

the Speaker's approval of the Journal and then two motions to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order: approval of the Journal de novo, House Resolution 364 by the yeas and nays, and House Resolution 361 by the yeas and nays.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule 1 the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently, a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 359, nays 38, not voting 33, as follows:

[Roll No. 53]

YEAS—359

Abercrombie	Cardin	Everett
Ackerman	Carson	Ewing
Aderholt	Castle	Farr
Allen	Chabot	Fattah
Archer	Chambliss	Foley
Army	Chenoweth	Forbes
Bachus	Christensen	Ford
Baesler	Clayton	Fossella
Baker	Clement	Fowler
Baldacci	Coble	Frank (MA)
Ballenger	Coburn	Franks (NJ)
Barcia	Collins	Frelinghuysen
Barr	Combest	Frost
Barrett (NE)	Condit	Furse
Barrett (WI)	Conyers	Gallegly
Bartlett	Cook	Ganske
Barton	Cooksey	Gejdenson
Bass	Cox	Gekas
Bateman	Coyne	Gephardt
Bentsen	Cramer	Gibbons
Bereuter	Crapo	Gilchrest
Berman	Cubin	Gilman
Berry	Cummings	Goode
Bilirakis	Cunningham	Goodlatte
Bishop	Danner	Goodling
Blagojevich	Davis (FL)	Gordon
Bliley	Davis (VA)	Goss
Blumenauer	Deal	Graham
Blunt	DeGette	Granger
Boehlert	Delahunt	Green
Boehner	DeLauro	Greenwood
Bonilla	DeLay	Gutknecht
Bonior	Deutsch	Hall (OH)
Boswell	Dicks	Hall (TX)
Boucher	Dingell	Hamilton
Boyd	Dixon	Hansen
Brady	Doggett	Harman
Brown (FL)	Dooley	Hastings (WA)
Brown (OH)	Doyle	Hayworth
Bryant	Dreier	Hefner
Bunning	Duncan	Hegger
Burr	Edwards	Hill
Burton	Ehlers	Hinojosa
Buyer	Ehrlich	Hobson
Callahan	Emerson	Hoekstra
Calvert	Engel	Holden
Camp	Eshoo	Hooley
Campbell	Etheridge	Horn
Canady	Evans	Hostettler

Houghton	Metcalf	Schaefer, Dan
Hoyer	Mica	Schumer
Hulshof	Millender-Scott	Sanford
Hutchinson	McDonald	Sensenbrenner
Hyde	Miller (CA)	Serrano
Istook	Miller (FL)	Shadegg
Jackson (IL)	Minge	Shaw
Jackson-Lee (TX)	Mink	Shays
Jenkins	Mollohan	Sherman
John	Moran (VA)	Shimkus
Johnson (CT)	Morella	Shuster
Johnson (WI)	Murtha	Sisisky
Johnson, Sam	Myrick	Skaggs
Jones	Nadler	Skeen
Kanjorski	Neal	Skelton
Kaptur	Nethercutt	Slaughter
Kasich	Neumann	Smith (MI)
Kelly	Ney	Smith (NJ)
Kennedy (RI)	Northup	Smith (OR)
Kennelly	Norwood	Smith (TX)
Kildee	Nussle	Smith, Adam
Kilpatrick	Obey	Smith, Linda
Kim	Olver	Snowbarger
Kind (WI)	Ortiz	Snyder
King (NY)	Owens	Solomon
Kingston	Oxley	Souder
Klecza	Packard	Spence
Klink	Pallone	Spratt
Klug	Pappas	Stabenow
Knollenberg	Pascrell	Stark
Kolbe	Pastor	Stearns
LaFalce	Paul	Stokes
LaHood	Paxon	Strickland
Lampson	Payne	Stump
Lantos	Pease	Sununu
Largent	Pelosi	Talent
Latham	Peterson (MN)	Tanner
LaTourette	Peterson (PA)	Tauscher
Lazio	Petri	Tauzin
Leach	Pitts	Taylor (NC)
Levin	Polbo	Thomas
Lewis (CA)	Pomeroy	Thornberry
Lewis (KY)	Porter	Thune
Linder	Portman	Thurman
Livingston	Price (NC)	Tiahrt
Lofgren	Pryce (OH)	Tierney
Lowe	Quinn	Torres
Lucas	Radanovich	Towns
Luther	Rahall	Traficant
Maloney (CT)	Rangel	Upton
Maloney (NY)	Redmond	Velazquez
Manton	Regula	Vento
Manzullo	Reyes	Walsh
Markey	Riggs	Wamp
Mascara	Riley	Watkins
Matsui	Rivers	Watt (NC)
McCarthy (MO)	Rodriguez	Waxman
McCarthy (NY)	Roemer	Weldon (FL)
McCollum	Rogers	Weldon (PA)
McCrery	Rohrabacher	Wexler
McGovern	Ros-Lehtinen	Weygand
McHale	Rothman	White
McHugh	Roukema	Whitfield
McIntosh	Roybal-Allard	Wicker
McIntyre	Royce	Wicks
McKeon	Ryun	Wise
McKinney	Sanchez	Wolf
Meehan	Sanders	Woolsey
Meek (FL)	Sandlin	Wynn
Meeks (NY)	Sandlin	Young (AK)
Menendez	Sawyer	Young (FL)
	Saxton	
	Scarborough	

NAYS—38

Becerra	Hefley	Ramstad
Brown (CA)	Hilleary	Rogan
Clay	Hilliard	Sabo
Clyburn	Hinchee	Schaffer, Bob
DeFazio	Jefferson	Sessions
Dickey	Johnson, E. B.	Stenholm
English	Kucinich	Taylor (MS)
Ensign	Lewis (GA)	Thompson
Fazio	LoBiondo	Visclosky
Filner	McDermott	Waters
Fox	Moran (KS)	Watts (OK)
Gillmor	Oberstar	Weller
Hastings (FL)	Pickett	
Andrews	Fawell	McInnis
Bilbray	Gonzalez	McNulty
Borski	Gutierrez	Moakley
Cannon	Hastert	Parker
Costello	Hunter	Pickering
Crane	Inglis	Poshard
Davis (IL)	Kennedy (MA)	Rush
Diaz-Balart	Lipinski	
Doolittle	Martinez	
Dunn	McDade	

NOT VOTING—33

Salmon	Schiff	Turner
Sanford	Stupak	Yates

□ 1750

So the Journal was approved. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 53, I was out of town attending a wake. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ARMEY) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, March 17, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the original Certificate of Election received from the Honorable Bill Jones, Secretary of State, State of California, indicating that, according to the semi-official canvass of votes cast in the Special Election held March 10, 1998, the Honorable Lois Capps was elected Representative in Congress for the Twenty-second Congressional District, State of California.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,  
Clerk.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA—SECRETARY OF STATE  
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

I, Bill Jones, the Secretary of State of the State of California, hereby certify:

That according to the semi-official canvass of votes cast in the Special Election held on the 10th day of March, 1998 in the 22nd Congressional District,

Lois Capps was elected to the office of United States Representative—District 22, for the term prescribed by law.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of California at Sacramento, this 11th day of March 1998.

BILL JONES,  
Secretary of State.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE  
LOIS CAPPS, OF CALIFORNIA, AS  
A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the Members of the California delegation escort the gentlewoman from California, the Member-elect, to the rostrum to receive the oath of office.

Mrs. Capps appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely and without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the Congress of the United States.

REPRESENTATIVE CAPPS BRINGS WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE TO CONGRESS

(Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, LOIS CAPPS' journey to Washington, D.C., began in tragedy with the sudden death of her husband and our colleague, Walter Capps. Today, however, the journey has ended in joy and victory, not only for LOIS and her family, but for her constituents.

LOIS brings to Congress a wealth of experience as a health professional, community activist, and educator. LOIS was a nurse for the Santa Barbara School District for 20 years. In this capacity, she served as an elementary district nurse for the entire public school system. She was a coordinator of the teen parent program and was a health consultant for all child development programs. Since 1983, she has periodically taught in the Early Childhood Education Department at Santa Barbara College.

Thousands of Santa Barbara's children and families have benefited from LOIS's personal care and leadership. Under her direction, hundreds of young parents have received the encouragement and the support to stay in school as well as the child development education to ensure that their children grow up healthy and in loving environments.

LOIS also has vast working experience in the community, having devoted herself to many community organizations, including the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, and the Family Service Agency.

During Walter's all too brief tenure, LOIS was an active partner, traveling with Walter around the central coast, to see firsthand the needs of the people he represented, and also, she traveled to Washington, D.C. where he fought for them and where she was one of the most visible of congressional spouses, frequently sitting in the gallery during votes and debates.

□ 1800

LOIS is committed to continuing the CAPPS legacy of reconnecting people to their representatives, to helping families improve their everyday lives through better schools, quality health care, and a cleaner, healthier environment. LOIS is also committed to following the CAPPS tradition of working with the delegation in its effort to find bipartisan solution to California problems.

We welcome LOIS to Congress and to our delegation. We know that she will be an effective advocate for her constituents, and we look forward to working with her to ensure that the

priorities of her district and of all Californians are the priorities of this Congress.

LOIS, Walter would be very proud of your commitment and your dedication to the people of the 22nd Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT), the Democratic leader.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, this is indeed a joyous day of celebration as we swear in a new Member of the Congress.

I would simply say this one thing. There are a lot of reasons attributed to political victories in congressional seats, but in my view this victory is due to the character, the integrity, and the wonderful citizenship of a woman named LOIS CAPPS. We are very proud of LOIS CAPPS.

A COMMITMENT TO MAKE GOOD ON THE TRUST OF THE CITIZENS OF THE 22ND DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

(Mrs. CAPPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I am so thrilled to be here. I want to acknowledge my family: our daughter, Laura; my sister, Frieda; Walter's brother, Roger, and his wife; my cousin, Chuck; and so many friends and staff members. You know I could not be here without you.

My heart is so full, as you know, as I stand where Walter stood so many times and looked out at all of you who were his treasured friends, and friendship that extended to me. How can I thank you for your eloquence in the memorials that you gave to him, to me and to him, following his death? Now you welcome me here today. I will always be grateful for this moment.

As I think of the citizens of the 22nd District of the central coast of California, who elected Walter just a year and a half ago, they trusted him. Now they have extended that trust to me, so I have come here to make good on that trust, to build on that trust.

I bring with me so many stories from the over 30 years that I have lived in our District. Just last Saturday I was at a community college, Cuesta Community College near the city of San Luis Obispo, and I heard the remarkable stories of five distinguished women being honored for their community service. I thought to myself, that is my inspiration. These are my role models to take with me to this place. I have brought them with me in my mind's eye today, and so many other stories like that.

During the last 4 months, Mr. Speaker, I have received the mandate, several mandates, from the citizens of the 22nd District of California. Despite the din of outside special interests, in lan-

guage plain and simple, they have told me in no uncertain terms that they want us to work hard to make our schools better. As one who has spent a lifetime in the classrooms of my district, I know the importance of local control; but, believe me, this task is so great that we must all work toward this end. The goals are too important.

Business leaders have come to me, saying, I want to partner with education because the net result will be a work force, jobs that are meaningful, people's lives that are enhanced; the quality of life that we want in the central coast of California, yes, but throughout the country. This is what we need also to keep our economy moving.

As a nurse, Members do not have to tell me about the mandate to reform health care, to curb the excesses, to bring back patient-centered care, and to allow more access to it. For me, clean air and clean water are health issues. Where I come from, preserving a pristine coastline is a sacred trust.

Of course, the overarching mandate is, in all of our deliberations, LOIS, be sure to do this in a fiscally responsible way. My answer is, I had a good example in the 105th Congress in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. I say to the small business owners in my district, yes, now we are going to go to work to simplify that Tax Code, to reform the IRS. They have told me in loud and simple terms that we must do this.

So you can see, Mr. Speaker, that I have come here ready to go to work. This is not a partisan task, because the bottom line is the common good. That which unites us, not that which divides us, is of enduring value. And we all know in our soul, and I am so privileged to be a part, that in this place, in this House what we are about is nothing less than preserving and strengthening democracy. I thank you for the opportunity to serve.

URGING RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ARMEY). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 364, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 364, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 15-minute vote, to be followed by a five-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 397, nays 0, not voting 34, as follows: