118th Congress
House Rules Package

The proposed rules reflect the thoughtful input and numerous ideas put forward by Members of the House Republican Conference to repair the damage done to the institution by Democrats, promote freedom, conduct needed oversight and hold the Biden Administration accountable, usher in fiscal sanity, and ensure a House that works in the interests of and for the American people.

The incoming Republican Majority's rules will:

Reopen the People's House

To shield her majority and protect her own power, former Speaker Nancy Pelosi used the coronavirus pandemic as an excuse to keep the House in an "emergency" lockdown for years, subject to her own whims and will while doling out partisan punishments.

To bring back long overdue normalcy to House operations, the proposed rules will:
- End the use of proxy voting and remote committee proceedings, ensuring that all Members actually show up in person to fulfill the jobs they were elected and are expected to do, rather than phone it in.
- Eliminate the Democrat fines for failure of Members to comply with unscientific mask mandates and security screenings before entering the House floor. Members should not face unnecessary disruptions as they carry out their constitutional duties.

Restore Freedom and Security

An increasing threat to the freedom and security of the United States is the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). The pandemic demonstrated the scope of destruction possible at the hands of the CCP, exacerbated by the attempt to cover up the origins, and failure to warn the world about the deadly spread, of COVID-19.

To keep China at bay, the proposed rules will:
- Establish a Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party to finally confront the dangerous threat posed by the CCP, protect American competitiveness, and defend human rights.
- Modify the charter of the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic to focus its investigative work on origin of the virus, gain-of-function research, and the economic and societal impacts of forced shutdowns.

Hold Government Accountable

Between the Biden Administration's disastrous Afghanistan withdrawal, unacceptable online censorship of political opponents, fallout from the border crisis Democrats created and continue to ignore, spike in crime nationwide, and several other alarming failures committed by the federal government, the American people deserve answers.

To ensure effective oversight, the proposed rules will:
- Require House committees to establish oversight plans detailing how they will hold the Biden Administration accountable.
- Establish the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government to investigate the full extent of the Biden Administration's assault on the constitutional rights of American citizens.
- Restore the Holman Rule, allowing amendments to reduce the salary of specific federal employees or target a specific program.

Ensure Fiscal Responsibility to Combat Inflation

Due to the irresponsible policies and out-of-control spending pushed by Democrats and the Biden Administration, the American people are suffering from the worst inflation in 40 years as the nation's $31.5 trillion debt continues to rise.

To force the federal government to get its fiscal house in order and put the brakes on runaway spending, the proposed rules will:
- Reinstate the CUTGO rule, requiring mandatory spending increases to be offset by a corresponding cut in mandatory spending and eliminating the budget gimmicks caused by Democrat PAYGO.
- Eliminate the Gephardt Rule, preventing the House from automatically suspending the debt limit upon passage of a budget resolution.
- Restore the spending reduction account in all appropriations bills so that any reductions in spending are not simply spent elsewhere.
- Require the Congressional Budget Office to provide analysis on the inflationary impact of legislation.
- Reimpose a three-fifths supermajority in the House to approve any increases in tax rates.

Build a Transparent and Effective House of Representatives

A closed and ineffective Congress is a disservice not only to the American people but to all Members of the House.

To help build a transparent and effective body, the proposed rules will:
- Mandate at least 72 hours after release of bill text before a final vote, giving all Members ample time to read legislation before its consideration. Legislation should not be written behind closed doors by a few and then rushed to the House floor without thoughtful consideration.
- Authorize the Speaker to reduce vote times to two minutes in the House to ensure efficient voting.
- Require the quick transfer of records from the January 6th Select Committee to the House Administration Committee.
- Eliminate Democrats' creation of House staff labor unions so that Congressional staff are accountable to the elected officials they serve.
- Use "Calendar Wednesday," which allows committee chairs to bring reported bills directly to the House floor for consideration under an open amendment process, and reform the process by ensuring the same 72-hour notice that is required on all other measures is provided.
- Ensure that nothing prevents Members from using gender-specific language in committee or on the House floor.