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The House met at 10 a.m.
The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We accept Your good graces, O God, though we know we miss the mark; we appreciate the wonders of Your world, though we are busy with what is immediate and necessary; we yearn for the blessings of faith, though we don't always understand. Above the demands of the day and more important than all we do, we offer our thanks and praise for the gifts of this day and the hopes and dreams of tomorrow. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. CARDIN. 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. 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 338, nays 56, answered "present" 1, not voting 31, as follows:

[Roll No. 132]

YEAS—338

Ackerman
Allard
Andrews

Archer
Arney
Bachus

Baessler
Baker (CA)
Baker (LA)

Baldacci
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Barrett (WI)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Beilenson
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berman
Bevill
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop
Bliley
Blute
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bonior
Bono
Boucher
Brewster
Browder
Brown (OH)
Brownback
Bryant (TN)
Bryant (TX)
Bunn
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Campbell
Canady
Cardin
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chenoweth
Christensen
Chrysler
Clayton
Clement
Clinger
Clyburn
Coble
Coburn
Collins (GA)
Combest
Condit
Conyers
Cooley
Costello
Cox
Coyne
Cramer

Crapo
Cremeans
Cubin
Cunningham
Danner
Davis
de la Garza
Deal
DeLauro
DeLay
Dellums
Deutsch
Dickey
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doolittle
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Durbin
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
Engel
English
Eshoo
Evans
Farr
Fattah
Fawell
Fields (LA)
Fields (TX)
Flake
Foley
Forbes
Ford
Fowler
Fox
Franks (CT)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frisa
Frost
Furse
Gallegly
Ganske
Garcia
Gedden
Gekas
Geren
Gilchrist
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Green (TX)
Greene (UT)

Greenwood
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Hancock
Hansen
Hastert
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefner
Herger
Hinchey
Hobson
Hoekstra
Hoke
Holden
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee (TX)
Jefferson
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (SD)
Johnston
Jones
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy (MA)
Kennelly
Kildee
Kim
King
Kingston
Kleczka
Klink
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaHood
Laughlin
Lazio
Leach
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Lightfoot
Linder
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Longley
Lowey
Lucas
Luther
Manzullo

Martinez
Martini
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy
McCollum
McHale
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McKeon
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek
Metcalfe
Meyers
Mica
Millender
McDonald
Miller (CA)
Miller (FL)
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Molinar
Mollohan
Montgomery
Moorhead
Moran
Morella
Murtha
Myers
Myrick
Nadler
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Norwood
Nussle
Ortiz
Orton
Oxley
Packard
Parker
Pastor
Paxon

Abercrombie
Becerra
Borski
Clay
DeFazio
Dornan
Ensign
Everett
Fazio
Filner
Flanagan
Funderburk
Gephardt
Gibbons
Gillmor

Payne (NJ)
Payne (VA)
Pelosi
Peterson (FL)
Petri
Pomeroy
Porter
Portman
Poshard
Pryce
Quillen
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Reed
Regula
Richardson
Riggs
Rivers
Roberts
Roemer
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rose
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Salmon
Sanders
Sanford
Sawyer
Scarborough
Schaefer
Schiff
Schumer
Scott
Seastrand
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Shadeegg
Shaw
Shays
Shuster
Sisisky
Skeen

NAYS—56

Gutierrez
Gutknecht
Hall (OH)
Hefley
Heineman
Hilleary
Hilliard
Jacobs
Johnson, E. B.
LaFalce
Lantos
Latham
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lipinski

Skelton
Smith (MI)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Solomon
Soudier
Spence
Spratt
Stearns
Stenholm
Stokes
Studds
Stump
Stupak
Tanner
Tate
Tauzin
Taylor (NC)
Thomas
Thornberry
Thornton
Thurman
Tiahrt
Torricelli
Towns
Traffant
Upton
Vucanovich
Walker
Walsh
Wamp
Ward
Watt (NC)
Watts (OK)
Waxman
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
White
Wicker
Williams
Wise
Woolsey
Wynn
Young (FL)
Zeliff

Maloney
Markey
McDermott
Neal
Oberstar
Oliver
Owens
Pallone
Pickett
Rush
Sabo
Skaggs
Stark
Talent
Tejeda

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Vento Weller

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Harman

NOT VOTING—37

Brown (CA) Kennedy (RI) Roth
Brown (FL) Largent Saxton
Chapman LaTourette Schroeder
Coleman Lincoln Slaughter
Collins (IL) Livingston Smith (NJ)
Collins (MI) Manton Stockman
Crane McCrery Taylor (MS)
Diaz-Balart McDade Torres
Ewing Menendez Whitfield
Foglietta Obey Wilson
Frank (MA) Peterson (MN) Young (AK)
Gunderson Pombo
Johnson, Sam Rangel

□ 1025

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

Ms. HARMAN changed her vote from "yea" to "present."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. WYNN] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WYNN 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3055. An act to amend section 326 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to permit continued participation by Historically Black Graduate Professional Schools in the grant program authorized by that section.

□ 1030

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,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 25, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker,
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the unofficial election returns received from Julian R. Manelli, Deputy Administrator, Maryland State Administrative Board of Election Laws, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held on April 16, 1996, the Honorable Elijah E. Cummings was elected to the office of Representative in Congress, from the Seventh Congressional District, State of Maryland.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE.

STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
OF ELECTION LAWS,
Annapolis, MD, April 17, 1996.

Ms. Robin H. Carle,
Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. CARLE: Pursuant to your request I am faxing to you the unofficial election results of the 1996 Special Election held on April 16, 1996 in the Seventh Congressional District to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Congressman Kweisi Mfume.

Should you need additional information please contact this office.

Sincerely,

JULIAN R. MANELLI,
Deputy Administrator.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

(D) Elijah E. Cummings, 2014 Madison Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21217, Baltimore City.

(W) Barry Patrick Farley, 429 West 23rd Street, Baltimore, MD 21211, Baltimore City.

Counties	Cummings	Farley
Baltimore City	13,942	0
Baltimore County	3,970	24
Total	17,912	24
Percent of total votes	99	1

REPUBLICAN PARTY

(R) Kenneth Kondner, 6610 Windsor Mill Road, Baltimore, MD 21207, Baltimore County.

Counties	Kondner
Baltimore City	1,061
Baltimore County	3,070
Total	4,131
Percent of total votes	100

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE
ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS OF MARY-
LAND AS A MEMBER OF THE
HOUSE

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Maryland, Mr. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS, be permitted to take the oath of office today. His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest, and no objection has been raised with regard to his election.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I would ask, if I might, for the distinguished gentlewoman from California, NANCY PELOSI, to join us, with the gentleman from Maryland, Mr. CUMMINGS. She is a sister of the former mayor of Baltimore, and a distinguished daughter of the city which Mr. CUMMINGS will represent.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. The distinguished gentlewoman from California [Mr. PELOSI] will be welcome in the well, along with the Maryland delegation.

If the delegation will join the Member-elect.

Mr. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS 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 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 U.S. House of Representatives.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE ELI-
JAH E. CUMMINGS TO THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor and privilege, on behalf of all of my colleagues in the Maryland delegation, to first welcome two of America's most outstanding leaders who have represented the Seventh Congressional District which the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. CUMMINGS] now represents.

They are our friends, they were our colleagues, they are great Americans: The Honorable Parren Mitchell, our former colleague; and another example of the extraordinary quality that the constituents of the Seventh District sends to the Congress of the United States, the president and chief operating officer of the NAACP, our former colleague and great American, Kweisi Mfume.

Mr. Speaker, I have the opportunity to introduce to the House their newest colleague. He is the son of Rev. Ruth Cummings and Rev. Robert Cummings. Mr. Speaker, before I make my brief remarks and yield to the minority leader, I would like to acknowledge Senators SARBANES and MIKULSKI, who have joined us from the other body.

Mr. Speaker, although under the rules I cannot recognize them as being in the gallery, and I shall not do so, it has been brought to my attention that the distinguished Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, Casper Taylor, will be able to hear my words. Mr. Speaker; with all due apologies to our distinguished friend, Mr. JOHNSON.

Come walk with me. Come walk with me. I say these words with reverence to our newest Member of the House. These are his words, his words which have been spoken often in the chambers of Annapolis, and which I know will be spoken often here to us. Words like these are not heard often enough these days. It is more often "Come fight with me."

But these words represent the heart of what ELIJAH CUMMINGS is all about: A consummate legislator, a dedicated public servant, a consensus builder, a fighter for what is right; a man, as you will all find, of drive and determination, a man who has ascended to leadership through integrity, hard work, and a belief in the good in mankind.

Born in Baltimore City, a graduate of City College in Baltimore, a graduate