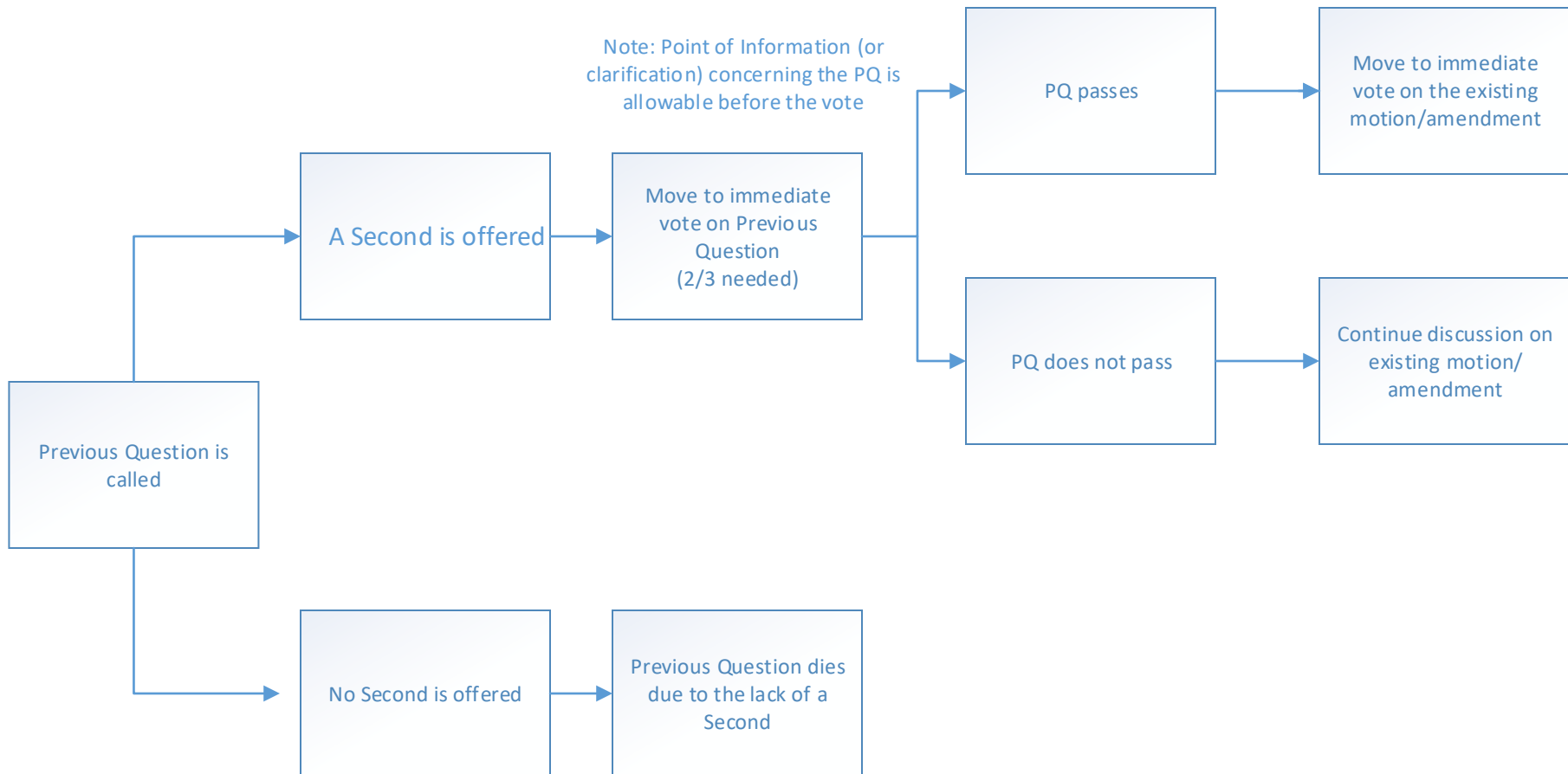


# Previous Question

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The procedure for *calling the question* prevents a single member from shutting down discussion by demanding a vote. The 2/3 requirement protects minorities between 1/2 and 1/3 from being silenced by a relative small majority. But, a small minority (less than 1/3) can't delay a vote through filibuster.

A final point, calling the question is an undebatable motion, which prevents filibustering by arguing about voting.