

Amendment to House Republican Conference Standing Orders for the 118th Congress

Offered by: Mr. Roy (TX-21)

At the end, add the following:

Temporary Threshold to Elect a Speaker

Sec. 1. Initial Balloting. For the purpose of the election of Speaker for the remainder of the First Session of the 118th Congress, if a candidate receives a majority of votes under Conference Rule 4(c), the candidate shall not be considered to be elected as Speaker by the Conference and further consideration of the candidate's nomination will continue pursuant to sections 2 and 3.

Sec. 2. First Validation Vote. (a) After a candidate is selected pursuant to section 1, members shall cast their vote by secret ballot on the following question: "Will you commit to support this candidate on the floor of the House?"

(b) **Second Validation Vote.** If fewer than 217 floor-eligible votes are cast in the affirmative under the previous subsection, the candidate shall answer questions from the Conference for a period to be determined by the Chair. Following the questioning period, members shall cast their vote by manual roll call on the following question: "Will you commit to support this candidate on the floor of the House?"

(c) **Optional Third Validation Vote.** If 217 floor-eligible votes are not cast in the affirmative under the previous subsection, the candidate may request one additional manual roll call vote.

(d) If a candidate requests a vote pursuant to the previous subsection, the Chair shall recess the Conference for a period of up to one hour, in consultation with the candidate. Following the reconvening of the Conference, if the candidate insists on the request, members shall cast their vote by manual roll call on the following question: "Will you commit to support this candidate on the floor of the House?"

(e) If the candidate fails to receive 217 floor-eligible votes in the affirmative under section 2(b) or section 2(c), if exercised, procedures for such election will restart. Previously nominated candidates who have not withdrawn their name from nomination shall be considered as nominated and new nominations are in order.

Section 3. At any time, if a candidate receives 217 floor-eligible votes, that candidate is elected by the Conference as Speaker for the 118th Congress.