

## THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION

The substitute motion is a form of amendment applied when the desire is to amend a motion in several different, nonconsecutive places. It also is used when the text to be amended is longer than a paragraph.

The following procedure is used after a substitute motion is made:

1. **Main Motion.** A motion is on the floor.
2. **Substitute Motion.** A substitute motion is presented.
3. **Perfecting the Main Motion.** The Moderator calls for amendments to the main motion. The amendments may be debated. Nothing else is in order. Once the amendment process is over for the main motion, the Moderator declares the motion perfected, which is equivalent to closing debate on the main motion.
4. **Perfecting the Substitute Motion.** The Moderator calls for amendments to the substitute motion. The amendments may be debated. Nothing else is in order. Once the amendment process is over for the substitute motion, the Moderator declares the motion perfected, which is equivalent to closing debate on the substitute motion.
5. **Question before the body.** The Moderator puts the question before the body: *“Shall the substitute motion become the main motion?”* At this time, the merits of the main motion and the substitute motion may be debated and no further amendments are in order.
6. **Vote on the Substitution.** The Moderator takes the vote on whether the substitute motion will become the main motion.
  - a. **If approved,** the main motion disappears and the substitute motion is before the assembly for debate and vote. Substantive amendment is out of order since the motion has been perfected by the body. Editorial amendment is in order.
  - b. **If defeated,** the substitute motion disappears and the main motion is before the assembly for debate and vote. Substantive amendment is out of order since the motion has been perfected by the body. Editorial amendment is in order.
  - c. **If the body wishes to further amend the motion,** a motion to reconsider the declaration of perfection would be necessary. If approved by the body, the motion on the floor would, again, be open to amendments.
7. **Vote on the current Main Motion.** The body must then vote on the current main motion on the floor.