December Bonus Quiz

If you look at the chart on p. t.4, the motion to Amend is applicable to the motion to Limit or Extend Limits of Debate (even though the latter motion is higher in precedence on the chart than the motion to Amend). Thus, if a motion to "limit debate to two more speakers on each side of the debate" is being considered, a motion to amend by "striking two and inserting three" would be in order.

This month's bonus questions: In the above scenario, could a secondary amendment be in order to strike "three" and insert "four?" And how much debate time should the chair allow for the consideration of the motion to Amend or the motion to Amend an Amendment?

Answer from Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised 11th Edition:

A motion to Amend an Amendment would certainly be in order in this instance to attempt to perfect the motion to Limit or Extend, but according to RONR (11th), p. 397, ll.17-20, "A motion to amend an undebatable motion is undebatable, because to allow debate on it would be contrary to the purposes of the other motion's undebatability." Thus, neither a motion to Amend nor to Amend the Amendment would be debatable in this circumstance since the motion they are being applied to is in itself undebatable.