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FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2013

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
12:00 p.m. to convene the 113th Congress	12:00 p.m.	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

***Members are advised that the 112th Congress will adjourn sine die at approximately 11:55 a.m. today. The 113th Congress will convene at 12:00 p.m.

***Members are also 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 113th Congress (Privileged Resolution - Rep. Cantor Rules) (One Hour of Debate) The Rules for the 113th 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 112th Congress with the amendments listed in sections two through four, including: changes to the Code of Conduct and the Committee on Ethics, eliminating provisions contained in the Affordable Care Act that limit the ability of the House to determine consideration of recommendations from the Independent Payment Advisory Board, allows the House to continue to be a defendant in the DOMA cases being litigated around the country and allows the new House to continue litigation to enforce a subpoena against the Attorney General related to the "Fast and Furious" investigation. It also restricts the ability of the Delegates and Resident commissioner to cast votes, or preside, in the Committee of the Whole House.

The Rules Package for the 113th Congress contains several provisions from the 112th Congress related to budget enforcement. It provides for the Chairman of the Budget Committee to set budget aggregates and allocations at the Ryan FY13 Budget levels until a new FY14 Budget is adopted. This essentially deems the Ryan Budget Resolution as governing for purposes of allocations of spending authority until the House adopts a new Budget. The Package also enforces "spending reduction accounts" in appropriations bills 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. In addition, The GOP Rules Package exempts various tax cuts and the repeal of the Affordable Care Act from the "Pay-as-you-go Rule." This would allow Republicans to repeal the bill without accounting for the impact on the deficit.

Finally, Section 5 of the Rules Package provides for the reading of the Constitution on the legislative day of January 15, 2013. **Members are urged to VOTE NO on the Republican Rules Package.**

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

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Friday, January 4: The House will meet tomorrow morning for legislative business. Members are advised that the House is **expected**



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to consider Flood Insurance legislation. Members are also advised that at **1:00 p.m., the House and Senate will convene a Joint Session of Congress to count Electoral Ballots.**

The Daily Quote

"The Sandy sidestep provided a perfect coda for the first two years of this Republican-controlled House, which only by a loose definition can still be called a legislative body.... The House GOP's antics on the fiscal cliff leave little optimism that lawmakers will be reasonable when it comes to more substantial issues such as restructuring entitlements, rewriting the tax code and reducing the debt. The fury over the Sandy sidestep could be a sign, though, that even some House Republicans are tiring of the tea party's dominance of their caucus."

- Dana Milbank, Washington Post, 1/2/12