

**FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2013**

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
<b>10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business</b>	<b>10:30 – 10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>10:45 – 11:00 a.m.</b>

Today, the House will convene at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business. There will be no “one minutes.” At 10:00 a.m. the House will begin debate on the one bill listed for consideration under suspension of the Rules, following debate the House will take votes.

Following votes, the House is expected to recess to allow a security sweep of the House Chamber prior to the Joint Session. **At approximately 1:00 p.m., the House and Senate will convene a Joint Session of Congress to count Electoral Ballots. No recorded votes in relation to the Joint Session are expected.**

**Suspension (1 Bill)**

- 1) **[H.R. 41](#)** - **To temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the National Flood Insurance Program (Rep. Garrett – Financial Services)** This bill would provide the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with an additional \$9.7 billion in emergency borrowing authority to carry out the National Flood Insurance Program in response to Hurricane Sandy. Borrowing authority for the National Flood Insurance Program is currently capped at \$20.725 billion. These additional funds will allow FEMA to pay flood insurance claims.

**The Daily Quote**

“But the first big task for the new Congress will be to avert yet another trumped-up disaster. The slash-and-burn budget cuts that would have taken effect Jan. 1 were delayed by only two months. This means we will soon be going back into sky-is-falling crisis mode — at the same time as we’re bumping up against the federal debt ceiling, which must be raised to avoid default. So before winter ends, our leaders will be at it again. Almost everyone, liberal and conservative, agrees that some spending cuts are needed but that they should never be imposed in such a ham-fisted, indiscriminate way; doing so would unnecessarily curtail needed programs, cause great hardship and gratuitously harm the economy. Almost everyone, liberal and conservative, agrees that failing to raise the debt ceiling — which would mean refusing to pay for spending that Congress has already approved — is unthinkable; such a move would throw the world’s financial system into chaos and potentially cause a global recession. Everyone knows these things. Everyone knows it’s time to stop the foolishness and get serious.”

- Eugene Robinson, Washington Post, 1/3/13