

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE  
RULES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
118th Congress**

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

Purpose:                         To lower the quorum required for the Committee to report legislation and nominations from 11 members to 10 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 reduces the quorum required for the Committee to report measures or matters to reflect the reduction in the total number of members of the Committee. During the 117th Congress, the Committee had 20 members and a majority of 20 was 11 members. During the 118th Congress, the Committee has 19 members and a majority of 19 is 10.

Text of rule as proposed to be amended:

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