

SIMPLE MAJORITY

ITEM C: Discuss the reporting of Simple Majority Items.

History

1986 Advisory Action: If a committee recommendation does not receive the two-thirds vote required to become a Conference Advisory Action, but has a majority of votes, it automatically becomes a suggestion and will be duly noted in the Conference Report.

More History

Bill references this idea in Concept V saying “More often they [the GSB] go along with a simple majority of the Delegates, especially when prompt action on less critical matters is clearly needed. But the choice is always theirs whether to veto a simple majority or to act with it. Here again is a recognition of the constructive value of a trusted minority.”

Example

2023 Final Conference Report - pg 48: Recommendations Passed by Simple Majority – The committee recommended that alternate delegates be provided access to the same Conference materials as their sitting delegates, except for materials shared during Conference week.

Confusion?

Questions and concerns have been received that using the **wording “passed”** in conjunction with a recommendation that did not pass but received a simple majority may cause confusion.

Concerns

There is also concern as to whether the Group Conscience as reflected in an Advisory Action resulting from substantial unanimity can in turn be fully respected if simple majority items are noted distinctly in the Final Report.