



## April Quiz

If the maker of a motion does not immediately claim the floor in debate (which is his/her right) but later rises to speak to the issue, does (s)he have priority of recognition over others at that time who are also rising to speak?

What say you?

The answer from Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 11<sup>th</sup> edition:

(p. 31, II. 1-3) "If the member who made the motion claims the floor and has not already spoken on the question, he is entitled to be recognized in preference to other members."

So it appears that if the member making the motion wishes to debate the question, she/he may obviously be given the floor to debate first - - but should also be given recognition later in the debate if he/she had not requested (or been given) the first opportunity to debate. This principle is also noted on p. 379, II. 10-13 if you'd like to check further.