February 2016 Bonus Quiz

As a follow-up to February's "Quiz Yourself" challenge about whether it is proper to move the Previous Question (or any subsidiary motion for that matter) at the end of a debate speech without relinquishing the floor, here's another thought-provoker about that same motion:

At the NAP Biennial Convention in San Antonio in 2003, the motion to Previous Question had been made and someone then moved "to amend" that motion. Was he out of his parliamentary mind?

The answer from Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised 11th edition:

(p. 200, ll. 4-9, redacted) When a motion for the Previous Question is immediately pending . . . it can be made again with more or fewer pending questions included . . . before the first motion for the Previous Question is voted on.

Below are additional questions to challenge yourself or others in your unit or study group:

- So was the member out of his mind? Is it possible to have the equivalent of an amendment to the Previous Question? Or to have two motions to the Previous Question pending at the same time? Absolutely!
- So how is it possible to have multiple Previous Question motions on the floor at once? Have you ever seen it happen?
- If this does occur, which one is to be voted on first? [note: This is a KEY question and must be answered correctly! See RONR p. 200, ll. 18-23 for help.]
- Do you understand the various layers of moving the Previous Question when multiple subsidiary motions are on the floor?
- What is the significance of the phrase "all pending questions" in this context?
- Check out the sample script at the bottom of p. 208 and the top of p. 209.