

**CARMA PRESENTATION
JANUARY 19, 2023**

118TH CONGRESS

HOUSE

WHY THE SLUGFEST OVER THE ELECTION OF SPEAKER?

CONSERVATIVES WERE ANGERED THAT KEVIN MCCARTHY CUT DEALS WITH THE DEMS DURING THE 2018 AND 2019 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS.

ALMOST ALL REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE WERE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE PELOSI ERA OF TOP-DOWN DIRECTION AND THE AUTOCRATIC LEADERSHIP FROM THE SPEAKER'S OFFICE. CONSERVATIVES WERE SENDING MCCARTHY A MESSAGE: THEY WANT THE COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE AND THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS TO BE THE INITIATORS OF HOUSE DELIBERATIONS.

HOUSE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION

VOTING BY PROXY IS ABOLISHED.

SELECT COMMITTEES – SELECT COMMITTEES ARE ESTABLISHED BY THE SPEAKER, AND THEY REVIEW AND DISCUSS MATTERS OF SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE. BOTH PARTIES ARE MEMBERS. SELECT COMMITTEES DO NOT WRITE LEGISLATION.

**SPEAKER AS ALREADY ESTABLISHED A SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHINA.
A SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO REVIEW THE WEAPONIZATION OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. COULD BE PUT UNDER THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.**

THE FOLLOWING SELECT COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED BY SPEAKER PELOSI WILL BE ABOLISHED: CLIMATE CRISIS; ECONOMIC DISPARITY; JANUARY 6TH. SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE WILL REMAIN, AND COVID EMERGENCY WILL LIKELY REMAIN SO REPUBLICANS CAN REVIEW THE ORIGINS.

REPUBLICANS MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE OF GEORGIA AND PAUL GOSAR OF ARIZONA WILL BE RESTORED TO THEIR COMMITTEES (PELOSI KICKED THEM OFF EARLY IN 2021), AND ADAM SCHIFF & ERIC SWALWELL OF CALIFORNIA AND ILHAN OMAR OF MINNESOTA WILL BE REMOVED FROM THEIR COMMITTEES FOR LEAKING CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.

A NEW HOUSE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS WILL BE APPOINTED AND ALL BARRIER RESTRICTIONS AROUND THE CAPITOL WILL BE REMOVED, AND WILL ONCE AGAIN BECOME "THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE".

SENATE

JUST A FEW BRIEF COMMENTS.

WHEN ALL THE SMOKE CLEARED IN LAST NOVEMBER'S ELECTION, ONLY ONE SEAT CHANGED PARTIES: PENNSYLVANIA, FROM REPUBLICAN TO DEMOCRAT.

TWO FACTORS I SEE TOOK PLACE IN THE CONTESTED STATES OF ARIZONA, GEORGIA, NEVADA, NEW HAMPSHIRE AND PENN. SYLVANIA: REPUBLICANS WERE FAR OUTSPENT, AND IN EVERY CASE EXCEPT NEVADA, REPUBLICANS RAN WEAK CANDIDATES FOR DIFFERING REASONS, THAT WERE REJECTED BY THE VOTERS.

Respectfully,
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