



Limits of Debate – NAP Lesson

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Drill #1:

MOTION	Class	In order when another has the floor	Must be seconded	Debatable	Amendable	Vote required for adoption	Can be reconsidered
Limit or extend limits of debate							

1. Name the two motions that help an assembly control debate.
2. What vote is required to limit debate, and why?
3. When is an order limiting or extending debate exhausted?
4. When does the order for limited debate apply only to the immediately pending question?
5. If the vote to limit or extend debate is not adopted by unanimous consent, how should it be handled?
6. Can the assembly change from a limitation of debate to an extension of debate?
7. When can the motion to limit or extend debate be laid on the table?
8. When can the motion be reconsidered?
9. If it was ordered that debate be closed at 9 p.m. and the vote taken, what should the assembly do when the hour arrives?
10. If the motion to limit debate is adopted that does not provide for closing of debate, what effect does it have on subsidiary motions?



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Drill #2:

1. A member is at the microphone, and has just begun to speak, when the time to consider the motion expires, what are some actions that can be taken by the member?
2. A member is speaking, and the chair sees that there are a number of members waiting at the microphone to speak when time to consider this motion is exhausted. What actions may the presiding officer take?
3. A member wants to limit the time that has been allowed by the convention rules for a particular item. What should the member do?
4. A motion to extend debate for 20 minutes has been passed. Before the 20 minutes has passed, a guest speaker has arrived and the assembly wants to hear the speaker immediately. What is the proper motion to be made? What happens to the time remaining to debate the motion?
5. The adopted convention rules allow 30 minutes per item of business. What would a member do to extend the time for a particular item? What vote would be required?
6. The speakers regarding a motion are becoming repetitive. The chair would like to cut the debate time short. What should the chair do?