

New Speaker Kevin McCarthy: New Rules, Issues of Ukraine & Taiwan

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Monday, 9th January 2023: The One Hundred Eighteenth Congress adopted the Rules of Business, with a party line vote of 220-113, with just one Republican voting against adoption of Rules. The Rules include Holman rule, which allows lawmakers to use spending bills to defund specific programs and fire federal officials or reduce their pay .

The Rules may make the working of the Congress more transparent. But these may make increase of the defense budget more difficult when President Biden has promised to supply sophisticated and costly equipment to Ukraine and Chia is openly threatening Taiwan and intruding into Taiwan's air space every day.



On Saturday morning after 15 historic rounds of voting spread out over 5 days, Kevin McCarthy was elected as the Speaker of the US House of Representatives. In

these 15 rounds, to bring round about 20 Congressmen, who were holding out, Kevin McCarthy had to issue many concessions behind closed doors and these will become known in due course of time.

UKRAIN WAR; Today, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters that the additional supplies of arms will not be able to change anything. These will only increase the suffering of the people of Ukraine. He was referring to the supply of armoured fighting vehicles by USA and of light combat vehicles by France and Germany.

The war is about to complete 11 months and there seems to be no end in sight. Kyiv has become aggressive in its statements. President Putin. In his discussion with President Erdogan has made it clear that Ukraine will have to be prepared for loss of territory, if it wants to see the end of war.

If USA is not able to increase its defense budget, will it be able to meet the challenges in Ukraine, Taiwan, Korea and the Arab and Iranian world?
