**SCRIPT ILLUSTRATING THE PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING A MAIN MOTION**

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**CHAIR:-**(Standing) "Is there any new business that should be presented at this time?" **(For the FFA Parliamentary Procedure CDE, the chair remains standing for the entire presentation.)**

**Step #1. *A member rises and addresses the chair.***

**JOHN:-**(Rising) "Madam President." (John remains standing.)

**Step #2.*The member is recognized by the chair.***

**CHAIR:-**(Standing) "John." (The chair remains standing because a motion will be proposed.)

**Step #3.*The member proposes a main motion.***

**JOHN:-**(Standing) "I move that we buy Mr. Dunbar a new, pink Cadillac to drive on Sundays." (John resumes his seat.)

**Step #4.*Another member seconds the main motion.***

**JANE:-**(Seated and without being recognized) "I second the motion."

**Step #5.*The chair states the main motion to the assembly.***

**CHAIR:-**(Standing) "It is moved and seconded that we buy Mr. Dunbar a new, pink Cadillac to drive on Sundays. Is there any debate?" (The chair remains standing.)

**Step #6.*The assembly debates the main motion.***

**JOHN and JANE:-**(Both rising) "Madam President." (Both John and Jane remain standing.)

**CHAIR:-**(Standing) "John." (Jane resumes her seat and the chair may be seated. The chair recognized John because he made the motion and has the first right to debate it.)

**JOHN:-**(Standing) "I proposed this motion because Mr. Dunbar really needs a new, pink Cadillac to drive on Sundays. He has six other Cadillacs and each one of them is a different color. He doesn't have a pink one to drive on Sundays. I urge the members to vote in favor of this motion so that he will have a different colored Cadillac to drive each day of the week." (John resumes his seat.)

**MARY:-**(Rising) "Madam President." (Mary remains standing.)

**CHAIR:-**(Standing) "Mary." (The chair may be seated.)

**MARY:-**(Standing) "Madam President, I am opposed to the motion. Do the members realize how much it would cost each of us to buy Mr. Dunbar a new, pink Cadillac? It would cost about $1000 each for the model he needs. I cannot afford this amount of money now. Please vote against this motion." (Mary resumes her seat.)

**JANE:-**(Rising) "Madam President." (Jane remains standing.)

**CHAIR:-**(Standing) "Jane." (The chair may be seated.)

**JANE:-**(Standing) "Madam President, I agree with the maker of the motion and wish to speak in favor of the motion. I really feel sorry for Mr. Dunbar because he doesn't have a different colored Cadillac to drive on Sundays. Can you imagine how humiliated he must feel when he has to drive the same colored car more than once a week? I urge the members to vote in favor of this worthwhile motion." (Jane resumes her seat.)

**MIKE:-**(Rising) "Madam President." (Mike remains standing.)

**CHAIR:-**(Standing) "Mike." (The chair may be seated.)

**MIKE:-**(Standing) "I agree with the person who spoke against this motion. I can't afford to donate $1000 at this time. In addition, I don't like the pink Cadillacs that they have on the market this year. I own one, and it has faded terribly. These are two reasons why I'm voting against this motion, and I feel that the members should all vote against it also." (Mike resumes his seat.)

**PATTY:-**(Rising) "Madam President." (Patty remains standing.)

**CHAIR:-**(Standing) "Patty." (The chair may be seated.)

**PATTY:-**(Standing) "I sympathize with Mr. Dunbar's problem, but I'm going to vote against this motion. We have not discussed the inefficiency of driving a different car each day of the week. I think it would be better to drive his blue 'Saturday' car on both Saturdays and Sundays. By doing this, the car will be broken in better and the gas mileage will improve. In addition, I know that he only drives about thirty miles on a typical Sunday, so there's no need for a pink car for just that day. In conclusion, I feel that the members should all vote against this motion and ask Mr. Dunbar to sacrifice and put up with the terrible humiliation of having to drive the same car two days in a row." (Patty resumes her seat.)

**LEN and JOHN:-**(Both rising) "Madam President." (Both Len and John remain standing.)

**CHAIR:-**(Standing) "Len." (John resumes his seat and the chair may be seated. The chair recognized Len because John has already debated.)

**LEN:-**(Standing) "Madam President, I wish to speak against the motion. I also feel that Mr. Dunbar can drive his 'Saturday Cadillac' on Sundays. It is one year old, and he told me it has only been driven about five thousand miles!  As the previous speaker indicated, there is only about thirty miles of Sunday driving, and a new car is not needed. Mr. Dunbar will not be humiliated by driving a one-year-old car. I hope the motion will not be adopted." (Len resumes his seat.)

**JOHN:-**(Rising) "Madam President."(John remains standing.)

**CHAIR:-**(Standing) "John." (The chair may be seated.)

**JOHN:-**(Standing) "We've heard many arguments opposed to this motion to buy Mr. Dunbar a new, pink Cadillac to drive on Sundays. Frankly, I'm not impressed with them. First, most of us can afford to donate $1000. In fact, I will gladly give the money to those who cannot pay. Second, these cars are efficient even though they may be driven only a few miles. I know for a fact that they average over seventeen   miles a gallon regardless of the distance traveled. Third, he should not have to drive his Saturday car on Sundays as a previous speaker suggested. The Saturday car will last longer if it is only driven one day a week. Obviously, the arguments against this motion are not sound. Members of the assembly, put yourself in his place. Would you like to drive the same car two days in a row?  The obvious answer is **NO**!  I hope that the motion will be adopted so that Mr. Dunbar will not be embarrassed ." (John resumes his seat.)

**MARY:-**(Rising) "Madam President." (Mary remains standing.)

**CHAIR:-**(Standing) "Mary." (The chair may be seated.)

**MARY:-**(Standing) "I disagree with the previous speaker's arguments in favor of this motion. I know for a fact that five of us cannot make the $1000 donation. Is the previous speaker willing to pay an extra    $5000? I don't think so. Also, Mr. Dunbar's Saturday car can be driven on Sundays.  The thirty extra miles he drives on Sundays will not even be noticed on his Saturday car. In fact, driving it two days in a row will probably improve its overall performance! I'm sure that the arguments I have just presented against this motion should clear up any doubt on how the members should vote. Vote **NO**!" (Mary resumes her seat.)

**Step #7.*The chair takes a vote on the main motion.***

**CHAIR:-**(Standing) "Is there any further debate?" (Pause for response) (Silence) "The question is on the adoption of the motion that we buy Mr. Dunbar a new, pink Cadillac to drive on Sundays. Those in favor of the motion, say 'Aye.'" (Pause for response) "Those opposed, say 'No.'" (Pause for response) (The chair remains standing.)

**Step #8. *The chair announces the result of the vote and the effect of the action.***

**CHAIR:-**(Standing) "The 'Noes' have it, and the motion is lost.  We will not buy Mr. Dunbar a new, pink Cadillac to drive on Sundays. Is there any further new business?" (The chair remains standing.)