

Scott
Seastrand
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Smith (MI)
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Taylor (NC)
Thomas
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Towns
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Watt (NC)
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Waxman
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
White
Wicker
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Woolsey
Young (AK)
Young (FL)
Zeliff

NAYS—66

Abercrombie
Becerra
Borski
Brown (CA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Bunn
Chapman
Chrysler
Clay
Clayburn
Collins (IL)
Costello
DeFazio
Dingell
Durbins
English
Ensign
Everett
Fazio
Filner
Fox

Funderburk
Gephardt
Gillmor
Gutierrez
Gutknecht
Hefley
Hefner
Heineman
Hilleary
Hilliard
Hinchee
Jacobs
Johnson, E. B.
LaFalce
Latham
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Longley
Maloney
Martini
McDermott
McNulty

Menendez
Neal
Oberstar
Pallone
Pickett
Roemer
Rush
Sabo
Schroeder
Slaughter
Stockman
Taylor (MS)
Thompson
Torkildsen
Vento
Visclosky
Volkmer
Weller
Whitfield
Wolf
Yates
Zimmer

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Harman

NOT VOTING—41

Beilenson
Boucher
Bryant (TX)
Christensen
Coleman
Cummings
de la Garza
Dornan
Engel
Eshoo
Fattah
Fields (LA)
Foglietta
Ford

Gibbons
Gilchrest
Greene (UT)
Hayes
Herger
Houghton
Jefferson
Kennelly
Lincoln
Livingston
McDade
Molinari
Mollohan
Moran

Nethercutt
Oliver
Peterson (FL)
Pomeroy
Roukema
Smith (TX)
Stark
Tejeda
Tiahrt
Waters
Williams
Wilson
Wynn

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, today, May 30, I was not present to record my votes on rollcall votes No. 199 and No. 200. I was unavoidably absent due to the arrival yesterday of my adopted son, Scott Kirby Pomeroy, from Korea.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from North Carolina [Mrs. CLAYTON] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. CLAYTON 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.

WELCOME TO THE REVEREND BREWSTER BEACH

(Mrs. KELLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I am delighted to welcome Rev. Brewster Beach to the Halls of Congress and recognize him for delivering that inspirational opening prayer.

Reverend Beach has recently retired from St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Lithgow where his devotion and dedication helped the church grow considerably. Over the years, Reverend Beach started a Sunday School, formed a choir, expanded the church hall, and almost doubled the size of the parish. He is well known throughout the Hudson Valley and into New York City, not only as a minister but as a psychotherapist.

I would like to thank former Congressman Hamilton Fish for arranging to have Reverend Beach lead us in our opening prayer. We are all honored that he traveled all the way from Millbrook, NY, to join us today. Thank you again, Rev. Brewster Beach.

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, May 30, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,

The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the unofficial election returns received from the Honorable Phil Keisling, Secretary of State, State of Oregon, indicating that, according to the incomplete results of the Special Election held on May 21, 1996, the Honorable Earl Blumenauer was elected to the office of Representative in Congress, from the Third Congressional District, State of Oregon.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE.

STATE OF OREGON,
Salem, OR, May 22, 1996.

Hon. ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk, House of Representatives, The Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR ROBIN: Pursuant to your request, I am faxing to you the unofficial returns for the Special Election for Representative in Congress in the Third Congressional District as obtained from the Multnomah and Clackamas County Elections. I must emphasize the fact that these returns cannot be considered official since, pursuant to Oregon law, the official returns are not due to the Secretary of States' Office, Elections Division until June 10, 1996. Also, the Elections Division has until June 20, 1996 to canvass the votes and certify the election results. This notification, therefore, cannot be construed as an official certification as required by ORS 254.545 of the Oregon Election Laws.

On May 21, 1996, a special election was held to elect a U.S. Representative to Oregon's Third Congressional District, for a term ending in January, 1997. The incomplete results, as of 12:00 noon May 22, as reported by Mult-

nomah County and Clackamas County, were as follows: (see page 2)

Sincerely,

PHIL KEISLING,
Secretary of State.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, THIRD DISTRICT, "INCOMPLETE RESULTS"

	Multnomah	Clackamas
Blumenauer, 50,125 equal	46,135	3,990
Brunelle, 17,085 equal	14,725	2,360
Keating, 2,916 equal	2,703	213
Guillebeau, 1,604 equal	1,501	103

Absentees still to be counted as of 12:00 noon, May 22, 1996:

Multnomah Co. estimated to count	22,500
Clackamas Co. estimated to count	4,000

Total 26,500

Final Certification of the election, as required under Oregon law, must occur no later than June 20, 1996.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE EARL BLUMENAUER, OF OREGON, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Oregon, Mr. EARL BLUMENAUER, 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 Missouri?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Member-elect and the Oregon delegation present themselves.

Mr. BLUMENAUER 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 a Member of the Congress of the United States.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE EARL BLUMENAUER TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I would first yield to the Honorable RICHARD GEPHARDT, the minority leader.

Mr. GEPHARDT. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to join all of my colleagues—Democrats and Republicans alike—as we welcome the newest Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, EARL BLUMENAUER of Portland, OR.

As we all know, EARL comes to Congress with big shoes to fill. He's following in the footsteps of our former colleague, RON WYDEN, now the junior Senator from Oregon. For 15 years, RON devoted himself to the people of Portland. His service and effectiveness will certainly be missed in the people's House.

But I think the people of the Third District of Oregon have chosen a remarkable replacement in EARL BLUMENAUER—for they have chosen a man who has spent his entire life building his community, and bringing Portland's common sense to Portland's problems.

EARL had a passion for public policy at a very young age, testifying before Congress while he was still a college student. And after finishing school and working briefly in education, EARL became the youngest person ever elected to the Oregon Legislature, at 23 years old.

After three terms in his State's legislature, two as county commissioner, and three more on Portland's City Council, EARL has shown that his dedication to local solutions could have a national impact.

He's already recognized as a leader on urban environment and transportation policies. He's been a champion of reasonable, thoughtful land use; aggressive recycling; and the kind of light rail that has worked so well throughout the Portland region.

No wonder EARL won the support of prominent Republicans as well as Democrats in his election bid.

So I'm delighted to welcome him to Congress—to serve the people of Portland, and all Americans. I expect that his vision and values will contribute a great deal to our debates, and to the Nation's problems.

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Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank the minority leader, and I am very pleased myself to have the honor of welcoming the gentleman from Oregon, EARL BLUMENAUER, as the newest Member of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Oregon delegation.

I have to say, in all honesty, I cannot think of a more highly qualified person to represent Oregon as a new Member in this body. He has a lengthy history of public service: He served in the Oregon Legislature, the Oregon Community College Board; he was a Multnomah County Commissioner at the same time I was a Lane County Commissioner, a tremendous experience and training to become a Member of Congress, to bring that local orientation with him; and he was on the Portland City Council.

Throughout his 24 years of elected office, perhaps the thing he is best known for is he is a worker, a hard worker. In each position that he has held of public trust he has not only done the job that has been asked of him, he has taken on a leadership role,

rolled up his sleeves and helped develop creative and workable solutions to problems at every level of government. He has not risen through the ranks of government by resting on his laurels on his past record; he is constantly working, learning, serving, and doing better.

I know he will continue that commitment here in Congress, and I look forward to having his skill, knowledge, and energy to call upon and utilize as we work to do the people's business for the citizens of Oregon and our Nation.

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DEFAZIO. I yield to the gentleman from Oregon.

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, I, too, am extraordinarily excited and happy that we are being joined by a great new Member from Oregon.

I think I would just like to say that to me the gentleman from Oregon, EARL BLUMENAUER, has the perfect background for being a Member of Congress, because he has been an activist. He has been an activist in our community and he has been a public servant. And it seems to me there is not a part of Oregon that does not in some way have that gentleman's fingerprints upon it. Whether it is the livability of our cities, whether it is recycling or transportation, he has been there and he has done the hard work.

He has shaped, I think, the present of the most livable city in this country, Portland, OR, and has shaped the future of that city, and I know that he will work to shape the future for not just Oregon but for the United States as he works with us in this prestigious body, and I welcome him to this delegation and to this House, the people's House.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DEFAZIO. I yield to the gentleman from Oregon.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for their kind words. I am honored to be able to join my colleagues and looking forward to working with them in advancing the tradition of the House.

I am greatly appreciative of the help of Representative DEFAZIO, Representative FURSE, Senator HATFIELD, and Senator WYDEN, and others from the Oregon delegation in terms of making the transaction work for me, and I am looking forward to working with all my colleagues to protect the environment and leave this country a little better for our children.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CHAMBLISS). There will be 10 1-minutes on each side.

THE PRESIDENT ON WELFARE REFORM

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, here is a quote from Tuesday's Washington Times editorial on welfare reform:

Knowing the salience that welfare reform has with the electorate, the President desperately wants to be seen as leading the reform effort that he has actually been sabotaging.

The Times is right. Bill Clinton campaigned on a promise to, remember, end welfare as we know it. Of course he vetoed welfare reform twice. Bill Clinton has also dragged his feet on granting waivers to the States that would allow them to fix the welfare mess in those States. The White House has denied waivers to Illinois and Massachusetts and Wyoming. Those States waited up to 20 months to be notified of their denial. Just ridiculous.

The States should not have to crawl to Washington on bended knee to get permission to do the right thing for their own people.

When it comes to reforming welfare, despite talk about the end of the era of big government, Bill Clinton apparently still believes that big government knows best.

SENIORS, BEWARE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, the Republican leadership budget is being negotiated now between the two houses and we may have a motion to go to conference within the next day or so. I just wanted to point out once again that this budget essentially cuts Medicare and Medicaid in order to provide tax breaks for the wealthiest of Americans.

It is the same old thing that we had last year in 1995. Once again Medicare and Medicaid are on the chopping block and seniors are going to be given less choices and they will be pushed into managed care, which means they will not have the choice of doctors or in many cases even the choice of hospitals. And once again they are going to have to pay more, because the balanced billing provisions, the protections that exist right now that do not allow doctors to charge more or significantly more than 15 percent to their Medicare patients will be out the window.

If you stay in the traditional fee-for-service system where you have your own choice of doctor or your own choice of hospital, you could be charged extra, really unlimited amounts, under the provisions that the Republican leadership have placed into this budget.

Also, what they are doing with the medical savings accounts is they are making it so that seniors who opt for a medical savings account, which is a catastrophic policy essentially, will