

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, May 5, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of a letter received from the Honorable Jay Dardenne, Secretary of State, State of Louisiana, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held May 3, 2008, the Honorable Don Cazayoux was elected Representative to Congress for the Sixth Congressional District, State of Louisiana.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.

Enclosure.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Baton Rouge, LA, May 5, 2008.

Hon. LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk, House of Representatives, The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. MILLER: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Saturday, May 3, 2008, for Representative in Congress from the Sixth Congressional District of Louisiana, show that "Don" Cazayoux received 49,702 or 49.20% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that "Don" Cazayoux was elected as Representative in Congress from the Sixth Congressional District of Louisiana.

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

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all Parishes involved, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

If I can ever be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate contacting me.

With best wishes,

JAY DARDENNE,
Secretary of State.

Enclosure.

ELECTION # 5/03/08 RESULTS FOR OFFICE

Office: U.S. Representative, 6th Congressional District (One to be Elected), Precincts reporting: 512 of 512, Total Votes: 101,011 100%.

SPECIAL ELECTION

Votes	Percent	Candidate name	Pty
448	0.44	Peter J. Aranyosi	N
3,718	3.68	Ashley Casey	N
49,702	49.20	"Don" Cazayoux	D
402	0.40	Randall T. Hayes	O
46,741	46.27	Louis "Woody" Jenkins	R

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE DON CAZAYOUX, OF LOUISIANA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. JEFFERSON. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Louisiana, the Honorable DON CAZAYOUX, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the members of the Louisiana delegation present themselves in the well.

Mr. CAZAYOUX appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm 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 well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now a Member of the 110th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE DON CAZAYOUX TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JEFFERSON) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. JEFFERSON. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Louisiana delegation, we are proud to welcome DON CAZAYOUX to this magnificent House.

He understands the values of faith, family and public service. He grew up in New Roads, Louisiana, has been married for 21 years to a retired school teacher, Cherie, and they have three children, Michael, Chavanne and Katie, who are all here today, I am sure. He has served in the State House since 1999, and he has, of course, been well qualified before that, having served in a number of public service offices, including as the District Attorney of Pointe Coupee Parish.

Now, I might say a lot of things about his former preparation for this, but let me say this, as we grow older, we get to know folks through our children. My daughter is the best representative I know of what we all know now about DON CAZAYOUX. When she first started in the Louisiana State House, DON CAZAYOUX was already there. She told me she met this wonderful young man who was helpful to her.

After she got to know him a bit better, she said he was a very thoughtful representative. As she got to know him even more, she said he was a very decent man.

On the recommendation of my daughter, he was helpful, he was thoughtful, and he is thoroughly decent. Through that description, I think we all will get to know him as well.

I am proud, on behalf of all of us here, to present this wonderful young man, who is a cousin of Lindy Boggs, who is here with us today.

For the last several years, Charlie Melancon and I have met in a phone booth over here as the total Democratic caucus of Louisiana. Now, Madam Speaker, we may need different accommodations because of this election.

May I ask Mr. CAZAYOUX to please come to the microphone. We welcome you.

Mr. CAZAYOUX. Thank you, Madam Speaker, Members, for the warm welcome. I am honored to be the newest Member of this body.

I want to thank my family, who is here; my wife, whose goodness inspires me, Cherie; my children, Michael, Chavanne and Katie, who remind me why we are here, why our decisions are so important for the future.

I want to introduce you to my parents, Donald and Ann Cazayoux; Ann, whose compassion taught me to be compassionate; my father, whose sense of humor taught me to have a sense of humor, especially about myself; my Uncle John Wayne Jewell, who has a small-town private practice of law and taught me all about public service. I want to thank him and my Aunt Martha for her commitment to justice; my mother-in-law, Bonnie, for her goodness; Lindy Boggs, my model of leadership. Thank you for being here, and for the rest of my family and friends, without whose help I could not be here, physically here, period.

I also want to thank the members and the constituents of my district for electing me and for challenging me to come here to work with you to meet the demands that they face every day to solve the problems in a commonsense, fiscally prudent manner in terms of health care, the price of gas or what have you.

Thank you so much for welcoming me, and I look forward to working with each of you.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Louisiana, the whole number of the House is 433.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. TAUSCHER). Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2419, FOOD AND ENERGY SECURITY ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to instruct on H.R. 2419 offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. RYAN) on which the yeas and nays were ordered.