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## LEADERSHIP CHANGES IN THE 113<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS

With Election Day just 19 days away, all that remains of the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress is the post-election lame duck session. Already, many are looking ahead to next year and the new 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, which will see a game of “musical chairs” in leadership positions at committees and subcommittees due to election outcomes, retirements, and Republican term limits. Attached is ML Strategies’ analysis of likely leadership changes, given what we know at this point.

While Democrats generally follow a seniority system to determine leadership roles, Republicans operate under a system that combines seniority with term limits that allows for six years as Chairman or Ranking Member of any committee. In the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, many Republicans are coming up against their term limits, so there will likely be numerous changes regardless of retirements or election results. Significant committee leadership changes are possible on the Republican side, and it is important to also note that other factors could have a bearing on the predictions contained in this document.

Not knowing how each party will fare in the election makes it difficult to precisely predict leadership changes, so, for the purpose of this analysis, we have assumed that party control of the House and Senate will remain unchanged, with Democrats controlling the Senate, and Republicans controlling the House of Representatives. Given the power of incumbency, we can also assume that many members will be reelected, although several Chairs and Ranking Members are facing serious challenges this election cycle.

Once the dust settles on November 6 – or more likely in the days after the election – we will have a clearer sense of who will be returning next year. We will provide an updated analysis post-election that takes into account the outcome of various tight races around the country.

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## 113<sup>th</sup> Congress – Senate Committee Leadership

### Agriculture Committee

**Chairman** (*Debbie Stabenow*) – Senator Stabenow (D-MI) is expected to stay on as Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*Pat Roberts*) – Senator Roberts (R-KS) is expected to stay on as Ranking Member.

### Appropriations Committee

**Chairman** (*Daniel Inouye*) – Senator Inouye (D-HI) is expected to stay on as Chairman

**Ranking Member** (*Thad Cochran*) – Senator Cochran (R-MS) is term limited in the Ranking Member position; Senator Shelby (R-AL) likely becomes Appropriations Ranking Member. However, if Republicans gain control of the Senate, Senator Cochran will become Appropriations Chairman.

### Armed Services Committee

**Chairman** (*Carl Levin*) – Senator Levin (D-MI) is expected to stay on as Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*John McCain*) – Senator McCain (R-AZ) is term limited in the Ranking Member position; Senator Inhofe (R-OK) likely becomes Armed Services Ranking Member. However, if Republicans gain control of the Senate, Senator McCain will become Armed Services Chairman.

### Banking Committee

**Chairman** (*Tim Johnson*) - Senator Johnson (D-SD) is expected to stay on as Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*Richard Shelby*) – Senator Shelby (R-AL) is term limited in the Ranking Member position; he is expected to move to Appropriations as Ranking Member (Senator Cochran is term-limited as Appropriations Ranking Member, as described above). Senator Crapo (R-ID) is next in seniority to become Ranking Member. However, if Republicans gain control of the Senate, Senator Shelby will become Banking Chairman.

### Budget Committee

**Chairman** (*Kent Conrad*) – Senator Conrad (D-ND) is retiring; next in seniority is Senator Murray (D-WA).

**Ranking Member** (*Jeff Sessions*) - Senator Sessions (R-AL) is expected to stay on as Ranking Member.

### Commerce Committee

**Chairman** (*Jay Rockefeller*) - Senator Rockefeller (D-WV) is expected to stay on as Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*Kay Bailey Hutchison*) – Senator Hutchison (R-TX) is retiring. With Senator Snowe (R-ME) also retiring, Senator DeMint (R-SC) is next in seniority.

### Energy and Natural Resources Committee

**Chairman** (*Jeff Bingaman*) – Senator Bingaman (D-NM) is retiring; Senator Wyden (D-OR) next in seniority.

**Ranking Member** (*Lisa Murkowski*) – Senator Murkowski (R-AK) will stay with Energy and Natural Resources.

### Environment and Public Works Committee

**Chairman** (*Barbara Boxer*) – Senator Boxer (D-CA) could move to Foreign Relations as

Chairman (if Senator Kerry were to take a position in the Administration). Senator Lautenberg (D-NJ) would then become EPW Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*James Inhofe*) – Senator Inhofe (R-OK) may move to Armed Services as Ranking Member. Senator Vitter (R-LA) would likely become EPW Ranking Member.

### **Finance Committee**

**Chairman** (*Max Baucus*) – Senator Baucus (D-MT) will stay with Senate Finance.

**Ranking Member** (*Orrin Hatch*) – Senator Hatch (R-UT) is likely to stay as Ranking Member. Should Republicans gain majority, Senator Grassley (R-IA) has the option to move to Chairman of Finance.

### **Foreign Relations Committee**

**Chairman** (*John Kerry*) – Senator Kerry (D-MA) will stay as Chair unless, as is speculated, he is nominated to be Secretary of State in a second Obama administration. Senator Boxer (D-CA) could leave her EPW Chair for Foreign Relations Chairmanship. If not, Senator Menendez (D-NJ) would become chair.

**Ranking Member** (*Richard Lugar*) – Senator Lugar (R-IN) was defeated in his primary; next in seniority is Senator Corker (R-TN).

### **Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee**

**Chairman** (*Tom Harkin*) – Senator Harkin (D-IA) will stay with HELP.

**Ranking Member** (*Mike Enzi*) – Senator Enzi (R-WY) is term limited as Ranking Member; Senator Alexander (R-TN) is next in seniority. However, if Republicans gain control of the Senate, Senator Enzi will become HELP Chairman.

### **Homeland Security and Government Affairs (HSGA) Committee**

**Chairman** (*Joe Lieberman*) – Senator Lieberman (I-CT) is retiring; Senator Carper (D-DE) next in seniority to be HSGA Chair

**Ranking Member** (*Susan Collins*) – Senator Collins (R-ME) is term-limited as Ranking Member; Senator Coburn (R-OK) is next in line for Ranking Member. Should Republicans win the Senate, Senator Collins could serve as Chairman for one two-year term before she is term limited as Chairman.

### **Judiciary Committee**

**Chairman** (*Patrick Leahy*) – Senator Leahy (D-VT) is expected to remain Chairman

**Ranking Member** (*Chuck Grassley*) – Should Republicans gain majority, Senator Grassley (R-IA) has option to become Finance Chairman. Next in seniority is Senator Hatch (R-UT).

### **Small Business Committee**

**Chairman** (*Mary Landrieu*) - Senator Landrieu (D-LA) is expected to stay on as Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*Olympia Snowe*) – Senator Snowe (R-ME) is retiring. With Senator Vitter (R-LA) anticipated to go to EPW, Senator Risch (R-ID) or Senator Enzi (R-WY) are likely to become Ranking Member. However, if Republicans gain control of the Senate, Senator Vitter will likely become Small Business Committee Chairman.

### **Veterans Affairs Committee**

**Chairman** (*Patty Murray*) – Senator Murray (D-WA) would go to Budget Committee. With Senator Rockefeller (D-WV) staying on as Commerce Chairman and with Senator Akaka (D-HI) retiring, next in seniority is Senator Brown (D-OH).

**Ranking Member** (*Richard Burr*) – Senator Burr (R-NC) is term limited; Senator Isakson (R-

GA) is next in seniority.

### **Indian Affairs Committee**

**Chairman** (*Daniel Akaka*) – Senator Akaka (D-HI) is retiring. Senator Inouye (D-HI) will stay as Appropriations Chairman, Senator Conrad (D-ND) is retiring, and Senator Johnson (D-SD) will stay as Banking Chairman. Next in seniority is Senator Cantwell (D-WA).

**Ranking Member** (*John Barrasso*) – Senator Barrasso (R-WY) is expected to stay on as Ranking Member.

### **Select Committee on Intelligence**

**Chairman** (*Dianne Feinstein*) – Senator Feinstein (D-CA) is expected to stay on as Chairman.

**Vice Chairman** (*Saxby Chambliss*) – Senator Chambliss (R-GA) is expected to stay on as Vice Chairman.

### **Special Committee on Aging**

**Chairman** (*Herb Kohl*) – Senator Kohl is retiring (D-WI). With Senator Wyden (D-OR) going to EPW, Senator Nelson (D-FL) is next in seniority.

**Ranking Member** (*Bob Corker*) – Senator Corker (R-TN) is expected to become Foreign Relations Ranking Member (Senator Lugar (R-IN) is retiring); next in seniority is Senator Collins (R-ME).

## **113<sup>th</sup> Congress – House Committee Leadership**

### **Agriculture Committee**

**Chairman** (*Frank Lucas*) – Representative Lucas (R-OK-3) is expected to stay on as Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*Collin Peterson*) – Representative Peterson (D-MN-7) is expected to stay on as Ranking Member.

### **Appropriations Committee**

**Chairman** (*Harold Rogers*) – Representative Rogers (R-KY-5) is expected to stay on as Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*Norman Dicks*) – Representative Dicks (D-WA-6) is retiring; Representatives Nita Lowey (D-NY-18) or Marcy Kaptur (D-OH-9) will likely become Ranking Member.

### **Armed Services Committee**

**Chairman** (*Buck McKeon*) – Representative McKeon (R-CA-25) is expected to stay on as Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*Adam Smith*) – Representative Smith (D-WA-9) is expected to stay on as Ranking Member.

### **Budget Committee**

**Chairman** (*Paul Ryan*) – Representative Ryan (R-WI-1) is term limited; Representatives Garrett (R-NJ-5) or Campbell (R-CA-48) will likely become Budget Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*Chris Van Hollen*) – Representative Van Hollen (D-MD-8) is expected to stay on as Ranking Member.

### **Education and the Workforce Committee**

**Chairman** (*John Kline*) – Representative Kline (R-MN-2) is expected to stay on as Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*George Miller*) – Representative Miller (D-CA-7) is expected to stay on as Ranking Member.

### **Energy and Commerce Committee**

**Chairman** (*Fred Upton*) – Representative Upton (R-MI-6) is expected to remain Chairman

**Ranking Member** (*Henry Waxman*) – Representatives Waxman (D-CA-30) is expected to remain Ranking Member

### **Financial Services Committee**

**Chairman** (*Spencer Bachus*) – Representative Bachus (R-AL-6) is term limited; Representative Hensarling (R-TX-5) will likely become Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*Barney Frank*) – Representative Frank (D-MA-4) is retiring; Representatives Waters (D-CA-35) will likely become Ranking Member.

### **Foreign Affairs Committee**

**Chairman** (*Ileana Ros-Lehtinen*) – Representative Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL-18) is term limited; Representatives Smith (R-NJ-4) or Royce (R-CA-40) will likely become Foreign Affairs Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*Howard Berman*) – Representative Berman (D-CA-28) is expected to stay on as Ranking Member should he win reelection. If challenger Representative Sherman (D-CA-27), whom Berman is facing because of redistricting, wins the election, he will most likely seek Foreign Affairs Ranking Member. Delegate Faleomavaega (D-AS-AL) follows Ranking Member Berman in seniority, but a delegate chairing a full committee is unprecedented. Representative Sherman would likely be challenged by Representative Engel (D-NY-17) and perhaps others.

### **Homeland Security Committee**

**Chairman** (*Peter King*) – Representative King (R-NY-3) is term limited; Representatives Miller (R-MI-10), McCaul (R-TX-10), or Rogers (R-AL-3) will likely become Homeland Security Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*Bennie Thompson*) – Representative Thompson (D-MS-2) is expected to stay on as Ranking Member.

### **House Administration Committee**

**Chairman** (*Daniel Lungren*) – Representative Lungren (R-CA-3) is expected to stay on as Chairman. Should Representative Lungren not win reelection, Representative Harper (R-MS-3) is next in seniority.

**Ranking Member** (*Robert Brady*) – Representative Brady (D-PA-1) is expected to stay on as Ranking Member.

### **Judiciary Committee**

**Chairman** (*Lamar Smith*) – Representative Smith (R-TX-21) is term limited; Representative Goodlatte (R-VA-6) is likely to become Judiciary Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*John Conyers*) – Representative Conyers (D-MI-14) is expected to stay on as Ranking Member.

### **Natural Resources Committee**

**Chairman** (*Doc Hastings*) – Representative Hastings (R-WA-4) may become Rules Chairman; Representative Bishop (R-UT-1) would become Natural Resources Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*Ed Markey*) – Representative Markey (D-MA-7) is expected to stay on as Ranking Member.

### **Oversight and Government Reform Committee**

**Chairman** (*Darrell Issa*) – Representative Issa (R-CA-49) may stay on Oversight; Mica (R-FL-7)

might challenge to become HOCR Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*Elizab Cummings*) – Representative Cummings (D-MD-7) is expected to stay on as Ranking Member.

### **Rules Committee**

**Chairman** (*David Dreier*) – Representative Dreier (R-CA-26) is retiring; Hastings (R-WA-4) or Sessions (R-TX-32) might become Rules Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*Louise Slaughter*) – Representative Slaughter (D-NY-28) is expected to stay on as Ranking Member.

### **Science, Space, and Technology Committee**

**Chairman** (*Ralph Hall*) – Representative Hall (R-TX-4) is term limited; Representatives Smith (R-TX-21), Rohrabacher (R-CA-46), or Sensenbrenner (R-WI-5) might become Science, Space, and Technology Chairman

**Ranking Member** (*Eddie Bernice Johnson*) – Representative Johnson (D-TX-30) is expected to stay on as Ranking Member.

### **Small Business Committee**

**Chairman** (*Sam Graves*) – Representative Graves (R-MO-6) is expected to stay on as Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*Nydia Velazquez*) – Representative Velazquez (D-NY-12) is expected to stay on as Ranking Member.

### **Transportation and Infrastructure Committee**

**Chairman** (*John Mica*) – Representative Mica (R-FL-7) is term limited; Representative Shuster (R-PA-9) might become T&I Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*Nick Rahall*) – Representative Rahall (D-WV-3) is expected to stay on as Ranking Member.

### **Veterans' Affairs Committee**

**Chairman** (*Jeff Miller*) – Representative Miller (R-FL-1) is expected to stay on as Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*Bob Filner*) – Representative Filner (D-CA-51) is retiring; next in seniority is Representative Brown (D-FL-3).

### **Ways and Means Committee**

**Chairman** (*Dave Camp*) – Representative Camp (R-MI-4) is expected to stay on as Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*Sander Levin*) – Representative Levin (D-MI-12) is expected to stay on as Ranking Member.

### **Select Committee on Intelligence**

**Chairman** (*Mike Rogers*) – Representative Rogers (R-MI-8) is expected to stay on as Chairman.

**Ranking Member** (*C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger*) – Representative Ruppersberger (D-MD-2) will stay on as Ranking Member as long as he is reappointed by Democratic leadership.

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