

## **Amendment to House Republican Conference Standing Orders for the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Offered by: Mr. Roy (TX-21)

At the end, add the following:

### Temporary Threshold to Elect a Speaker

Sec. 1. 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) but fewer than 217 floor-eligible votes, 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. (a) After a candidate is selected pursuant to section 1, 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 secret ballot on the following question: "Will you commit to support this candidate on the floor of the House?"

(b) 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 secret ballot on the following question: "Will you commit to support this candidate on the floor of the House?"

(c) If at least 185 but 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?"

(d) If at least 185 but 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?"

(e) If 217 floor-eligible votes are not cast in the affirmative under the previous subsection, or should a nominee fail to receive at least 185 floor-eligible votes under subsections (b) or (c), 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 Previously nominated candidates who have not withdrawn their name from nomination shall be considered as nominated and new nominations are in order.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.