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**THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION**

- This week, both the House and Senate are in session, with Jan. 3 marking the beginning of the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress.
- On Tuesday, the House voted for the next speaker of the house. Current Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) won reelection as did current House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA). Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) will continue his post as majority leader.
- On Tuesday, Vice President Joe Biden swore-in the newly elected senators, including California's newest Sen. Kamala Harris. Newly elected House members took the oath to uphold the Constitution in a group swearing-in on the House floor. New California members include Ro Khanna (CA-17); Jimmy Panetta (CA-20); Salud Carbajal (CA-24); Nanette Diaz Barragán (CA-44); and Lou Correa (CA-46).
- On Tuesday, the House will take up the rules package for the new Congress.
- This week, the House and Senate are expected to begin laying the groundwork for repealing the Affordable Care Act. On Wednesday, President Barack Obama will meet with House and Senate Democrats regarding a strategy to combat the repeal.

**VISITORS TO WASHINGTON**

- Nelson Peacock, senior vice president for government relations, UC Office of the President, will be in Washington, D.C. for meetings.
- Kim Budil, vice president for national laboratories, UC Office of the President, will be in Washington, D.C. for agency meetings.
- Quanna Batiste, chief nursing officer for ambulatory care, UCLA Health, will be in Washington, D.C. to participate in a leadership fellowship program and attend Capitol Hill meetings.

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