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## House of Representatives

This being the day fixed by the 20th amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and Public Law 105-350 for the meeting of the Congress of the United States, the Members-elect of the 106th Congress met in their Hall, and at noon were called to order by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Hon. Jeffrey J. Trandahl.

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

We are thankful, gracious God, for the opportunities of a new day and a new season, and we pledge by Your grace to be messengers of peace in our world, representatives of honor in our communities, and share together as colleagues the qualities of respect and esteem.

May we so examine our hearts and souls that our thoughts contain visions of great opportunity for the works of justice among all people, and for security and understanding and mercy for the neediest among us. As we share together a hope for a better tomorrow, may each of us do what we can so that the good words we say with our lips may be believed in our hearts, and all that we believe in our hearts we may practice in our daily lives.

This is our earnest prayer.  
Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The CLERK. The Members-elect and their guests will please remain standing 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 105-350 for the meeting of the 106th Congress and, as the law directs, the

Clerk of the House at the end of the 105th Congress, appointed pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 75a-1(a), has prepared the official roll of the Representatives-elect.

Certificates of election covering 435 seats in the 106th 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"—427

### ALABAMA

Aderholt	Cramer	Riley
Bachus	Everett	
Callahan	Hilliard	

### ALASKA

Young

### ARIZONA

Hayworth	Pastor	Shadegg
Kolbe	Salmon	Stump

### ARKANSAS

Berry	Hutchinson
Dickey	Snyder

### CALIFORNIA

Becerra	Doolittle	Matsui
Berman	Dreier	McKeon
Bilbray	Eshoo	Millender-
Bono	Filner	McDonald
Brown	Herger	Miller
Calvert	Horn	Napolitano
Campbell	Hunter	Ose
Capps	Kuykendall	Packard
Condit	Lantos	Pelosi
Cox	Lee	Pombo
Cunningham	Lewis	Radanovich
Dixon	Lofgren	Rogan
Dooley	Martinez	Rohrabacher

Roybal-Allard	Tauscher
Royce	Thomas
Sanchez	Thompson
Sherman	Waters

Waxman
Woolsey

### COLORADO

DeGette	McInnis	Tancredo
Hefley	Schaffer	Udall

### CONNECTICUT

DeLauro	Johnson	Maloney
Gejdenson	Larson	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	McKinney
Bishop	Kingston	Norwood
Chambliss	Lewis	
Collins	Linder	

### HAWAII

Abercrombie

Mink

### IDAHO

Chenoweth

Simpson

### ILLINOIS

Biggert	Gutierrez	Phelps
Blagojevich	Hastert	Porter
Costello	Hyde	Rush
Crane	Jackson	Schakowsky
Davis	LaHood	Shimkus
Evans	Lipinski	Weller
Ewing	Manzullo	

### INDIANA

Burton	Hostettler	Souder
Buyer	McIntosh	Visclosky
Carson	Pease	
Hill	Roemer	

### IOWA

Boswell	Latham	Nussle
Ganske	Leach	

### KANSAS

Moore	Ryun
Moran	Tiahrt

### KENTUCKY

Fletcher	Lucas	Rogers
Lewis	Northup	Whitfield

□ 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.



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LOUISIANA  
Baker John Tausin  
Cooksey Livingston  
Jefferson McCrery

MAINE  
Allen Baldacci

MARYLAND  
Bartlett Ehrlich Wynn  
Cardin Gilchrist  
Cummings Morella

MASSACHUSETTS  
Capuano McGovern Olver  
Delahunt Meehan Tierney  
Frank Moakley  
Markey Neal

MICHIGAN  
Bonior Hoekstra Rivers  
Camp Kildee Smith  
Conyers Kilpatrick Stabenow  
Dingell Knollenberg Stupak  
Ehlers Levin Upton

MINNESOTA  
Gutknecht Oberstar Sabo  
Luther Peterson Vento  
Minge Ramstad

MISSISSIPPI  
Pickering Taylor Wicker  
Shows Thompson

MISSOURI  
Blunt Emerson McCarthy  
Clay Gephardt Skelton  
Danner Hulshof Talent

MONTANA  
Hill Cannon

NEBRASKA  
Barrett Bereuter Terry

NEVADA  
Berkley Gibbons

NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Bass Sununu

NEW JERSEY  
Andrews Menendez Roukema  
Franks Pallone Saxton  
Frelinghuysen Pascrell Smith  
Holt Payne  
LoBiondo Rothman

NEW MEXICO  
Skeen Udall Wilson

NEW YORK  
Ackerman LaFalce Rangel  
Boehlert Lazio Reynolds  
Crowley Lowey Serrano  
Engel Maloney Slaughter  
Forbes McCarthy Sweeney  
Fossella McHugh Towns  
Gilman McNulty Velazquez  
Hinches Meeks Walsh  
Houghton Nadler Weiner  
Kelly Owens  
King Quinn

NORTH CAROLINA  
Ballenger Etheridge Myrick  
Burr Hayes Price  
Clayton Jones Taylor  
Coble McIntyre Watt

NORTH DAKOTA  
Pomeroy

OHIO  
Boehner Kaptur Pryce  
Brown Kasich Regula  
Chabot Kucinich Sawyer  
Gillmor LaTourette Strickland  
Hall Ney Traficant  
Hobson Oxley  
Jones Portman

OKLAHOMA  
Coburn Largent Watkins  
Istook Lucas Watts

OREGON  
Blumenauer Hooley Wu  
DeFazio Walden

PENNSYLVANIA  
Borski Goodling Murtha  
Brady Greenwood Petersen  
Coyne Hoeffel Pitts  
Doyle Holden Sherwood  
English Kanjorski Shuster  
Fattah Klink Toomey  
Gekas Mascara Weldon

RHODE ISLAND  
Kennedy Weygand

SOUTH CAROLINA  
Clyburn Graham Spence  
DeMint Sanford Spratt

SOUTH DAKOTA  
Thune

TENNESSEE  
Bryant Ford Jenkins  
Clement Gordon Tanner  
Duncan Hillery Wamp

TEXAS  
Archer Frost Ortiz  
Armey Gonzales Paul  
Barton Granger Reyes  
Bentsen Green Rodriguez  
Bonilla Hall Sandlin  
Brady Hinojosa Sessions  
Combust Jackson-Lee Smith  
DeLay Johnson, E. B. Stenholm  
Doggett Johnson, Sam Thornberry  
Edwards Lampson Turner

UTAH  
Cannon Cook Hansen

VERMONT  
Sanders

VIRGINIA  
Bateman Goode Scott  
Bliley Goodlatte Sisisky  
Boucher Moran Wolf  
Davis Pickett

WASHINGTON  
Baird Hastings Metcalf  
Dicks Inslee Nethercutt  
Dunn McDermott Smith

WEST VIRGINIA  
Rahall Wise

WISCONSIN  
Baldwin Kind Petri  
Barrett Kleczka Ryan  
Green Obey Sensenbrenner

WYOMING  
Cubin

NOT VOTING—7  
Barcia Hoyer Stark  
Farr Miller, George  
Gallegly Mollohan

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.

#### RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The CLERK. The Clerk is in receipt of a letter of resignation from the Honorable Newt Gingrich from the State of Georgia.

Without objection, the letters relating to the resignation of the Honorable Newt Gingrich will be printed in the RECORD.

There was no objection.

The text of the letters is as follows:

WASHINGTON, DC, December 17, 1998.

Hon. ROBIN H. CARLE,  
*Clerk of the House, the Capitol, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR ROBIN: As you are no doubt aware, I have decided that I will not seek re-election in the 106th Congress as Speaker of the United States House of Representatives. In conjunction with that decision, I have notified the Governor of Georgia that I have withdrawn pursuant to Section 21-2-503 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and will not take the seat of congressman for the Sixth District of Georgia for the 106th Congress.

I will, however, complete my term as congressman for the Sixth District of Georgia for the entirety of the 105th Congress. I will also continue to serve as Speaker until the completion of the 105th Congress.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker.*

NOVEMBER 22, 1998.

Governor Zell Miller,  
*Atlanta, Georgia.*

DEAR GOVERNOR MILLER: As you are no doubt aware, I have decided that I will not seek re-election in the 106th Congress as Speaker of the United States House of Representatives. In conjunction with this decision, I hereby notify you that I have withdrawn pursuant to Section 21-2-504 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and will not take the seat of congressman for the Sixth District of Georgia for the 106th Congress.

I will, however, complete my term as congressman for the Sixth District of Georgia for the entirety of the 105th Congress. I will also continue to serve as Speaker until the completion of the 105th Congress.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

NEWT GINGRICH.

#### 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 106th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. WATTS).

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Clerk, happily for our country and happily for you and me, Republicans and Democrats, DENNIS HASTERT has answered

The CLERK. The quorum call discloses that 427 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 election of the Honorable ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON as Delegate from the District of Columbia; the election of the Honorable DONNA M. CHRISTIAN-

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