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<u>Order of Business</u>: <u>The bill</u> is scheduled to be considered on the floor on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage

<u>Summary</u>: H.J. Res. 106 would fund the government through Saturday, January 18, 2014, at the current operating rate of \$986.3 billion (base discretionary). This is the Budget Control Act (BCA) mandated post-sequester level for FY 2013. This CR serves as a bridge to continue government operations while a final Ominbus funding bill for remainder of FY14 is agreed upon by House and Senate negotiators. Language of the Omnibus can be found here. The RSC's Legislative Bulletin on the Ominbus will be released separately.

The bill continues all policy riders included in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2775, which was voted on by the House on October 16, 2013. The RSC's Legislative Bulletin on that can be viewed here. This legislation does fully fund Obamacare and does not protect American families from the Democrats' unworkable, unaffordable, and unfair health care law. To read the RSC's 29-page news roundup on Obamacare's troubled roll out, click here.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Position was available at this time.

<u>Committee Action</u>: The bill was introduced on January 10, 2013, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, which took no action.

Cost to Taxpayers: No CBO score was available at this time.

<u>Constitutional Authority</u>: Chairman Rogers states, "Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: The principal constitutional authority for this legislation is clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the Constitution of the United States (the appropriation

power), which states: "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law...' In addition, clause 1 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution (the spending power) provides: 'The Congress shall have the Power...to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States.' Together, these specific constitutional provisions establish the congressional power of the purse, granting Congress the authority to appropriate funds, to determine their purpose, amount, and period of availability, and to set forth terms and conditions governing their use."

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