Holden	McIntyre	Sanchez
Hooley	McKinney	Sanders
Hoyer	McNulty	Sandlin
Jackson (IL)	Meehan	Sawyer
Jackson-Lee	Meek	Schumer
(TX)	Menendez	Scott
John	Millender-	Serrano
Johnson (WI)	McDonald	Sherman
Johnson, E. B.	Miller (CA)	Sisisky
Kanjorski	Minge	Skaggs
Kaptur	Mink	Skelton
Kennedy (MA)	Moakley	Slaughter
Kennedy (RI)	Mollohan	Smith, Adam
Kennelly	Moran (VA)	Snyder
Kildee	Murtha	Spratt
Kilpatrick	Nadler	Stabenow
Kind (WI)	Neal	Stark
Kleczka	Oberstar	Stenholm
Klink	Obey	Stokes
Kucinich	Olver	Strickland
LaFalce	Ortiz	Stupak
Lampson	Owens	Tanner
Lantos	Pallone	Tauscher
Levin	Pascrell	Taylor (MS)
Lewis (GA)	Pastor	Thompson
Lipinski	Payne	Thurman
Lofgren	Pelosi	Torres
Lowey	Peterson (MN)	Towns
Luther	Pickett	Turner
Maloney (CT)	Pomeroy	Velazquez
Maloney (NY)	Poshard	Vento
Manton	Price (NC)	Visclosky
Markey	Rahall	Waters
Martinez	Rangel	Watt (NC)
Mascara	Reyes	Waxman
Matsui	Rivers	Wexler
McCarthy (MO)	Roemer	Weygand
McCarthy (NY)	Rothman	Wise
McDermott	Roybal-Allard	Woolsey
McGovern	Rush	Wynn
McHale	Sabo	Yates

NOT VOTING-10

Andrews Harman Schiff Costello Tierney Istook Jefferson Crane Farr Morella

So the motion to table was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KOLBE). The Chair announces that further 1-minutes will be postponed until the end of the day.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 963

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.Ř. 963.

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

There was no objection.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 317, noes 100, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 84]

Aderholt

Allen

Archer

Armey

Bachus

Baesler

Ballenger

Bartlett

Bass Bateman

Bentsen

Bereuter

Berman

Bilbray

Bliley

Blunt

Boehlert

Boehner Bonilla

Boswell

Boucher

Brown (FL)

Boyd

Brady

Bryant

Burr

Bunning

Burton

Calvert

Canady

Cannon

Capps

Cardin

Carson

Castle

Chabot

Chambliss

Chenoweth

Christensen

Clayton

Clement

Coburn

Collins

Condit

Cook

Cox Covne

Cooksey

Cramer

Crapo

Cubin

Danner

Deal

DeLay

Dickey

Dingell

Dixon

Dooley

Doyle

Duncan

Dunn

Ehlers

Evans

Everett

Fawell

Foley

Forbes

Fowler

Franks (NJ)

Fox

Ehrlich

Emerson

Etheridge

Doolittle

Cummings

Davis (IL)

Davis (VA)

Diaz-Balart

Cunningham

Combest

Coble

Camp Campbell

Bilirakis

Blagojevich

Blumenauer

Barton

Barrett (NE)

Barrett (WI)

Baker

Barr

AYES-317 Ganske Moakley Molinari Geidenson Gibbons Mollohan Gilchrest Moran (KS) Moran (VA) Gillmor Gilman Murtha Gonzalez Myrick Goodlatte Nadler Goodling Nethercutt Gordon Neumann Goss Graham Ney Northup Granger Norwood Greenwood Nussle Gutknecht Obev Hall (OH) Ortiz Hall (TX) Oxley Packard Hamilton Hansen Pappas Harman Parker Hastert Pastor Hastings (WA) Paul Hayworth Paxon Hefner Pease Herger Pelosi Peterson (MN) Peterson (PA) Hill Hilleary Hinoiosa Petri Hobson Hoekstra Pickering Pitts Holden Pombo Hooley Porter Portman Horn Hostettler Price (NC) Houghton Pryce (OH) Hulshof Quinn Hunter Řadanovich Hutchinson Rahall Hyde Rangel Inglis Regula Jenkins Reves John Riggs Johnson (CT) Riley Johnson, Sam Rivers Jones Rogan Rogers Kaptur Rohrabacher Kasich Ros-Lehtinen Kelly Kennedy (MA) Kildee Rothman Roukema Roybal-Allard Kim Kind (WI) Royce King (NY) Ryun Kingston Salmon Kleczka Sanders Klink Sandlin Klug Knollenberg Sanford Sawver Saxton Kolbe LaHood Scarborough Largent Schaefer, Dan Latham Schaffer, Bob LaTourette Schumer Lazio Scott Sensenbrenner Leach Lewis (CA) Serrano Lewis (KY) Sessions Linder Shadegg Livingston Shaw LoBiondo Shavs Lofgren Shimkus Lowey Shuster Sisisky Lucas Luther Skeen Maloney (CT) Skelton Manton Smith (MI) Smith (NJ) Smith (OR) Manzullo Martinez Smith (TX) Mascara Smith, Adam Smith, Linda Matsui McCarthy (MO) McCollum Snowbarger Snyder Solomon McCrery McDade McHale Souder McHugh Spence McInnis Spratt McIntosh Stearns McIntyre Stenholm McKeon Stokes McKinney Stump Metcalf Sununu Talent Mica Miller (FL) Tanner Frelinghuysen Gallegly Minge Mink Tauzin

Taylor (NC)

Vento Thomas Thornberry Walsh Thune Wamp Thurman Tiahrt Torres Towns Traficant Turner Upton

Waters Watkins Watts (OK) Waxman Weldon (FL) Weldon (PA) Weygand NOES-100

White Whitfield Wicker Wise Wolf Woolsey Wynn Young (AK) Young (FL)

Abercrombie Gephardt Menendez Goode Ackerman McDonald Miller (CA) Baldacci Green Gutierrez Barcia Berry Hastings (FL) Neal Bishop Hefley Hilliard Oberstar Olver Bonior Borski Hinchev Owens Brown (OH) Hoyer Jackson (IL) Pallone Buyer Pascrell Callahan Jackson-Lee Payne Clay Clyburn (TX) Jefferson Pickett Pomeroy Davis (FL) Johnson (WI) Poshard DeFazio DeGette Johnson, E. B. Kanjorski Ramstad Roemer Delahunt Kennedy (RI) Rush Sanchez Sherman DeLauro Kennelly Dellums Kilpatrick Deutsch Kucinich Skaggs Doggett Edwards Slaughter Stabenow LaFalce Lampson Engel English Ensign Lantos Stark Strickland Levin Lewis (GA) Stupak Fattah Lipinski Tauscher Taylor (MS) Thompson Maloney (NY) Fazio Filner Markey Flake McCarthy (NY) Velazquez Foglietta McDermott Visclosky McGovern Watt (NC) Frank (MA) McNulty Weller Frost Meehan Wexler Furse Meek

NOT VOTING-15

Andrews Crane Istook Morella Sabo Becerra Eshoo Bono Ewing Brown (CA) Schiff Costello Gekas Tierney

So the Journal was approved. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

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, April 17, 1997.

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 original certificate of election from the Honorable Antonio O. Garza, Jr., Secretary of State, State of Texas, indicating that, at a special run-off election held on Saturday, April 12, 1997, the Honorable Ciro D. Rodriguez was duly elected to the Office of Representative in Congress from the Twenty-eighth Congressional District, State of Texas.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ OF TEXAS AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. Will the Member-Elect, Mr. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ, come forward, escorted by the Members of the Texas delegation.

Mr. Rodriguez 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.

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WELCOME CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

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

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, as the dean of the Texas delegation, it is a pleasure and a very great honor to introduce to the House our newest Member, the gentleman from Texas, CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

Not long ago, many of us mourned the tragic passing of our esteemed and loved colleague, Frank Tejeda. Yet, I think Frank would be happy to know that his work will be carried on by an individual like CIRO RODRIGUEZ.

Representative Like Frank. RODRIGUEZ has quite substantial legislative experience; and like Frank, he is a lifelong resident of the city of San Antonio. The gentleman also has that same deep commitment to the community, that same attachment to the people that he serves, and so I think we have in him a most worthy successor.

CIRO RODRIGUEZ served in the House of Representatives of the great State of Texas for 10 years and was an honored and valued member of that body right up to the time of his departure for today's swearing in. He was dean of the county's delegation and served with distinction on many committees, most particularly those that were related to public education.

He began his community service early. He was an educational consultant and he performed social work dealing with the problems of substance abuse and mental health concerns. He served on the local school board for 12 years before being elected to the Texas

legislature.

Mr. Speaker, CIRO RODRIGUEZ brings to the House a deep knowledge of his community and long-seasoned experience in the House of Texas legislature. He brings to this House not only this knowledge and experience, but a heart filled with compassion and a soul filled with energy. He is ready to hit the ground running, and I feel certain that, beginning today, all of us will be finding that he is indeed a valued colleague and a very, very promising Member of the House.

I am very pleased and highly honored to introduce and welcome our newest Member.

READY TO BEGIN DUTIES AS NEW MEMBER OF HOUSE OF REP-RESENTATIVES

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

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues put this function

together just for me; right?

Let me first of all introduce my wife and my daughter. I want to ask them to stand up. Carolina, my wife, is a teacher, and we are real proud she got Teacher of the Year in San Antonio last year.

My daughter, Xochil. And my daughter, Xochil, is a 14-year-old. I also want to recognize some of the other members that have been real supportive, and I ask them to stand up for me today.

Let me just briefly thank my colleagues. There is no doubt that I am here with mixed emotions. I had the pleasure of being in high school when Congressman Tejeda was there, in the same high school in Harlandale. I had the pleasure of being in classes with him when we were in Saint Mary's University.

I also had the pleasure of being in the Texas House when he was in the Texas Senate. And I have had the pleasure of working on a variety of projects with him. And we all mourn the loss of Con-

gressman Tejeda.

Today, I am also humbled in having been elected to this body. I know that my colleagues probably felt the same way I feel now, coming in, kind of in awe. It has not hit me yet. But I do want to thank all my fellow colleagues for allowing me to come in today and allowing my family to come in.

I do want to just indicate a few things. As I ran for office, one of the key things, one of the basic principles I have always had, when I ran for the school board 12 years ago, and I spent 12 years on the school board when I ran for the legislature, was that education is key.

I know President Kennedy once commented, in this same body 35 years ago. on the importance of human development, the importance of recognizing the individual, and in being able to do whatever we can to enhance the quality of that individual. I have always worked from that perspective.

I want to continue to work on that principle, that as far as I am concerned, as we move on to the next century, what is going to be the strength of this country is going to be its people, and we need to invest in ourselves and in our people. With that, come the investment in human development and investment in education and investment in training.

I want to take this opportunity to say it was a big honor for me growing up in San Antonio and having as my Congressman the gentleman from Texas, Congressman HENRY B. GON-ZALEZ. And for him to have given the introduction, I just want to thank him very much. I have always admired his hard work and his dedication.

So I say to my colleagues, I will be here representing the 28th Congressional District of the State of Texas, and I am looking forward to working with my colleagues. I will try to hit it running as quickly as I can. Muchas gracias.

QUESTION OF PERSONAL **PRIVILEGE**

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of personal privilege.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. (Mr. KOLBE). The gentleman from Georgia [Mr. GINGRICH] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, I am standing here in the People's House at the center of freedom, and it is clear to me that for America to be healthy, our House of Representatives must be healthy. The Speaker of the House has a unique responsibility in this regard.

When I became Speaker of the House, it was the most moving day I could have imagined. It was the culmination of a dream. Little did I know that only 2 years later, I would go through a very painful time.

During my first 2 years as Speaker, 81 charges were filed against me. Of the 81 charges, 80 were found not to have merit and were dismissed as virtually meaningless. But the American public might wonder what kind of man has 81 charges brought against him?

Under our system of government, attacks and charges can be brought with impunity against a Congressman, sometimes with or without foundation. Some of these charges involved a college course I taught about renewing American civilization.

I am a college teacher by background. After years of teaching, it never occurred to me that teaching a college course about American civilization and the core values that have made our country successful could become an issue. However, as a precaution. I received the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct's approval in advance for teaching the course, and I accepted no payment for teaching the course.

Nonetheless, the course became embroiled in controversy. The most significant problem surfaced not from teaching the course but from answering the Committee on Standards of Of-

ficial Conduct's inquiries.

Before the 1994 election, the committee asked questions, and I submitted a letter in response. The committee agreed that this letter was accurate. Later, I hired a law firm to assist me in answering additional questions coming from the committee. A letter developed by the law firm became the heart of the problem. I signed that letter, and it became the basis for a later, longer letter signed by an attorney. I was deeply saddened to learn almost 2 years later that these letters were inaccurate and misleading.

While the letters were developed and drafted by my former attorneys, I bear the full responsibility for them, and I accept that responsibility.