**Congress Vocabulary**

In congress, we use very formal words to express what it is that we want to do or what we want to happen. The column “You Want” is a list of items we may want to do during a debate; however, we must express these using specific terms. Fill in the “You Say” column with the formal sentence that is used. To find translations, you will need to do some digging online. Use Google to look up Robert’s Rules of Order or by visiting http://www.jimslaughter.com.

Fill in the blanks below with the correct formal sentence.

**Expressions used when you want to change the order of the congressional meeting.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **YOU WANT:** | **YOU SAY:** |
| Close meeting | Ex. I move to **adjourn** |
| Take break | I move to **recess** for ... |
| Register complaint | I rise to a **question of privilege** |
| Make follow agenda | I call for the **orders of the day** |
| Lay aside temporarily | I move to **lay the question on the table** |
| Close debate | I move the **previous question** |
| **Limit or extend debate** | I move that debate be limited to ... |
| **Postpone to a certain time** | I move to postpone the motion to ... |
| **Refer** to committee | I move to refer the motion to ... |
| Modify wording of motion | I move to **amend** the motion by ... |
| Kill main motion | I move that the motion be **postponed indefinitely** |
| Bring business before assembly (a **main motion**) | I move that [or "to"] ... |

**List of Incidental Motions**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **YOU WANT:** | **YOU SAY:** |
| Enforce rules | **Point of Order** |
| Submit matter to assembly | I **appeal** from the decision of the chair |
| Suspend rules | I move to **suspend the rules** |
| Avoid main motion altogether | I **object to the consideration** of the question |
| Divide motion | I move to **divide the question** |