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House of Representatives

This being the day fixed by the 20th amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and Public Law 105-350 for the meeting of the Congress of the United States, the Members-elect of the 106th Congress met in their Hall, and at noon were called to order by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Hon. Jeffrey J. Trandahl.

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We are thankful, gracious God, for the opportunities of a new day and a new season, and we pledge by Your grace to be messengers of peace in our world, representatives of honor in our communities, and share together as colleagues the qualities of respect and esteem.

May we so examine our hearts and souls that our thoughts contain visions of great opportunity for the works of justice among all people, and for security and understanding and mercy for the neediest among us. As we share together a hope for a better tomorrow, may each of us do what we can so that the good words we say with our lips may be believed in our hearts, and all that we believe in our hearts we may practice in our daily lives.

This is our earnest prayer.
Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The CLERK. The Members-elect and their guests will please remain standing and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The CLERK. Representatives-elect, this is the day fixed by the 20th amendment to the Constitution and Public Law 105-350 for the meeting of the 106th Congress and, as the law directs, the

Clerk of the House at the end of the 105th Congress, appointed pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 75a-1(a), has prepared the official roll of the Representatives-elect.

Certificates of election covering 435 seats in the 106th Congress have been received by the Clerk of the House, and the names of those persons whose credentials show that they were regularly elected as Representatives in accordance with the laws of their respective States or of the United States will be called.

Without objection, the Representatives-elect will record their presence by electronic device and their names will be reported in alphabetical order by States, beginning with the State of Alabama, to determine whether a quorum is present.

There was no objection.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Representatives-elect responded to their names:

[Roll No. 1]

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—427

ALABAMA

Aderholt Cramer Riley
Bachus Everett
Callahan Hilliard

ALASKA

Young

ARIZONA

Hayworth Pastor Shadegg
Kolbe Salmon Stump

ARKANSAS

Berry Hutchinson
Dickey Snyder

CALIFORNIA

Becerra Doolittle Matsui
Berman Dreier McKeon
Bilbray Eshoo Millender-
Bono Filner McDonald
Brown Herger Miller
Calvert Horn Napolitano
Campbell Hunter Ose
Capps Kuykendall Packard
Condit Lantos Pelosi
Cox Lee Pombo
Cunningham Lewis Radanovich
Dixon Lofgren Rogan
Dooley Martinez Rohrabacher

Roybal-Allard Tauscher Waxman
Royce Thomas Woolsey
Sanchez Thompson
Sherman Waters

COLORADO

DeGette McInnis Tancredo
Hefley Schaffer Udall

CONNECTICUT

DeLauro Johnson Maloney
Gejdenson Larson Shays

DELAWARE

Castle

FLORIDA

Bilirakis Fowler Scarborough
Boyd Goss Shaw
Brown Hastings Stearns
Canady McCollum Thurman
Davis Meek Weldon
Deutsch Mica Wexler
Diaz-Balart Miller Young
Foley Ros-Lehtinen

GEORGIA

Barr Deal McKinney
Bishop Kingston Norwood
Chambliss Lewis
Collins Linder

HAWAII

Abercrombie Mink

IDAHO

Chenoweth Simpson

ILLINOIS

Biggert Gutierrez Phelps
Blagojevich Hastert Porter
Costello Hyde Rush
Crane Jackson Schakowsky
Davis LaHood Shimkus
Evans Lipinski Weller
Ewing Manzullo

INDIANA

Burton Hostettler Souder
Buyer McIntosh Visclosky
Carson Pease
Hill Roemer

IOWA

Boswell Latham Nussle
Ganske Leach

KANSAS

Moore Ryun
Moran Tiahrt

KENTUCKY

Fletcher Lucas Rogers
Lewis Northup Whitfield

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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LOUISIANA
Baker John Tausin
Cooksey Livingston
Jefferson McCrery

MAINE
Allen Baldacci

MARYLAND
Bartlett Ehrlich Wynn
Cardin Gilcrest
Cummings Morella

MASSACHUSETTS
Capuano McGovern Olver
Delahunt Meehan Tierney
Frank Moakley
Markey Neal

MICHIGAN
Bonior Hoekstra Rivers
Camp Kildee Smith
Conyers Kilpatrick Stabenow
Dingell Knollenberg Stupak
Ehlers Levin Upton

MINNESOTA
Gutknecht Oberstar Sabo
Luther Peterson Vento
Minge Ramstad

MISSISSIPPI
Pickering Taylor Wicker
Shows Thompson

MISSOURI
Blunt Emerson McCarthy
Clay Gephardt Skelton
Danner Hulshof Talent

MONTANA
Hill Cannon

NEBRASKA
Barrett Bereuter Terry

NEVADA
Berkley Gibbons

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Bass Sununu

NEW JERSEY
Andrews Menendez Roukema
Franks Pallone Saxton
Frelinghuysen Pascrell Smith
Holt Payne
LoBiondo Rothman

NEW MEXICO
Skeen Udall Wilson

NEW YORK
Ackerman LaFalce Rangel
Boehlert Lazio Reynolds
Crowley Lowey Serrano
Engel Maloney Slaughter
Forbes McCarthy Sweeney
Fossella McHugh Towns
Gilman McNulty Velazquez
Hinches Meeks Walsh
Houghton Nadler Weiner
Kelly Owens
King Quinn

NORTH CAROLINA
Ballenger Etheridge Myrick
Burr Hayes Price
Clayton Jones Taylor
Coble McIntyre Watt

NORTH DAKOTA
Pomeroy

OHIO
Boehner Kaptur Pryce
Brown Kasich Regula
Chabot Kucinich Sawyer
Gillmor LaTourette Strickland
Hall Ney Traficant
Hobson Oxley
Jones Portman

OKLAHOMA
Coburn Largent Watkins
Istook Lucas Watts

OREGON
Blumenauer Hooley Wu
DeFazio Walden

PENNSYLVANIA
Borski Goodling Murtha
Brady Greenwood Petersen
Coyne Hoeffel Pitts
Doyle Holden Sherwood
English Kanjorski Shuster
Fattah Klink Toomey
Gekas Mascara Weldon

RHODE ISLAND
Kennedy Weygand

SOUTH CAROLINA
Clyburn Graham Spence
DeMint Sanford Spratt

SOUTH DAKOTA
Thune

TENNESSEE
Bryant Ford Jenkins
Clement Gordon Tanner
Duncan Hillery Wamp

TEXAS
Archer Frost Ortiz
Armey Gonzales Paul
Barton Granger Reyes
Bentsen Green Rodriguez
Bonilla Hall Sandlin
Brady Hinojosa Sessions
Combust Jackson-Lee Smith
DeLay Johnson, E. B. Stenholm
Doggett Johnson, Sam Thornberry
Edwards Lampson Turner

UTAH
Cannon Cook Hansen

VERMONT
Sanders

VIRGINIA
Bateman Goode Scott
Bliley Goodlatte Sisisky
Boucher Moran Wolf
Davis Pickett

WASHINGTON
Baird Hastings Metcalf
Dicks Inslee Nethercutt
Dunn McDermott Smith

WEST VIRGINIA
Rahall Wise

WISCONSIN
Baldwin Kind Petri
Barrett Kleczka Ryan
Green Obey Sensenbrenner

WYOMING
Cubin

NOT VOTING—7
Barcia Hoyer Stark
Farr Miller, George
Gallegly Mollohan

GREEN as Delegate from the Virgin Islands; the election of the Honorable ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA as Delegate from American Samoa; and the election of the Honorable ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD as Delegate from Guam.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The CLERK. The Clerk is in receipt of a letter of resignation from the Honorable Newt Gingrich from the State of Georgia.

Without objection, the letters relating to the resignation of the Honorable Newt Gingrich will be printed in the RECORD.

There was no objection.

The text of the letters is as follows:

WASHINGTON, DC, December 17, 1998.

Hon. ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk of the House, the Capitol, Washington, D.C.

DEAR ROBIN: As you are no doubt aware, I have decided that I will not seek re-election in the 106th Congress as Speaker of the United States House of Representatives. In conjunction with that decision, I have notified the Governor of Georgia that I have withdrawn pursuant to Section 21-2-503 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and will not take the seat of congressman for the Sixth District of Georgia for the 106th Congress.

I will, however, complete my term as congressman for the Sixth District of Georgia for the entirety of the 105th Congress. I will also continue to serve as Speaker until the completion of the 105th Congress.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker.

NOVEMBER 22, 1998.

Governor Zell Miller,
Atlanta, Georgia.

DEAR GOVERNOR MILLER: As you are no doubt aware, I have decided that I will not seek re-election in the 106th Congress as Speaker of the United States House of Representatives. In conjunction with this decision, I hereby notify you that I have withdrawn pursuant to Section 21-2-504 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and will not take the seat of congressman for the Sixth District of Georgia for the 106th Congress.

I will, however, complete my term as congressman for the Sixth District of Georgia for the entirety of the 105th Congress. I will also continue to serve as Speaker until the completion of the 105th Congress.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

NEWT GINGRICH.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The CLERK. Pursuant to law and to precedent, the next order of business is the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 106th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. WATTS).

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Clerk, happily for our country and happily for you and me, Republicans and Democrats, DENNIS HASTERT has answered

The CLERK. The quorum call discloses that 427 Representatives-elect have responded to their name. A quorum is present.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK

The CLERK. The Clerk will state that credentials regular in form have been received showing the election of the Honorable CARLOS ROMERO-BARCELÓ as Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a term of 4 years beginning January 3, 1997; the election of the Honorable ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON as Delegate from the District of Columbia; the election of the Honorable DONNA M. CHRISTIAN-

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