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House of Representatives

This being the day fixed by the 20th amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and Public Law 104-296 for the meeting of the Congress of the United States, the Members-elect of the 105th Congress met in their Hall, and at 12 noon were called to order by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Hon. Robin H. Carle.

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Oh, gracious God, from whom we have come and to whom we belong, we offer this prayer of thanksgiving and gratitude for all the blessings You have freely bestowed on us and the people of this Nation, and also for the responsibilities that You have entrusted to those who serve in this place.

On this first day of a new Congress, we speak with the words of the Psalmist: Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. Grant us, oh God, a keen awareness of the areas of life where we can serve the people of the land, and, as the scripture says, let justice flow down as waters and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.

May we continue to build on the foundations laid down from the early days of the Nation, that in all things we may do justice, love mercy, and ever walk humbly with you.

May Your benediction, oh God, that is new every morning and is with us all the days of our lives, be upon all who serve in this place now and evermore, amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The CLERK. The Members-elect and their guests will please rise and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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. Representatives-elect, this is the day fixed by the 20th amendment to the Constitution and Public Law 104-296 for the meeting of the 105th Congress and, as the law directs, the Clerk of the House has prepared the official roll of the Representatives-elect.

Certificates of election covering 435 seats in the 105th 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.

Without objection, the Representatives-elect will record their presence by electronic device and their names will be reported in alphabetical order by States, beginning with the State of Alabama, to determine whether a quorum is present.

There was no objection.

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

[Roll No. 1]

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—432

ALABAMA

Aderholt	Cramer	Riley
Bachus	Everett	
Callahan	Hilliard	

ALASKA

Young

ARIZONA

Hayworth	Pastor	Shadegg
Kolbe	Salmon	Stump

ARKANSAS

Berry	Hutchinson
Dickey	Snyder

CALIFORNIA

Becerra	Condit	Eshoo
Berman	Cox	Farr
Bilbray	Cunningham	Fazio
Bono	Dellums	Filner
Brown	Dixon	Gallegly
Calvert	Dooley	Harman
Campbell	Doolittle	Heger
Capps	Dreier	Horn

Hunter	Miller	Sanchez
Kim	Packard	Sherman
Lantos	Pelosi	Stark
Lewis	Pombo	Tauscher
Lofgren	Radanovich	Thomas
Martinez	Riggs	Torres
Matsui	Rogan	Waters
McKeon	Rohrabacher	Waxman
Millender-	Roybal-Allard	Woolsey
McDonald	Royce	

COLORADO

DeGette	McInnis	Schaffer
Hefley	Schaefer	Skaggs

CONNECTICUT

DeLauro	Johnson	Maloney
Gejdenson	Kennelly	Shays

DELAWARE

Castle

FLORIDA

Bilirakis	Fowler	Scarborough
Boyd	Goss	Shaw
Brown	Hastings	Stearns
Canady	McCollum	Thurman
Davis	Meek	Weldon
Deutsch	Mica	Wexler
Diaz-Balart	Miller	Young
Foley	Ros-Lehtinen	

GEORGIA

Barr	Deal	Linder
Bishop	Gingrich	McKinney
Chambliss	Kingston	Norwood
Collins	Lewis	

HAWAII

Abercrombie	Mink
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IDAHO

Chenoweth	Crapo
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ILLINOIS

Blagojevich	Gutierrez	Porter
Costello	Hastert	Poshard
Crane	Hyde	Rush
Davis	Jackson	Shimkus
Evans	LaHood	Weller
Ewing	Lipinski	Yates
Fawell	Manzullo	

INDIANA

Burton	Hostettler	Souder
Buyer	McIntosh	Visclosky
Carson	Pease	
Hamilton	Roemer	

IOWA

Boswell	Latham	Nussle
Ganske	Leach	

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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	KANSAS		Kaptur	Oxley	Stokes
Moran	Snowbarger		Kasich	Portman	Strickland
Ryun	Tiaht		Kucinich	Pryce	Traficant
	KENTUCKY		LaTourette	Regula	
			Ney	Sawyer	
Baessler	Lewis	Rogers		OKLAHOMA	
Bunning	Northup	Whitfield	Coburn	Largent	Watkins
	LOUISIANA		Istook	Lucas	Watts
Baker	John	Tauzin		OREGON	
Cooksey	Livingston		Blumenauer	Furse	Smith
Jefferson	McCrery		DeFazio	Hooley	
	MAINE			PENNSYLVANIA	
Allen	Baldacci		Borski	Gekas	McDade
	MARYLAND		Coyne	Goodling	McHale
Bartlett	Ehrlich	Morella	Doyle	Greenwood	Murtha
Cardin	Gilchrist	Wynn	English	Holden	Peterson
Cummings	Hoyer		Fattah	Kanjorski	Pitts
	MASSACHUSETTS		Foglietta	Klink	Shuster
			Fox	Mascara	Weldon
Delahunt	McGovern	Olver		RHODE ISLAND	
Frank	Meehan	Tierney	Kennedy	Weygand	
Kennedy	Moakley			SOUTH CAROLINA	
Markey	Neal		Clyburn	Inglis	Spence
	MICHIGAN		Graham	Sanford	Spratt
Barcia	Hoekstra	Smith		SOUTH DAKOTA	
Bonior	Kildee	Stabenow		Thune	
Camp	Kilpatrick	Stupak		TENNESSEE	
Conyers	Knollenberg	Upton			
Dingell	Levin		Bryant	Ford	Jenkins
Ehlers	Rivers		Clement	Gordon	Tanner
	MINNESOTA		Duncan	Hilleary	Wamp
Gutknecht	Oberstar	Sabo		TEXAS	
Luther	Peterson	Vento			
Minge	Ramstad		Archer	Frost	Paul
	MISSISSIPPI		Armey	Gonzalez	Reyes
Parker	Taylor	Wicker	Barton	Granger	Sandlin
Pickering	Thompson		Bentsen	Green	Sessions
	MISSOURI		Bonilla	Hall	Smith
Blunt	Emerson	McCarthy	Brady	Hinojosa	Stenholm
Clay	Gephardt	Skelton	Combost	Jackson-Lee	Tejeda
Danner	Hulshof	Talent	DeLay	Johnson	Thornberry
	MONTANA		Doggett	Lampson	Turner
			Edwards	Ortiz	
	Hill			UTAH	
	NEBRASKA		Cannon	Cook	Hansen
Barrett	Bereuter	Christensen		VERMONT	
	NEVADA			Sanders	
Ensign	Gibbons		Bateman	VIRGINIA	
	NEW HAMPSHIRE		Bliley	Goode	Scott
Bass	Sununu		Boucher	Goodlatte	Sisisky
	NEW JERSEY		Davis	Moran	Wolf
Andrews	Pallone	Roukema		Pickett	
Franks	Pappas	Saxton	Dicks	WASHINGTON	
Frelinghuysen	Pascrell	Smith	Dunn	McDermott	Smith, Adam
LoBiondo	Payne		Hastings	Metcalf	Smith, Linda
Menendez	Rothman			Nethercutt	White
	NEW MEXICO			WEST VIRGINIA	
Richardson	Schiff	Skeen	Mollohan	Rahall	Wise
	NEW YORK			WISCONSIN	
Ackerman	Lazio	Quinn	Barrett	Klecza	Obey
Boehlert	Lowey	Rangel	Johnson	Klug	Petri
Engel	Maloney	Schumer	Kind	Neumann	Sensenbrenner
Flake	Manton	Serrano		WYOMING	
Forbes	McCarthy	Slaughter		Cubin	
Gilman	McHugh	Solomon			
Hinchesy	McNulty	Towns			
Houghton	Molinari	Velazquez			
Kelly	Nadler	Walsh			
King	Owens				
LaFalce	Paxon				
	NORTH CAROLINA				
Ballenger	Etheridge	Myrick			
Burr	Hefner	Price			
Clayton	Jones	Taylor			
Coble	McIntyre	Watt			
	NORTH DAKOTA				
	Pomeroy				
	OHIO				
Boehner	Chabot	Hall			
Brown	Gilmor	Hobson			

election of the Honorable ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON as Delegate from the District of Columbia; the election of the Honorable DONNA M. CHRISTIAN-GREEN as Delegate from the Virgin Islands; the election of the Honorable ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA as Delegate from American Samoa; and the election of the Honorable ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD as Delegate from Guam.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The CLERK. Pursuant to law and to precedent, the next order of business is the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 105th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BOEHNER].

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Clerk, as chairman of the Republican Conference, I am honored and privileged to welcome my colleagues, their families, and the American people to this historic day.

Two years ago we began a new chapter in American history, one of faith in the strength, creativity and goodness of Americans; one where we humbly recognize that although the people sent us here to do their business, we cannot do our job without their consent and their support.

With their support, we began to change America by reforming Washington. And together, we will ensure our reforms improve Americans' quality of life. We will balance the budget, provide permanent tax relief, safer streets, better schools, a cleaner environment, and longer healthier lives with more affordable health care. It is an ambitious agenda, but it is what we were sent here to do. And we owe the American people nothing less.

With pride in what we have accomplished in the past and anticipation of what we can do together in the future, I am directed by a unanimous vote of the Republican Conference to present the name of the Honorable NEWT GINGRICH, a Representative-elect from the State of Georgia, for election to the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 105th Congress.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OFFERED BY MR. FAZIO OF CALIFORNIA

The CLERK. The Clerk now recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO] for a nomination.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Madam Clerk, I rise to a question of the highest constitutional privilege. I offer a resolution which calls for the postponement of the election of the Speaker of the House until the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct completes its work on the matters concerning Representative NEWT GINGRICH of Georgia. The resolution requires the House to proceed immediately to the election of an interim Speaker who will preside over the House until that time.

I ask for the immediate consideration of the resolution.

The CLERK. Section 30 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which is

□ 1233

The CLERK. The quorum call discloses that 432 Representatives-elect have responded to their name. A quorum is present.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK

The CLERK. The Clerk will state that credentials, regular in form, have been received showing the election of the Honorable CARLOS ROMERO-BARCELÓ as Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a term of 4 years beginning January 3, 1997; the