

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO THE RULES OF
THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
119th Congress
January, 2025

Text of the amendment: In Rule 6(b), strike “10” and insert “11”

Purpose: To raise the quorum required for the Committee to report legislation and nominations from 10 members to 11 members.

Explanation: Under rule 26, paragraph 7(a)(1) of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee may fix the number of members who shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business “except that no measure or matter or recommendation shall be reported from any committee unless a majority of the committee were physically present.”

The proposed amendment raises the quorum required for the Committee to report measures or matters to reflect the increase in the total number of members of the Committee. During the 118th Congress, the Committee had 19 members and a majority of 10 was 10 members. During the 119th Congress, the Committee has 20 members and a majority of 20 is 11.

Text of the rule as proposed to be amended:

“(b) No measure or matter shall be ordered reported from the Committee unless [10] 11 Members of the Committee are actually present at the time such action is taken.”