

TABLE 5.1 Major Characteristics, House and Committee of the Whole

House	Committee of the Whole
More than half the House (218) is a quorum	One hundred is a quorum
Speaker presides	Chair presides
Previous question in order	Motion to close or limit debate on a bill section or amendments is in order; the previous question is not
Motion to recommit in order	Motion to recommit not in order
One-hour rule for amendments	Five-minute rule for amendments
Forty-four members, or one-fifth of the House quorum of 218, trigger a recorded vote	Twenty-five members trigger a recorded vote
Mace raised	Mace lowered

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