

Amendment to House Republican Conference Rules
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Add the following:

Temporary Threshold to Elect a Speaker

Section 1.

For the purpose of electing a Speaker for the remainder of the 118th Session of Congress. If a candidate receives a majority of the vote under Conference Rule 4(c) but fewer than 217 eligible votes, the candidate shall not be considered the Speaker elect until there is a Conference roll call vote affirming a total of 217 votes.

Section 2.

- (a) If a candidate receives a majority of eligible Conference votes but, does not receive the necessary 217 votes utilizing an initial secret ballot, the leading candidate shall sit for a question and answer period to be determined by the Conference Chair.
- (b) Following that session an additional secret ballot shall be utilized asking the following question: “Will you commit to support this candidate for Speaker of the House on the floor of the US House?”.
- (c) If the candidate does not receive the necessary 217 votes of affirmation, then Members shall cast their vote by manual roll call on the following question: “Will you commit to support this candidate for Speaker of the House on the floor of the US House?”
- (d) At the direction of the Chair there shall be an additional Conference discussion/Q&A with the candidate. An additional manual roll call vote shall be taken.
- (e) If the candidate receives the necessary 217 votes of affirmation, then Members shall cast their vote by manual roll call on the following question: “Will you commit to support this candidate for Speaker of the House on the floor of the US House?”
- (f) The Chair/Speaker Pro Tempore shall determine the time and date of the formal election for Speaker of the House on the House floor.

Section 3.

- (a) If a Member of Congress does not cast a vote in the affirmative for the Speaker-elect on the House floor after answering in the affirmative in the manual roll call vote in Conference they shall forfeit any current Committee assignments.
- (b) Reinstatement of Committee assignments shall be considered, but not required or assumed, by the Steering Committee after no less than 30 days and no more than 90 days.