitions

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Constitution

Bylaws

Standing Rules



# Getting Started - Definitions

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## Quorum

- The minimum number of members who must be present to conduct business (see Bylaws)

## Minimum Officers to Conduct Business

- Presiding officer (President, Chair, Speaker)
- Secretary (records the minutes)

# The Main Motion

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Brings business to the floor of the assembly

Characteristics:

- Requires a “second”
- Debate is allowed
- May “amend”
- Simple majority



# Main Motion

The Main Motion...

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Interrupt Speaker</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Debate</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Main	No	Yes	Yes	Majority
Adopt, Accept, Agree to Report	No	Yes	Yes	Majority
Approve Minutes	No	Yes	Yes	Majority
Recess (No question pending)	No	Yes	Yes	Majority





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