

NAYS—47

Baird	Hooley (OR)	Sabo
Baldwin	Hulshof	Sandlin
Bell	Johnson, E. B.	Schakowsky
Cooper	Kennedy (MN)	Strickland
Costello	Kucinich	Stupak
DeFazio	Lampson	Taylor (MS)
English	Larsen (WA)	Thompson (CA)
Filner	LoBiondo	Thompson (MS)
Ford	McDermott	Udall (CO)
Graves	McNulty	Udall (NM)
Green (TX)	Miller, George	Visclosky
Gutknecht	Olver	Waters
Hart	Otter	Weller
Hastings (FL)	Pastor	Wicker
Hefley	Peterson (MN)	Wu
Hinche	Ramstad	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Tancredo

NOT VOTING—39

Ballance	Deutsch	Murtha
Bartlett (MD)	Emerson	Rohrabacher
Boehler	Engel	Slaughter
Brady (PA)	Fossella	Smith (MI)
Burton (IN)	Gerlach	Tauzin
Capuano	Grijalva	Thomas
Carson (OK)	Herger	Thornberry
Conyers	Hunter	Velázquez
Crane	Istook	Weiner
Cummings	Jefferson	Weldon (FL)
DeGette	Johnson, Sam	Weldon (PA)
Delahunt	Kingston	Wexler
DeMint	Lynch	Young (AK)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT) (during the vote). Members are reminded there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1028

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LINDER 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 2, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of a letter received from The Honorable Chris Nelson, Secretary of State, State of South Dakota, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special election held June 1, 2004, the Honorable Stephanie Herseeth was elected Representative in congress for the At Large Congressional District, State of South Dakota.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL.

Attachment.

SECRETARY OF STATE,
Pierre, SD, June 2, 2004.

Hon. JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk, House of Representatives,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. TRANDAHL: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on June 1, 2004 for Representative in Congress from the At-Large Congressional District of South Dakota show that Stephanie Herseeth received 132,236 votes or 50.6% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Stephanie Herseeth was elected as Representative in Congress from the At-Large Congressional District of South Dakota.

To the best of my knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official state canvass has been conducted on June 8, an official certification of election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

CHRIS NELSON.

SOUTH DAKOTA CENTRAL ELECTION REPORTING SYSTEM
STATE TOTALS—JUNE 1, 2004

[Statewide: Precincts reported: 798; precincts to report: 798]

Name	Party	Votes	Pct.
Dem. Presidential:			
Howard Dean	D	4,837	.06
John Kerry	D	69,454	.82
Dennis Kucinich	D	2,043	.02
Lyndon Larouche	D	2,942	.03
Uncommitted delegates	D	5,104	.06
U.S. House:			
Larry Diehrich	R	129,292	.49
Stephanie Herseeth	D	132,236	.51

PROVIDING FOR SWEARING IN OF MS. STEPHANIE HERSEETH, OF SOUTH DAKOTA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentlewoman from South Dakota (Ms. STEPHANIE HERSEETH) be permitted to take the oath of office today. Her certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest, and no question has been raised with regard to her election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE STEPHANIE HERSEETH, OF SOUTH DAKOTA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. Will the Member-elect from South Dakota (Ms. HERSEETH) come forward and raise her right hand.

Ms. HERSEETH 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, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that you will

and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are a Member of the House of Representatives.

□ 1030

INTRODUCTION OF REPRESENTATIVE STEPHANIE HERSEETH

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

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, as Members know, it is the custom of the House when a new Member is sworn in after a special election, the senior Member from that Member's State has the privilege of introducing the new Member to the House. Since South Dakota only has one Member of Congress, that is not possible today; and so I have that privilege.

But I do want to acknowledge the escort committee to the gentlewoman from South Dakota (Ms. HERSEETH), and that does have a nice ring to it, and what a distinguished escort committee it is, indeed: our former colleague, the Democratic leader in the United States Senate, TOM DASCHLE, and another former colleague from the House of Representatives, the distinguished Senator from South Dakota, Tim Johnson.

Mr. Speaker, the gentlewoman from South Dakota (Ms. HERSEETH) will bring to this House of Representatives the values of the heartland of America and a voice for her generation. She comes from a very distinguished political family in South Dakota. Her grandfather was Governor; her parents were public servants, very respected in South Dakota. She comes here, though, to make her own mark and to make the people of South Dakota very, very proud.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to recognize the distinguished gentlewoman from South Dakota (Ms. HERSEETH).

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE AND THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS REPRESENTATIVE FROM SOUTH DAKOTA

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

Ms. HERSEETH. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my fellow Members of the United States House of Representatives for that gracious and warm welcome. I thank the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI) for that very kind and generous introduction. I thank Senators DASCHLE and JOHNSON for taking the time to be here with me and my family today. I also thank another native South Dakotan, Jeff Trandahl, our Clerk here in the House, for all of his work and the work of his office. And I thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to be sworn in at the earliest opportunity so that the people of

South Dakota can once again have their voice in this great Chamber.

I would also like to thank our Secretary of State in South Dakota, Chris Nelson, who certified the election with great speed so that the interest of our State could be represented in this distinguished body. I would also like to say a grateful thank you to the staff of former Congressman Bill Janklow, who have continued to serve these past several months and have been true to the welcoming spirit of South Dakota.

There are too many to thank for this great honor: my grandparents, especially my Grampa Ralph Stiles, who is here with me today, who gave me his unconditional love and support; my parents, the strongest people I know who taught me to reach across disagreements and work for a common good; and the people of South Dakota, to whom I pledge that I will do everything I can to represent them honorably and to always do what is best for our entire State.

And lastly, while the months and years ahead are filled with great possibilities, the unsettling truth is that my standing here today was born from a tragedy. The opportunity for me to represent my State would not have happened if not for the heartache suffered by many. That reminder will be with me always.

But from great sorrow can come new beginnings for my State at this time in our Nation's history, for all of us as a people. I am humbled by this moment and by the trust and responsibility that South Dakota has placed in me. I will do my best, and I will always remember why I am here.

In the language of the Lakota people, "pilamaya," thank you, and may God bless this great House of the people.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(c) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from South Dakota (Ms. HERSETH), the whole number of the House is adjusted to 435.

□ 1045

WELCOMING RABBI JOUI HESSEL, WASHINGTON HEBREW CONGREGATION, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, it is a real pleasure to welcome a special guest to our House from Miami, Florida, who shared her message of prayer and inspiration with us today, Rabbi Joui Hessel. We are happy to have the Rabbi and her wonderful family, who reside in my congressional district in Miami, Florida, with us here today.

Rabbi Hessel was ordained from the Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute

of Religion in New York in 2001. While in Rabbinical School in New York, she served several congregations and also served as the Education Intern at Leo Bacck Temple in Los Angeles, California.

Rabbi Hessel is currently serving at the Washington Hebrew Congregation right here in Washington, D.C., as associate Rabbi. She has been in that capacity since June of 2001 and is active in many programs, including youth activities and adult education. The Rabbi is currently working on an educational article for a book on Parenting Young Adult Children.

Thank you, Rabbi Joui Hessel, for your spiritual leadership and for your prayers and for having such wonderful parents, who are my constituents.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1721. An act to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to improve provisions relating to probate of trust and restricted land, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The Chair will entertain 10 1-minute speeches per side.

NEW PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARD REDUCES COSTS FOR SENIORS

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, effective June 1, each senior on Medicare who would like one could get a Medicare prescription drug discount card. This card will be good for about a 20 percent discount in most local pharmacies.

What the senior could do is dial 1-800-Medicare or go to WWW.MEDICARE.GOV and find out which of the local drugstores has the best deal on Lipitor or Glucophage or whatever he or she uses on a regular basis, and then, if it works, if it is a good idea, invest anywhere from \$20 to \$30, in that neighborhood, and choose which card is the best and start enjoying a 20 percent discount.

This is a program that precedes the 2006 voluntary program which was signed by President Bush, passed by this House and the Senate and endorsed by the AARP to give seniors on Medicare a prescription drug benefit.

It is a voluntary program, it reduces drug costs by about 50 percent, and it is something that we did not have in Medicare as an option before. It is a very good program, and I invite seniors to call 1-800 Medicare and take a look at it.

OPPOSING OUTSOURCING OF JOBS

(Ms. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks and include therein extraneous material.)

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, my constituents write each week telling me about jobs that are being outsourced, asking me what is Congress doing about it. They are amazed and they are outraged that our President can support this policy, when over 1 million Californians are out of work.

I understand their concerns, especially when the Bush administration recently awarded a massive \$10 billion government contract to Accenture, a company incorporated in Bermuda, when two American-based companies actually bid for the contract. They also know that the President used outsourced workers in India to make phone calls for his Presidential campaign. All of this, Mr. Speaker, when 8.4 million people are out of work nationwide.

Outsourcing is bad economic policy, and I urge the House leadership to address this issue immediately.

TRANSITION TO IRAQI SELF-GOVERNMENT

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, to the new prime minister of Iraq, Dr. Ayad Allawi, let me say you are most welcome, sir. Dr. Allawi, in addition to being selected as the new prime minister for the country of Iraq, provided a very vociferous "thank you" to President Bush and the United States of America for ridding his country of the scourge of Saddam Hussein.

We have now seen two significant events this year, the standing up of the new Iraqi constitution, a constitution that respects majority rule but also respects the rights of the minority; a constitution that contains a robust bill of rights and the protection and the involvement of women in government. There is a clear goal understood by all who are involved in that process, to see the Iraqi people free and in charge of Iraq for the first time in generations.

America's task in Iraq is not only to defeat an enemy. It is to give strength to a friend, a free, representative government that serves the people and fights on their behalf. The sooner this goal is achieved, the sooner our job will be done.

The Iraqi interim government takes power on 30 June. It will serve for only 7 months until a new government is chosen through democratic elections to be held as soon as possible, but no later than the end of January, 2005.

AMERICANS DESIRE CHANGE OF DIRECTION

(Ms. LOFGREN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1