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SCRIPT: MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Member: I move to *Reconsider* the vote on _____.

Chair: The motion to *Reconsider* can be made only by a member who voted on the prevailing side. That motion [passed/failed]. Therefore, you needed to have voted [in favor/against] the motion. Is that how you voted?

Is there a second to the motion?

Second Member: Second.

Chair: It is moved and seconded to *Reconsider* the vote on _____.

The question is: shall the motion be *Reconsidered*?

[If the motion is debatable] Is there any discussion?

[After discussion] Are you ready for the question? [Pause]

[If the motion is undebatable]

We will now go to the vote. The question is: shall the motion to _____ be *Reconsidered*?

Those in favor, say aye. [Pause for response]

Those opposed, say no.

The affirmative has it, the motion is adopted, and the motion is reconsidered. The motion on the floor and open for discussion at this time is _____.

[Proceed with discussion and the vote on the motion that is reconsidered.]

or

The negative has it, the motion is lost, and we will not reconsider the motion.

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Therefore, the original decision made by the members on this motion stands.

[Repeat the original motion and the original vote.]

The next business in order is . . .

RULES FOR THE MOTION TO *RECONSIDER*:

- Is debatable only if the motion being reconsidered is debatable.
- Is not amendable.
- Needs a majority vote.
- Can only be made by a person who voted on the prevailing side.
- Can be moved only on the same or the next succeeding day after the original vote was taken.
- Vote needed: Majority