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# Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 111<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Tuesday, January 6, 2009

This being the day fixed by Public Law 110-430, pursuant to the 20th amendment to the Constitution of the United States, for the meeting of the 11th Congress of the United States, the Representatives-elect met in their Hall, and at noon were called to order by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Hon. Lorraine C. Miller.

Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, offered the following prayer:

Dear friends, let us remind ourselves in this special place, on this special day, that we are in the presence of God.

Lord, we praise You at this historic moment. You are the loving Father of us all, the merciful, the compassionate, the source of all wisdom, the giver of all gifts.

We have so much to thank You for, dear God—for our lives, our families, for our freedom and our opportunities, for our Nation and for the historic choice of leadership it has just made and, indeed, for the age-old values that are still enshrined in our Constitution and in our hearts.

Sustain the Members of the 11th Congress in courage and in confidence as they face the daunting needs of this special time. Challenge them, Lord, not to forget the hungry and the homeless, the unborn and the immigrant, those without access to good education or decent health care, and those many men and women caught in a cycle of poverty from which they cannot escape without our help.

Let our Representatives be builders of a better world—a world without war or violence, without oppression or corruption—builders of a new world whose foundations are human dignity, the values of family life and respect for the laws of nature.

Lord, we pray: Make us always proud of those we have chosen to lead us so that, with their leadership and Your loving care, You may always be proud of us and of these United States of America. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The CLERK. The Representatives-elect and their guests will please re-

main standing and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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. As directed by law, the Clerk of the House has prepared the official roll of the Representatives-elect.

Certificates of election covering 435 seats in the 11th 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.

The Representatives-elect will record their presence by electronic device and their names will be recorded in alphabetical order by State, beginning with the State of Alabama, to determine whether a quorum is present.

Representatives-elect will have a minimum of 15 minutes to record their presence by electronic device.

Representatives-elect who have not obtained their voting ID cards may do so now in the Speaker's lobby.

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

[Roll No. 1]

### ANSWERED "PRESENT"—428

#### ALABAMA

Aderholt	Bright	Rogers
Bachus	Davis	
Bonner	Griffith	

#### ALASKA

Young

#### ARIZONA

Flake	Grijalva	Pastor
Franks	Kirkpatrick	Shadegg
Giffords	Mitchell	

#### ARKANSAS

Berry  
Boozman

Ross  
Snyder

#### CALIFORNIA

Baca	Bilbray	Campbell
Becerra	Bono Mack	Capps
Berman	Calvert	Cardoza

Costa	Lungren, Daniel	Royce
Davis	E.	Sánchez, Linda
Dreier	Matsui	T.
Eshoo	McCarthy	Sanchez, Loretta
Farr	McClintock	Schiff
Filner	McKeon	Sherman
Gallegly	McNerney	Solis
Harman	Miller, George	Speier
Herger	Napolitano	Stark
Honda	Nunes	Tauscher
Hunter	Pelosi	Thompson
Issa	Radanovich	Waters
Lee	Richardson	Watson
Lewis	Rohrabacher	Waxman
Lofgren, Zoe	Roybal-Allard	Woolsey

#### COLORADO

Coffman	Markey	Salazar
DeGette	Perlmutter	
Lamborn	Polis	

#### CONNECTICUT

Courtney	Himes	Murphy
DeLauro	Larson	

#### DELAWARE

Castle

#### FLORIDA

Bilirakis	Diaz-Balart, M.	Posey
Boyd	Grayson	Putnam
Brown, Corrine	Hastings	Rooney
Brown-Waite,	Klein	Ros-Lehtinen
Ginny	Kosmas	Stearns
Buchanan	Mack	Wasserman
Castor	Meek	Schultz
Crenshaw	Mica	Wexler
Diaz-Balart, L.	Miller	Young

#### GEORGIA

Barrow	Johnson	Price
Bishop	Kingston	Scott
Broun	Lewis	Westmoreland
Deal	Linder	
Gingrey	Marshall	

#### HAWAII

Abercrombie Hirono

#### IDAHO

Minnick Simpson

#### ILLINOIS

Bean	Halvorson	Manzullo
Biggert	Hare	Roskam
Costello	Jackson	Schakowsky
Davis	Kirk	Schock
Foster	Lipinski	Shimkus

#### INDIANA

Burton	Donnelly	Pence
Buyer	Ellsworth	Souder
Carson	Hill	Visclosky

#### IOWA

Boswell	King	Loebsack
Braley	Latham	

□ 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.

<b>KANSAS</b>			<b>OHIO</b>		
Jenkins	Moran		Austria	Kaptur	Schmidt
Moore	Tiaht		Bocieri	Kilroy	Space
<b>KENTUCKY</b>			Boehner	Kucinich	Sutton
Chandler	Guthrie	Whitfield	Driehaus	LaTourette	Tiberi
Davis	Rogers	Yarmuth	Fudge	Latta	Turner
<b>LOUISIANA</b>			Jordan	Ryan	Wilson
Alexander	Cassidy	Scalise	Boren	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	
Boustany	Fleming		Cole	Fallin	Sullivan
Cao	Melancon			Lucas	
<b>MAINE</b>			<b>OREGON</b>		
Michaud	Pingree		Blumenauer	Schrader	Wu
<b>MARYLAND</b>			DeFazio	Walden	
Bartlett	Hoyer	Sarbanes	<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>		
Cummings	Kratovil	Van Hollen	Altmire	Gerlach	Platts
Edwards	Ruppersberger		Brady	Holden	Schwartz
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>			Carney	Kanjorski	Sestak
Capuano	Markey	Tierney	Dahlkemper	Murphy, Patrick	Shuster
Delahunt	McGovern	Tsongas	Dent	Murphy, Tim	Thompson
Frank	Neal		Doyle	Murtha	
Lynch	Oliver		Fattah	Pitts	
<b>MICHIGAN</b>			<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>		
Camp	Kildee	Peters	Kennedy	Langevin	
Conyers	Kilpatrick	Schauer	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>		
Dingell	Levin	Stupak	Barrett	Clyburn	Spratt
Ehlers	McCotter	Upton	Brown	Ingليس	Wilson
Hoekstra	Miller		<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>		
<b>MINNESOTA</b>			Herseth Sandlin		
Bachmann	McCollum	Peterson	<b>TENNESSEE</b>		
Ellison	Oberstar	Walz	Blackburn	Davis	Roe
Kline	Paulsen		Cohen	Duncan	Tanner
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>			Cooper	Gordon	Wamp
Childers	Taylor		<b>TEXAS</b>		
Harper	Thompson		Barton	Granger	Neugebauer
<b>MISSOURI</b>			Brady	Green, Al	Olson
Akin	Clay	Graves	Burgess	Green, Gene	Ortiz
Blunt	Cleaver	Luetkemeyer	Carter	Hall	Paul
Carnahan	Emerson	Skelton	Conaway	Hensarling	Poe
<b>MONTANA</b>			Cuellar	Hinojosa	Reyes
Rehberg			Culberson	Jackson-Lee	Rodriguez
<b>NEBRASKA</b>			Doggett	Johnson, E.B.	Sessions
Fortenberry	Smith	Terry	Edwards	Johnson, Sam	Smith
<b>NEVADA</b>			Gohmert	Marchant	Thornberry
Berkley	Heller	Titus	Gonzalez	McCaul	
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>			<b>UTAH</b>		
Hodes	Shea-Porter		Bishop	Chaffetz	Matheson
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>			<b>VERMONT</b>		
Adler	Lance	Rothman	Welch		
Andrews	LoBiondo	Sires	<b>VIRGINIA</b>		
Frelinghuysen	Pallone	Smith	Boucher	Goodlatte	Scott
Garrett	Pascrell		Cantor	Moran	Wittman
Holt	Payne		Connolly	Nye	Wolf
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>			Forbes	Perriello	
Heinrich	Luján	Teague	<b>WASHINGTON</b>		
<b>NEW YORK</b>			Baird	McDermott	Smith
Ackerman	Israel	Meeks	Dicks	McMorris	
Arcuri	King	Nadler	Inslee	Rodgers	
Bishop	Lee	Rangel	Larsen	Reichert	
Clarke	Lowey	Serrano	<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>		
Crowley	Maffei	Slaughter	Capito	Mollohan	Rahall
Engel	Maloney	Tonko	<b>WISCONSIN</b>		
Gillibrand	Massa	Towns	Baldwin	Moore	Ryan
Hall	McCarthy	Velázquez	Kagen	Obey	Sensenbrenner
Higgins	McHugh	Weiner	Kind	Petri	
Hinchev	McMahon		<b>WYOMING</b>		
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>			Lummis		
Butterfield	Kissell	Price	<input type="checkbox"/> 1239		
Coble	McHenry	Shuler	The CLERK. The quorum call dis-		
Etheridge	McIntyre	Watt	closes that 428 Representatives-elect		
Foxx	Miller		have responded to their name. A		
Jones	Myrick		quorum is present.		
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>					
	Pomeroy				

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK

The CLERK. Credentials, regular in form, have been received showing the election of:

The Honorable PEDRO R. PIERLUISI as Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a term of 4 years beginning January 3, 2009;

The Honorable ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON as Delegate from the District of Columbia;

The Honorable MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO as Delegate from Guam;

The Honorable DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN as Delegate from the Virgin Islands;

The Honorable ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA as Delegate from American Samoa; and

The Honorable GREGORIO SABLAN, Delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

## RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The CLERK. The Clerk is in receipt of a letter of resignation from the Honorable Rahm Emanuel from the State of Illinois.

Without objection, the letters relating to his resignation will be printed in the RECORD.

There was no objection.

DECEMBER 30, 2008.

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

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: I am writing to inform you that I have notified the Governor of Illinois of my resignation from the U.S. House of Representatives effective January 2, 2009, at the end of the 110th Congress. I do not intend to take the office of Representative for the Fifth Congressional District in the 111th Congress. A copy of that letter is attached.

It has been a privilege to serve the constituents of Illinois' 5th District for the last six years and to work with you and our colleagues in Congress.

Sincerely,

RAHM EMANUEL,  
*Member of Congress.*

JANUARY 2, 2009.

Hon. ROD BLAGOJEVICH,  
*Governor, State of Illinois,*  
*Statehouse, Springfield, IL.*

DEAR GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH: I am writing to resign my position as United States Representative from the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois, effective January 2, 2009.

It has been a tremendous privilege to serve the people of the Fifth District over the past six years. I am grateful for the opportunity to represent the hopes and dreams of a quintessentially American district, from hardworking families to new immigrants to the senior citizens who built this great country. It has been my particular privilege to represent the district's many military troops and veterans, who put their lives on the line to protect the values we cherish. Their sense of duty and sacrifice has been an inspiration, which I will carry with me to my new duties as chief of staff to President-elect Barack Obama.

As sons of immigrants to this country, you and I have a deep appreciation for the opportunities America provides to those who are

willing to work hard and sacrifice for their children. As a member of the next Administration in Washington, I will strive to maintain and expand that opportunity for all families, because the chance to work hard and build a better life is the principle that unites all Americans. Over the past few years, our government in Washington has lost sight of that principle by catering to the wealthiest Americans and powerful special interests—leaving middle-class Americans to struggle with rising health care costs, reduced pensions and a collapsing economy. The recent election was a clarion call for a change in direction, so we can recapture the values that have made our nation a beacon of hope and opportunity.

As I go to work everyday in the incoming Obama Administration, I will keep in mind the stories of the working families and senior citizens who I met during the past six years in grocery stores, schools and churches across the Fifth District. I will strive to make our government work for them and their children, because that is the true measure of our success as a nation.

With gratitude and best wishes,  
Sincerely,

RAHM EMANUEL,  
Member of Congress.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The CLERK. Pursuant to law and precedent, the next order of business is the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 111th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON).

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Our democracy renews itself every 2 years as Members gather with their family members eager to fulfill the aspirations of our great Nation. While America watches with anticipation, they know that hope and help are on their way. The Democratic Caucus has met and unanimously endorsed NANCY D'ALESSANDRO PELOSI for Speaker.

Two years ago, the Speaker took the gavel, historically, on behalf of America's children. She has taken this Congress and the country in a new direction and provided the foundation for change that America yearns for and needs. How fitting, on the birthday of Sam Rayburn, legendary Speaker of the House from Texas, that I, as chairman of the Democratic Caucus, have been directed by the unanimous vote of the Caucus, to present for election to the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 111th Congress, the name of the Honorable NANCY D'ALESSANDRO PELOSI, a Representative-elect from the great State of California.

The CLERK. The Clerk now recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE).

Mr. PENCE. Madam Clerk, as chairman of the Republican Conference, I am also directed by unanimous consent of that conference to present for election an individual today, but let me say also from my heart it is one of the

great privileges of my life to do so, to present for election to the office of Speaker of the House for the 111th Congress the name of a man from the heartland of America, a man of humble beginnings who came to Washington during a time of reform and led and is prepared, starting this day, to lead this Congress back to the aspirations and ideals of the American people, the name of the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, a representative-elect from the State of Ohio.

The CLERK. The names of the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, a Representative-elect from the State of California, and the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, a Representative-elect from the State of Ohio, have been placed in nomination.

Are there further nominations?

There being no further nominations, the Clerk appoints the following tellers:

The gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRADY);

The gentleman from California (Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN);

The gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR); and

The gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN).

The tellers will come forward and take their seats at the desk in front of the Speaker's rostrum.

The roll will now be called, and those responding to their names will indicate by surname the nominee of their choosing.

The Reading Clerk will now call the roll.

The tellers having taken their places, the House proceeded to vote for the Speaker.

The following is the result of the vote:

[Roll No. 2]  
PELOSI—255

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Adler (NJ)  
Altmire  
Andrews  
Arcuri  
Baca  
Baird  
Baldwin  
Barrow  
Bean  
Becerra  
Berkley  
Berman  
Berry  
Bishop (GA)  
Bishop (NY)  
Blumenauer  
Bocchieri  
Boren  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boyd  
Brady (PA)  
Braley (IA)  
Bright  
Brown, Corrine  
Butterfield  
Capps  
Capuano  
Cardoza  
Carnahan  
Carney  
Carson (IN)  
Castor (FL)  
Chandler  
Childers  
Clarke  
Clay  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Cohen  
Connolly (VA)  
Conyers  
Cooper  
Costa  
Costello  
Courtney  
Crowley  
Cuellar  
Cummings  
Dahlkemper  
Davis (AL)  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (TN)  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
DeLauro  
DeLauro  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Donnelly (IN)  
Doyle  
Driehaus  
Edwards (MD)  
Edwards (TX)  
Ellison  
Ellsworth  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Farr  
Fattah  
Filner  
Foster  
Frank (MA)  
Fudge  
Giffords  
Gillibrand  
Gonzalez  
Gordon (TN)  
Grayson  
Green, Al  
Green, Gene  
Griffith  
Grijalva  
Hall (NY)  
Halvorson  
Hare  
Harman  
Hastings (FL)  
Heinrich  
Herseth Sandlin  
Higgins  
Hill  
Himes  
Hinchev  
Hinojosa  
Hirono  
Hodes

Holden  
Holt  
Honda  
Hoyer  
Inslee  
Israel  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee (TX)  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Kagen  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Kennedy  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick (MI)  
Kilroy  
Kind  
Kirkpatrick (AZ)  
Kissell  
Klein (FL)  
Kosmas  
Kratovil  
Kucinich  
Langevin  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Lee (CA)  
Levin  
Lewis (GA)  
Lipinski  
Loebsock  
Lofgren, Zoe  
Lowey  
Lujan  
Lynch  
Maffei  
Maloney  
Markey (CO)  
Markey (MA)  
Marshall  
Massa  
Matheson  
Matsui  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCollum  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McIntyre  
McMahon  
McNerney  
Meek (FL)  
Meeks (NY)  
Melancon  
Michaud  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, George  
Minnick  
Mitchell  
Mollohan  
Moore (KS)  
Moore (WI)  
Moran (VA)  
Murphy (CT)  
Murphy, Patrick  
Murtha  
Nadler (NY)  
Napolitano  
Neal (MA)  
Nye  
Oberstar  
Obey  
Olver  
Ortiz  
Pallone  
Pascrell  
Pastor (AZ)  
Payne  
Pelosi  
Perlmutter  
Perriello  
Peters  
Peterson  
Pingree (ME)  
Polis (CO)  
Pomeroy  
Price (NC)  
Rahall  
Rangel  
Reyes  
Richardson  
Rodriguez  
Ross  
Rothman (NJ)  
Roybal-Allard  
Ruppersberger  
Rush  
Ryan (OH)  
Salazar  
Sanchez, Linda  
T.  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Sarbanes

Schakowsky  
Schauer  
Schiff  
Schrader  
Schwartz  
Scott (GA)  
Scott (VA)  
Serrano  
Sestak  
Shea-Porter  
Sherman  
Shuler  
Sires  
Skelton  
Slaughter  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Solis (CA)  
Space  
Speier  
Spratt  
Stark  
Stupak  
Sutton  
Tanner  
Tauscher  
Taylor  
Teague  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Tierney  
Titus  
Tonko  
Towns  
Tsongas  
Van Hollen  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Walz  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters  
Watson  
Watt  
Waxman  
Weiner  
Welch  
Wexler  
Wilson (OH)  
Woolsey  
Wu  
Yarmuth

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Aderholt  
Akin  
Alexander  
Austria  
Bachmann  
Bachus  
Barrett (SC)  
Bartlett  
Barton (TX)  
Biggart  
Bilbray  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (UT)  
Blackburn  
Blunt  
Bonner  
Bono Mack  
Boozman  
Boustany  
Brady (TX)  
Broun (GA)  
Brown (SC)  
Brown-Waite,  
Ginny  
Buchanan  
Burgess  
Burton (IN)  
Buyer  
Calvert  
Camp  
Campbell  
Cantor  
Cao  
Capito  
Carter  
Cassidy  
Castle  
Chaffetz  
Coble  
Coffman (CO)  
Cole  
Conaway  
Crenshaw  
Culberson  
Davis (KY)  
Deal (GA)  
Dent  
Diaz-Balart, L.  
Diaz-Balart, M.  
Dreier  
Duncan  
Ehlers  
Emerson  
Fallin  
Flake  
Fleming  
Forbes  
Fortenberry  
Fox  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Gallegly  
Garrett (NJ)  
Gerlach  
Gingrey (GA)  
Gohmert  
Goodlatte  
Granger  
Graves  
Guthrie  
Hall (TX)  
Harper  
Heller  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Hoekstra  
Hunter  
Inglis  
Issa  
Jenkins  
Johnson (IL)  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones  
Jordan (OH)  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Kirk  
Kline (MN)  
Lamborn  
Lance  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Latta  
Lee (NY)  
Lewis (CA)  
Linder  
LoBiondo  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
Lummis  
Lungren, Daniel  
E.  
Mack  
Manzullo  
Marchant  
McCarthy (CA)  
McCaul  
McClintock  
McCotter  
McHenry  
McHugh  
McKeon  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
Mica  
Miller (FL)  
Miller (MI)  
Moran (KS)  
Murphy, Tim  
Myrick  
Neugebauer  
Nunes