

In the Committee of the Whole. Three methods of voting are available in this forum: voice, division, and recorded. The constitutional yea and nay votes are not permitted in this forum. A request for a recorded vote in the Committee—where a quorum is 100 members—is obtained when it is supported by at least 25 lawmakers (the member who asked for the recorded vote counts as part of the tally). If there are few members in the chamber, a member may say, “Mr. (or Madam) Chairman, I request a recorded vote and, pending that, I make a point of order that a quorum is not present.” Once the chair determines that a quorum is not present, there could be an immediate quorum call and the member who requested the recorded vote can ask 24 other colleagues to support his request as they come onto the floor. In practice, the chair of the Committee of the Whole postpones further proceedings on the vote, and when they are renewed at a time that has been announced, a member can usually obtain sufficient support for a recorded vote.