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The sun is setting on Nancy Pelosi's speakership.

There are only 3 remaining session weeks before the November midterms. This September, Speaker Pelosi will make a 4th quarter push for the White House's radical funding priorities, so the RSC put together a memo on what to expect.

I hope it helps you and your office prepare for the Democrats' last hurrah.

Continuing Resolution:

Congress will pass a CR, likely next week, to fund the government through December 9th or December 16th--the last scheduled session day. Keep in mind, a CR that expires on December 16th pressures members to "get it done" so they can go home for Christmas.

CR Consideration #1

Lame-Duck Omni: A CR that expires in mid-December would allow Dems to pass an omni spending package after the November midterm, but before Republicans regain control of the House. Voters will have fired Speaker Pelosi, but she will still decide all government funding for FY2023.

Rep. Chip Roy is circulating a letter that pledges opposition to any CR that expires during the lame duck. Email Hal.Duncan@mail.house.gov to cosponsor.

CR Consideration #2

Far-Left Add Ons: Many Republicans would vote against the CR no matter its expiration date, because it continues to fund the Biden administration's failed agenda and increases spending on a number of the radical left's priorities.

The White House's proposed CR requests the following additional funds and policies:

- A pathway to citizenship for the ~76,000 Afghan evacuees without LPR status.
 - The DHS IG recently [found](#) that the Biden admin failed to vet Afghan evacuees, and a whistleblower reported that the Biden admin flew [324 suspected terrorists](#) into the US.
- \$22.4 billion in COVID "emergency" funds.

- This spending includes *no offsets* and condones the White House's abuse of its "pandemic emergency" powers.
- \$11.7 billion in Ukraine aid.
 - Only \$7.2 billion of the package would actually go to the DoD.
- \$2 billion in "energy."
 - \$500 million taxpayer bailout for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve ahead of anticipated shortfalls caused by the Biden admin.
 - \$1.5 billion to buy uranium for nuclear reactors in case shortfalls from Russia happen
- \$4.5 billion on Monkeypox.
 - Many Republicans maybe hesitant to increase funding for public health agencies given their recent virus response record.
- \$6.5 billion on "Disaster Relief."
- FDA user fee reauthorization *may* be added to the CR. The House passed [a standalone version of](#) the bill in June.

CR Consideration #3

Manchin Permitting Reform? Senator Schumer promised that energy permitting reform would be included in the CR, but House Natural Resources Committee Chair Raúl M. Grijalva is leading a letter with at least 70 House Democrats opposing a CR that includes permitting reforms. Speaker Pelosi will need those 70 Democrat votes to pass a CR without Republican support.

Republicans historically have strongly supported permitting reform, but the permitting reform text in the CR hasn't been released and it may favor Green New Deal projects to appease Chairman Grijalva and the 70+ Democrats who've pledged to vote against it.

****The RSC will update you on the Green New Deal aspects of the permitting reform once text is released.**

Other Potential Democrat Legislation:

The Pro-Crime Party

Before the recess, Democrats [prepped](#) several tepid "public safety" bills, which were then scuttled by their radical pro-criminal base. Those bills, or potentially even softer version of them, may be back on the floor next week.

We can't let Nancy Pelosi and the Democrats hide the fact that they are the Defund the Police party.

These bills are a too-little-too-late effort by Democrats to try to distract from the fact that liberal policies have caused an explosion of crime around the nation over the past several years.

For further reading regarding the Left's pro-criminal agenda, see this [RSC memo](#).

Marriage Messaging Bill

The Supreme Court legalized gay marriage in June 2015. This July, House Democrats passed a bill that would boost the government's ability to discriminate based on individual's sincerely held religious beliefs about the nature of marriage.

Democrats' hysterical messaging bill is also an attempt to convince voters that the Supreme Court might use Dobbs to overturn Obergefell, even though the Dobbs majority opinion [anticipates](#) this exact partisan lie: "to

ensure that our decision is not misunderstood or mischaracterized, we emphasize that our decision concerns the constitutional right to abortion and no other right."

Senator Schumer has said the Senate will take up House Dems' messaging bill as standalone legislation and it will not be included in the CR.

Senator Lee plans to file an [amendment](#) based on his First Amendment Defense Act, to address religious liberty concerns.

Electoral Count Act Reform:

Senator Schumer has indicated a fall vote on [Electoral Count Act](#) reform legislation.

Over the next three weeks, Democrats plan to attack American energy, increase the deficit and further fuel inflation, give amnesty to tens of thousands of unvetted refugees from Taliban-controlled Afghanistan, strip voters of their say in funding the government for an entire year and further abuse Joe Biden's permanent pandemic power.

This is our last opportunity to explain why Democrats' agenda has failed, what Republicans will do differently and why voters should give us a governing mandate in November. Let's use it.

Full steam ahead!

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