

Possible Path to Adjournment

The potential timeline for consideration of (1) Defense Appropriations (2) Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and (3) a two month increase in the debt limit is as follows (Note it **does not include every vote possible under the Senate rules**, including motions to waive the Congressional Budget Act, and many other possible votes).

Wednesday (12/16):

- Receive DoD House message with a House amendment. Move to concur in the House amendment. Fill the tree on the motion to concur and file cloture on the motion to concur.

Thursday (12/17): Intervening day required under cloture rule

Friday (12/18):

- Cloture vote on DoD motion to concur in the House amendment, one hour after the Senate convenes (as early as 1:00am)

Saturday (12/19)(30hrs): [

- After 30 hours has expired or been yielded back from the cloture vote, up/down vote on motion to concur in the House amendment
- Resume consideration of Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act immediately
 - Offer managers' amendment, which could be read in its entirety
 - After the managers' amendment is pending, fill the remaining open slots on the amendment tree/the bill
 - File cloture motions on (1) the managers' amendment, (2) the Reid substitute amendment, and (3) the underlying health care bill [

Sunday (12/20): Intervening day required under cloture rule

Monday (12/21):

- Cloture vote on the managers' amendment, one hour after the Senate convenes (as early as 1:00am)

Tuesday (12/22) (30hrs): [

- After 30 hours has expired or been yielded back after the cloture vote on the managers' amendment, up/down vote on the managers' amendment occurs
- Cloture vote on the Reid substitute amendment (as amended by the managers' amendment), occurs immediately after the vote on the managers' amendment

Wednesday (12/23) (30hrs):

- After 30 hours has expired or been yielded back after the cloture vote on the Reid substitute amendment, up/down vote on the Reid substitute amendment occurs

- Cloture vote on the health care reform bill (as amended by the Reid substitute amendment and the managers amendment) occurs immediately after the vote on the Reid substitute amendment

Thursday (12/24) (30hrs) (note that this vote could occur on 12/25, depending on when each 30 hour period begins to run): [

- After 30 hours has expired or been yielded back after the cloture vote on the underlying bill, final passage vote on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended

Thursday (12/24) until ?

- A bill to permit continued financing of Government operations (H.R 4313)

Immediately after the final passage of the health reform bill, the Majority Leader can move to proceed to the H.R. 4313 which would increase the debt limit for two months.

Because it is an HR bill and not a conference report or a message, the motion to proceed is debatable, which means that cloture could be needed on the motion to proceed and the bill itself.

There will be an effort to get a time agreement with respect to H.R. 4313 but here's the **worst case scenario**:

Day 1:	Move to proceed to debt limit bill and file cloture on motion to proceed
Day 2:	Intervening day required under cloture rule/no action
Day 3:	Cloture vote on motion to proceed on hour after the Senate convenes
Day 4 (30hours):	After 30 hours has expired or been yielded back, up/down vote on motion to proceed (if required), and file cloture on H.R. 4313
Day 5:	Intervening day required under cloture rule/no action
Day 6:	Cloture vote on H.R. 4313, one hour after the Senate convenes
Day 7 (30hours):	After 30 hours has expired or been yielded back, up/down vote on H.R. 4313