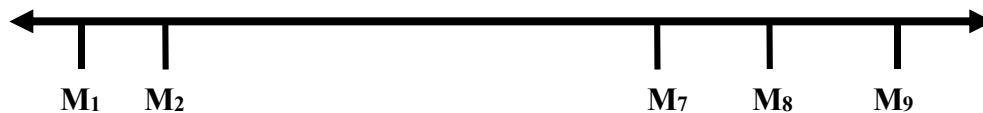


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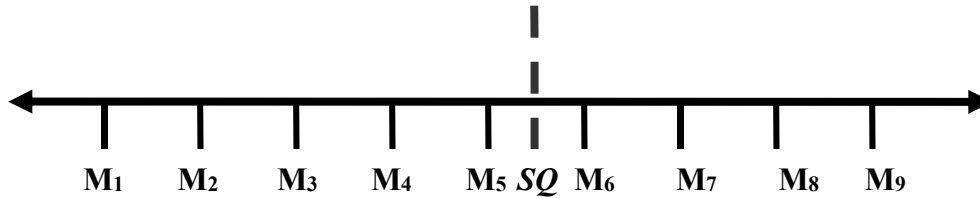
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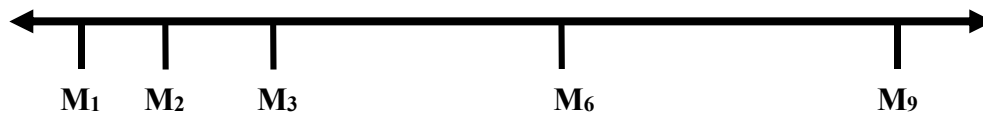
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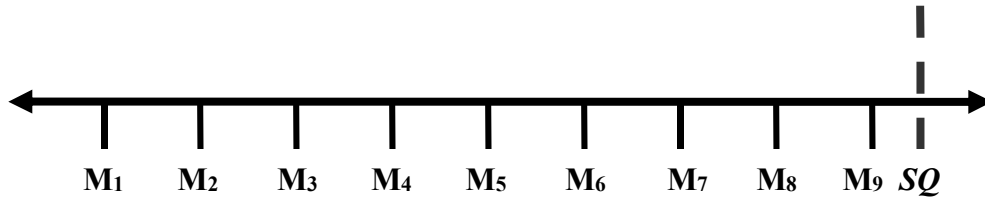
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**Yes. A majority of the committee prefer the floor median (M<sub>5</sub>) to the status quo (SQ).**

4. Given the committee's proposal and the status quo, under a closed rule should the committee report the bill to floor? Why or why not?

**No, they should not report the bill because it will not impact the final policy. If the committee report the bill, it will be rejected because a majority of the floor prefer the status quo (SQ) to the committee median M<sub>3</sub>. If the committee does not report the bill they will also get the status quo (SQ).**



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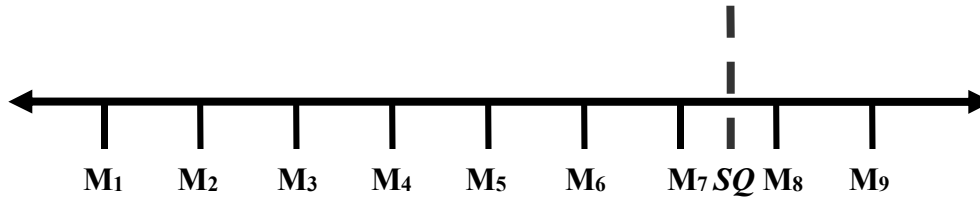
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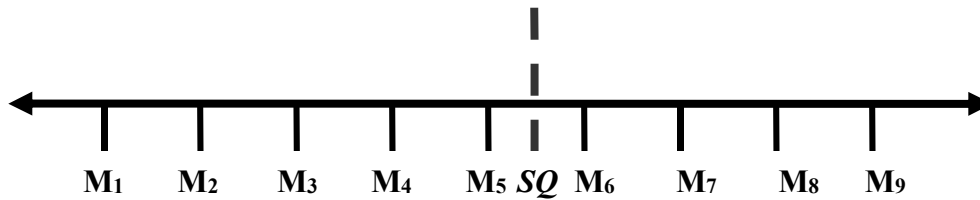
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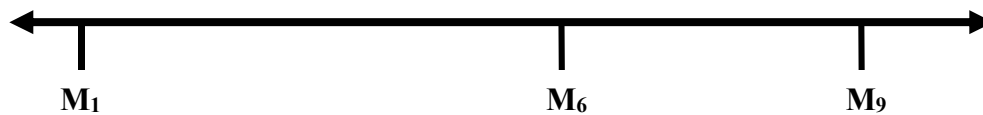
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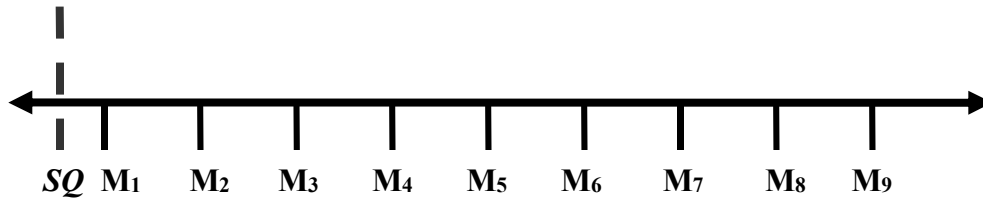
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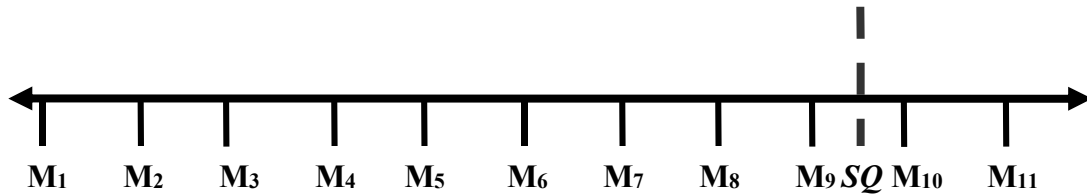
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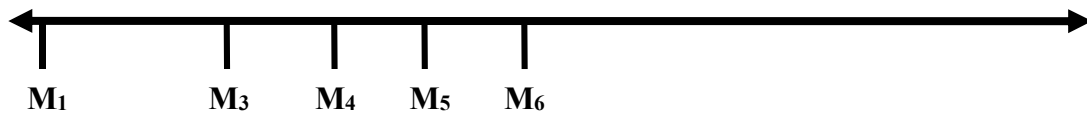
4. Given the committee's proposal and the status quo, under a closed rule should the committee report the bill to floor? Why or why not?

Yes, they should report. A majority of the floor would support the committee median ( $M_8$ ) over the status quo (SQ). A majority of the committee support their proposal ( $M_8$ ) over the status quo (SQ).



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**$M_4$**

3. Given the committee's proposal and the status quo, under an open rule should the committee report the bill to floor? Why or why not? (4 points)

**Yes. A majority of the committee prefer the floor median ( $M_6$ ) to the status quo ( $SQ$ ).**

4. Given the committee's proposal and the status quo, under a closed rule should the committee report the bill to floor? Why or why not? (4 points)

**Yes, they should report. A majority of the floor would support the committee median ( $M_4$ ) over the status quo ( $SQ$ ). A majority of the committee support their proposal ( $M_4$ ) over the status quo ( $SQ$ ).**



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