



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.