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SCRIPT: MOTION TO APPEAL FROM THE DECISION OF THE CHAIR

Member:	I appeal from the decision of the chair.
Chair:	Is there a second to the motion? [This statement is eliminated if a member calls out "second".]
2nd member:	I second the motion.
Chair:	<p>It is moved and seconded to appeal the decision of the chair that . . .</p> <p>The question is: Shall the decision of the chair be sustained? The debate rules on this motion are a little different, let the chair explain. First, the chair has the opportunity to explain the decision of the chair that is being appealed. Then members may speak, but each member is limited to one chance to speak on this motion, not two. Then, at the end of discussion, the chair is again allowed to explain. Then the motion will be put to a vote.</p> <p>The reason for the chair's decision is that . . .</p> <p>Is there any discussion? [Pause]</p> <p>We will now vote on the motion to appeal from the decision of the chair. This motion needs a majority vote.</p>
Chair:	<p>All those in favor of sustaining the chair's decision, please say "Aye". [Pause] All those opposed to sustaining this decision, say "No". [Tie vote sustains the decision of the chair.]</p> <p>The affirmative has it. The motion to sustain the decision of the chair passes. You have agreed with the decision of the chair and that decision will now go into effect.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>The negative has it. The motion to sustain the decision of the chair fails. You have not agreed with the decision of the chair and that decision has been overturned. We will now continue with . . .</p>

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RULES FOR THE MOTION TO APPEAL FROM THE DECISION OF THE CHAIR:

- Needs a second
- Is debatable unless it is made when the immediately pending question (motion) is undebatable. In debate, no member is allowed to speak more than one time, except the presiding officer who may speak two times and does not need to vacate the chair when speaking.
- Is not amendable
- Needs a majority vote in the negative to reverse the decision of the chair. Therefore, a tie vote sustains the decision of the chair.