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SCRIPT: PREVIOUS QUESTION

"Motion A" is pending

Member: I move the previous question [or "I move that we close debate," or simply "Question."]

Chair: Is there a second?

2nd member: Second.

Chair: The previous question is moved and seconded on "Motion A". This is not a debatable motion. It takes a two-thirds vote. The effect of the passage of this motion is that we would immediately stop debate and vote on the motion. If you want to close debate, vote in favor of the motion; if you want debate to continue, vote against the motion.

All those in favor of the previous question (closing debate), please rise.
[Pause] You may be seated. Those opposed to the motion, please rise.
[Pause] You may be seated.

If two-thirds vote in favor of the motion:

There are two-thirds in the affirmative and the motion is adopted. The previous question has been ordered. We will now move to the vote on "Motion A".

or

There are less than two-thirds in the affirmative and the motion is lost. The previous question has not been ordered. We will continue to discuss the motion "Motion A".

RULES FOR THE PREVIOUS QUESTION MOTION:

- Needs a second
- Is not debatable
- Is not amendable
- Needs a two-thirds vote

Unique form: I move the previous question on this and all pending motions

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Effect: Go immediately to the vote on this motion, and then immediately to the vote on the each of the pending motions.