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Fight Inflation and Lower the Cost of Living

- ✓ Curb wasteful government spending that is raising the price of groceries, gas, cars, and housing, and growing our national debt
- ✓ Increase take-home pay, create good-paying jobs, and bring stability to the economy through pro-growth tax and deregulatory policies

Make America Energy Independent and Reduce Gas Prices

- ✓ Maximize production of reliable, cleaner, American-made energy and cut the permitting process time in half to reduce reliance on foreign countries, prevent rolling blackouts, and lower the cost of gas and utilities

Strengthen the Supply Chain and End Dependence on China

- ✓ Move supply chains away from China, expand U.S. manufacturing, and enhance America's economic competitiveness and cyber resiliency

A Nation That's Safe

Secure the Border and Combat Illegal Immigration

- ✓ Fully fund effective border enforcement strategies, infrastructure, and advanced technology to prevent illegal crossings and trafficking by cartels
- ✓ End catch-and-release loopholes, require legal status to get a job, and eliminate welfare incentives

Reduce Crime and Protect Public Safety

- ✓ Support 200,000 more police officers through recruiting bonuses and oppose all efforts to defund the police
- ✓ Crack down on prosecutors and district attorneys who refuse to prosecute crimes, while permanently criminalizing all forms of illicit fentanyl

Defend America's National Security

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A Future That's Built on Freedom

Make Sure Every Student Can Succeed and Give Parents a Voice

- ✓ Advance the Parents' Bill of Rights, recover lost learning from school closures, and expand parental choice so over a million more students can receive the education their parents know is best
- ✓ Defend fairness by ensuring that only women can compete in women's sports

Achieve Longer, Healthier Lives for Americans

- ✓ Personalize care to provide affordable options and better quality, delivered by trusted doctors
- ✓ Lower prices through transparency, choice, and competition, invest in lifesaving cures, and improve access to telemedicine

Confront Big Tech and Demand Fairness

- ✓ Provide greater privacy and data security protections, equip parents with more tools to keep their kids safe online, and stop companies from putting politics ahead of people

A Government That's Accountable

Preserve Our Constitutional Freedoms

- ✓ Uphold free speech, protect the lives of unborn children and their mothers, guarantee religious freedom, and safeguard the Second Amendment

Hold Washington Accountable

- ✓ Conduct rigorous oversight to rein in government abuse of power and corruption, provide real transparency, and require the White House to answer for its incompetence at home and abroad
- ✓ Save and strengthen Social Security and Medicare

Restore the People's Voice

- ✓ End special treatment for Members of Congress by repealing proxy voting, and increase accountability in the election process through voter ID, accurate voter rolls, and observer access



House Republicans unveiled a “Commitment to America” platform on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 49 days before the November Midterm election.

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Concessions McCarthy Gave To Get the Job

BY NATALIE ANDREWS - January 9, 2023

WASHINGTON—Rep. Kevin McCarthy’s election early Saturday morning to the House speaker role came after 14 unsuccessful ballots—and a lot of negotiating with roughly 20 Republican opponents.

To win them over, the Californian made several concessions, some of which could have a real impact on how he does his job and how Congress functions, while others could end up being more symbolic or short lived. The full list of concessions hasn’t been released publicly. Here is what we know so far.

Motion to vacate

The most crucial concession by Mr. McCarthy— when it comes to both his own future and the House’s ability to handle legislation that divides Republicans — was his willingness to restore what is known as the “motion to vacate the chair,” a procedure that allows rank-and-file members to ask for a vote to remove the speaker.

Before Democrats changed the chamber’s rules in 2019 so that only party leaders could call for a vote to oust a speaker, individual lawmakers had that power.

Mr. McCarthy initially offered to restore the motion so that it would take five lawmakers to call for a speaker’s removal. As the week went on and he struggled to amass the votes he needed to win the top job, Mr. McCarthy agreed to a change in House rules allowing any single member to call for such a vote.

In practice, in a House currently split 222-212 with one vacancy, at least five or six Republicans— if all of the chamber’s Democrats join— would be needed to vote to remove the speaker to cost him his job. But the possibility that a small group of unhappy Republicans could depose Mr. McCarthy will be in the background of every consequential decision he makes.

Debt ceiling and spending cuts

While public details are scant, Mr. McCarthy made commitments to fellow Republicans to pair spending reductions with any debt-ceiling increase, according to people familiar with the matter.

“It’s safe to say that we believe there ought to be specific concrete limits on spending attached to a debt-ceiling increase,” said Rep. Chip Roy (R., Texas).

Raising the nation’s borrowing limit is shaping up to be one of the most consequential fights of the newly divided Congress. Conservatives have long abhorred raising the debt limit, which authorizes the Treasury to borrow money to pay for government expenditures Congress has previously approved.

They have viewed it as an opportunity to try to force spending cuts, an effort that has largely failed under both Republican and Democratic administrations. Democrats, meanwhile, have in recent years refused to discuss spending cuts in return for raising the debt limit.

Committee assignments

There have also been few details made public about what pledges regarding committee assignments Mr. McCarthy offered to conservative holdouts. The topic has long been an important one to the House Freedom Caucus, whose members have felt that plum panel posts rarely come their way and typically go to leadership allies instead.

Specifically, Freedom Caucus members have asked for slots on the powerful House Rules Committee, which decides which bills get to the floor and which amendments are allowed a vote. Under both parties, the panel has traditionally been under the close control of leadership.

Some dissidents were also reportedly lobbying for seats or even subcommittee gavels on sought-after panels such as the Appropriations and Financial Services committees, though there is no sign that any of them was actually promised a chairmanship.

Lawmakers won’t find out all of their committee assignments for the 118th Congress until they are doled out in the coming weeks by the Steering Committee.

Other legislative demands

Mr. McCarthy’s offer to holdouts specifically included a promise to bring up for a vote a border security plan advanced by Texas Republicans, a term limit requirement for members of Congress, and a plan to offer a federal budget that balances over 10 years.

House conservatives have also pushed Mr. McCarthy for the House to take up one-by-one on the chamber floor the 12 annual appropriations bills that together fund the government, and he has pledged to give lawmakers plenty of time and leeway to offer amendments. That would be a departure from how both parties in Congress have handled spending bills in recent years.

Instead, Congress has usually funded the government with omnibus measures that combine all or several appropriations bills—which conservatives say are usually too big and too hastily assembled—or continuing resolutions that maintain existing funding levels on a temporary basis. Even if the House is able to pass its versions of individual spending bills, the final spending package the chamber negotiates with President Biden and the Democratic-controlled Senate will likely be an omnibus. —Lindsay Wise contributed to this article.

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Identify the Lies — then Laugh & Pray!

Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (NY) introducing New Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy:

Now, I recognize that this is a moment of transition. As we transition from one Congress to the next; from one majority to the next; **from a year of accomplishment to a year of ambiguity.** A moment of transition. . . .

But I also want to make clear that we will never compromise our principles. House Democrats will always put

- **American values over autocracy,**
- **benevolence over bigotry,**
- **the Constitution over the [code?],**
- **democracy over demagogues,**
- **economic opportunity over extremism,**
- **freedom over fascism,**
- **governing over gaslighting,**
- **hopefulness over hatred,**
- **inclusion over isolation,**
- **justice over judicial overreach,**
- **knowledge over kangaroo courts,**
- **liberty over limitation,**
- **maturity over Mar-a-Lago [the crowd erupted, the GOP outraged, the Dems applauding],**
- **normalcy over negativity,**
- **opportunity over obstruction,**
- **people over politics,**
- **quality of life issues over QAnon,**
- **reason over racism,**
- **substance over slander,**
- **triumph over tyranny,**
- **understanding over ugliness,**
- **voting rights over voter suppression,**
- **working families over the well-connected,**
- **xenial over xenophobia,**
- **Yes we can!" over "You can't do it," and**
- **zealous representation over zero-sum confrontation!**

It is now my solemn responsibility to hand over the people's gavel to a son of Bakersfield, a former small business owner, a proud product of a firefighter's household, the gentleman from the great State of California, and the next Speaker of the 118th Congress, KEVIN McCARTHY.

To which Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy responded:

That was easy, huh? I never thought we would get up here. Thank you, Minority Leader Jeffries. Hakeem, I have got to warn you: two years ago, I got 100 percent of the vote from my Conference.

There is somebody else I want to thank — the gentlewoman who served as our presiding officer this week — our clerk, Cheryl Johnson. Thank you.

My father always told me, "It is not how you start; it is how you finish."

And now we need to finish strong for the American people. If the son of a fireman and the grandchild of immigrants can rise to the highest position in the most important legislative body in our country; and if my colleague, Hakeem Jeffries, with his life story, can rise to lead his party, then opportunity and democracy still thrive in America.

To Leader Jeffries, there will be times we agree and many times we will differ. I promise our debates will be passionate, **but they will never be personal. That is my commitment to you.**

And now, the hard work begins. What we do here today, next week, next month and next year will set the tone for everything that follows.

Repeal Funding For Army of 87,000 IRS Agents

By Cristina Laila

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The House of Representatives on Monday evening voted 221-210 to repeal funding for 87,000 IRS agents.

The so-called 'Inflation Reduction Act' gave \$79.6 billion to the IRS over the next 10 years.

The **Wall Street Journal** said the new army of IRS agents will target the middle and upper-middle class.

According to new analysis, the IRS audits the poor at 5 times the rate of everyone else.

The IRS also has a history of targeting conservative groups.

The House approved its first bill on Monday night rescinding funding for the 87,000 IRS agents.

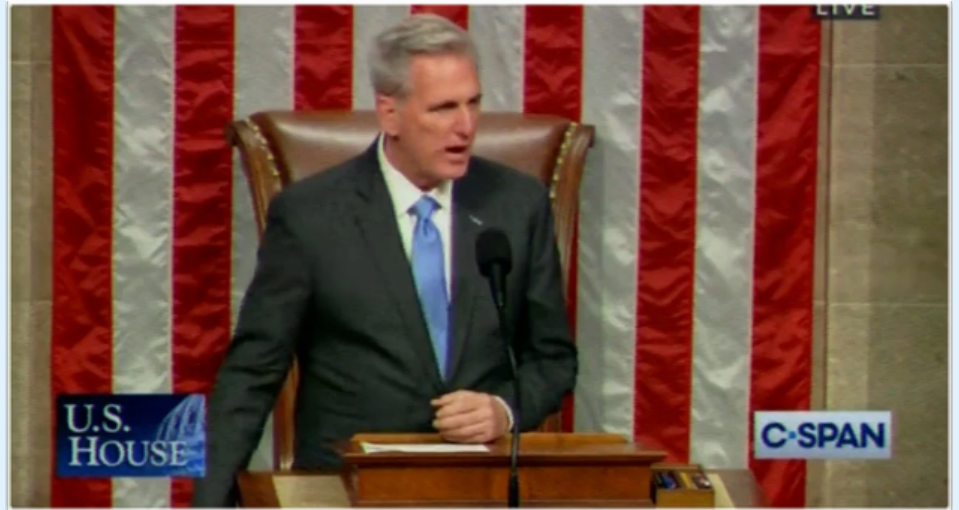
"Promises made," Speaker McCarthy said as he dropped the gavel.

"House Republicans just voted unanimously to repeal the Democrats' army of 87,000 IRS agents," Kevin McCarthy said Monday night.

(And then he tweeted, "This was our very first act of the new Congress, because government should work for you, not against you. Promises made. Promises kept.")

The House also passed a 55-page Rules Package on Monday night in a 220 to 213 vote.

McCarthy weighed in on the new rules package via Twitter:



"Congress has been broken for a long time. Over the years, a concentration of power within the Speaker's Office has kept lawmakers on the legislative sidelines. Lawmaking should be open to all members—not just a select few—so that the best ideas win.

"Rules that:

- Empower members to debate
- Increase transparency
- Reopen Congress to We the People

"Are replacing rules that:

- Silenced representative's voices
- Kept deal-making hidden behind closed doors
- Allowed for unconstitutional proxy voting"

<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2023/01/just-house-republicans-vote-unanimously-repeal-funding-army-87000-irs-agents-video/>

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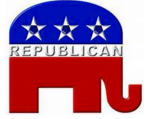
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*Ronald Reagan on
 CRIME and EDUCATION*

The perception is growing that the crime problem stems from the emergence of a new privileged class in America, a class of repeat offenders and career criminals who think they have a right to victimize their fellow citizens with virtual impunity. They're openly contemptuous of our way of justice. They don't believe they'll be caught, and if they are caught, they're confident that once their cases enter our legal system, the charges will be dropped, postponed, plea-bargained away, or lost in a maze of legal technicalities that make a mockery of our legitimate and honorable concern with civil liberties.

*Announcing Federal Initiatives Against
 Drug Trafficking and Organized Crime
 October 14, 1982*

The scales of criminal justice are still tilted toward protecting the rights of criminals. I believe it's high time we restore a proper balance and start doing more to protect our law-abiding citizens. Lenient judges are only lenient on crooks; they're very hard on society.

*National League of Citizens
 March 5, 1984*

Our leaders must remember that education doesn't begin with some isolated bureaucrat in Washington. It doesn't even begin with State or local officials. Education begins in the home, where it's a parental right and responsibility. Both our public and our private schools exist to aid our families in the instruction of our children, and it's time some people back in Washington stopped acting as if family wishes were only getting in the way.

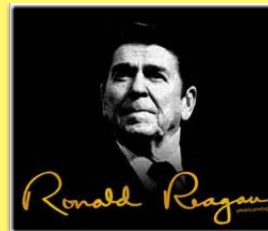
"Train up the child in the way he should go," Solomon wrote, "and when he's old he will not depart from it." That is the God-given responsibility of each parent, the compact with each teacher, and the trust of every child.

*National Catholic Education
 Association, Chicago, Illinois
 April 15, 1982*

It's time to face the truth. Advocates of more and more government interference in education have had ample time to make their case, and they've failed. Look at the record. Federal spending on education soared eightfold in the last 20 years, rising much faster than inflation. But during the same period, scholastic aptitude test scores went down, down, and down.

Teachers should be paid and promoted on the basis of their merit and competence. Hard-earned tax dollars should encourage the best. They have no business rewarding incompetence and mediocrity.

*Seton Hall University
 South Orange, New Jersey
 May 21, 1983*



*40th President of
 the United States
 1981 ~ 1989*