

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2011

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
12:00 p.m. to convene the 112 th Congress	12:00 p.m.	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

***Members are advised that there will be a **recorded Quorum Call vote at approximately 12:05 p.m.** following the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Following that vote, the Election of the Speaker of the House will take place. **This election is held by manual roll call vote, with each Member called individually**, in alphabetical order, by the clerk. Following that vote, the Oath of Office will be administered to the Members and Delegates. ***

H.Res. 5 – **A resolution providing for the House Rules of the 112th Congress (Privileged Resolution)** The Rules for the 112th Congress will be brought up as a privileged resolution with no amendments permitted. The Republican Rules package contains 5 separate sections. Section 1 adopts the Rules of the 111th Congress with the amendments listed in sections two through four, including: establishing the requirement that every bill originating in the House must contain a statement that cites Congress' authority to legislate under the constitution; establishing a point of order against consideration of a bill or joint resolution that has not been available for three calendar days; providing for at least 3 days minimum notice of a committee meeting, which can be waived by a Majority committee vote; requires committee votes to be posted within 48 hours of any vote in committee. It also restricts the ability of the Delegates and Resident commissioner to cast votes, or preside, in the Committee of the Whole House. It also reinstates 6-year term limits for Committee Chairmen.

The Rules Package also makes a number of changes to the budgetary process, allowing for Republican budget gimmicks. It allows the Budget Committee Chairman to provide guidance to the presiding officer on the budgetary impact of legislative proposals, rather than the entire committee, or the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office. It changes the House "Pay-as-you-go Rule" by requiring that new spending can no longer be offset with revenue increases. This is referred to as "cut-as-you-go" because it requires new spending to be offset by spending cuts elsewhere in the budget. The Package also Establishes a "spending reduction account" so that if spending cuts are adopted during the appropriations amendment process and purported to count towards spending reduction, the money cannot be spent elsewhere during consideration of the bill. It modifies reconciliation rules making it possible to cut taxes without offsetting the revenue loss, allowing Republicans to increase the deficit. It clarifies that Reconciliation no longer needs to result in deficit reduction. The Rules Package also provides for the Chairman of the Budget Committee to set budget aggregates and allocations, which shall be considered to be the adoption of a Concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2011. It strikes the provision in the Rules that allows for the automatic transmittal to the Senate of a Joint Resolution changing the public debt, upon the adoption by Congress of the budget resolution.

The GOP Rules Package also creates budget exemptions for the purpose of complying with Statutory 'Paygo' within the Rules, including exemptions for the Health care reform law, allowing Republicans to repeal the bill without accounting for the impact on the deficit. It includes budget exemptions for designated emergencies and the continuation of operations related to 'Global War on Terror', and many tax provisions, including the alternative minimum tax and the estate tax, as well as exemptions for extensions of tax cuts enacted in 2001 or 2003, **allowing for Republican budget exemptions totaling almost \$5 trillion dollars.**



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The proposed Rules package also eliminates the requirement that the Appropriations committee fund highway and transit projects at levels set in surface transportation authorization legislation.

Finally, Section 5 of the Rules Package makes in order two additional items of business. It provides for the reading of the Constitution on the legislative day of January 6, 2011. It also provides for consideration of motions to suspend the Rules on the legislative day of January 6, 2011 relating to reducing the costs of the operation of the House. **Members are urged to vote no on the Republican Rules Package.**

[Click here for text of the Republican Rules Package](#)

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The House GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: On Thursday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business. Members are advised that there will be a recorded quorum call at approximately 10:30 a.m. That will be followed by a reading of the Constitution of the United States by Members of the House of Representatives (The reading will begin at approximately 11:00 a.m.) (Rep. Goodlatte).

The House is also expected to consider **H.Res. ___** - A resolution to Cut Congress's Budget (Rep. Walden – House Administration) under suspension of the Rules.

The Daily Quote

“House Republicans have voted to peel back a requirement that would have required them to publicly post committee attendance -- the first reversal on a set of proposed rules the GOP has laid out as it prepares to take control of the House. Republicans positioned the posting of attendance online as a major step that would help increase accountability and bolster the activity of committees. But the quick reversal shows that not everyone in the Republican Conference was ready to embrace this step.”

- Politico, 1/4/11