

**Utah FFA Parliamentary Procedure LDE**  
**2018 State Team Problem Solving Activity**

**ANSWER KEY**

**Directions:**

- Read the scenario points below.
- Read the questions related to the scenario.
- Consult *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* (11<sup>th</sup> ed., 2011) to research the correct answer to the questions. Cite direct quotes from RONR to answer the questions. Provide the page and line number for your answers to the questions.

**Scenario:**

- A main motion and an Amendment are pending.
- Member A rises, gets recognized, and moves to close debate in 10 minutes on the pending motions.
- The chair rules the motion to limit debate cannot be used to close debate and is therefore out of order.
- Member B rises, gets recognized, and moves to limit debate to 10 minutes on the pending motions. The motion to limit debate is adopted.
- Member C rises, gets recognized, and moves to refer the pending motions to a special committee of three, appointed by the chair, to report back at the next meeting. The motion to Commit was adopted.

**Questions:**

1. Was Member A's motion to close debate in 10 minutes in order? Was the chair correct in ruling the motion out of order?

Yes, Member A's motion to close debate in 10 minutes was in order. RONR states, "The motion to *Limit or Extend Limits of Debate* can *limit* debate by: ...(2) requiring that, at a certain later hour or after debate for a specified length of time, debate shall be closed. (RONR, p. 191, l. 19-23)

The chair's ruling that the motion was out of order was incorrect.

2. What vote was required on Member B's motion to limit debate to 10 minutes? Why does it require the vote that it does?

“Requires a two-thirds vote – because it suspends the rules, and because limiting debate takes away the basic rights of all members to full discussion and may restrict a minority's right to present its case” (RONR, p. 193, I. 5-8)

3. Was Member C's motion to Commit the pending motions to a special committee in order? Why or why not?

NO, it was not in order. The chair should have ruled it out of order.

“After the adoption of an order that does provide for closing debate – by requiring that, at a certain later hour or after debate for a specified length of time, debate shall be closed – motions to Commit or to Postpone to a Certain Time cannot be made, since these motions would be in conflict with the purpose of that order.”  
(RONR, p. 194, I. 14-19)