

this House mean so much to me and the people I represent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. LAMPSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LAMPSON 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. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested.

S. 1857. An act to encourage the negotiated settlement of tribal claims.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. SCHROCK. 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 355, nays 48, answered “present” 1, not voting 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 41]

YEAS—355

Abercrombie	Bonior	Condit
Ackerman	Bono	Conyers
Akin	Boozman	Cooksey
Allen	Boswell	Cox
Andrews	Boyd	Cramer
Armey	Brady (TX)	Crenshaw
Baca	Brown (FL)	Crowley
Bachus	Brown (OH)	Culberson
Baker	Brown (SC)	Cummings
Baldwin	Bryant	Cunningham
Ballenger	Burton	Davis (CA)
Barcia	Buyer	Davis (FL)
Barr	Callahan	Davis (IL)
Barrett	Calvert	Davis, Jo Ann
Bartlett	Camp	Davis, Tom
Barton	Cannon	DeGette
Bass	Cantor	Delahunt
Bentsen	Capito	DeLauro
Bereuter	Capps	DeLay
Berkley	Cardin	DeMint
Berman	Carson (IN)	Deutsch
Berry	Carson (OK)	Diaz-Balart
Biggert	Castle	Dicks
Bilirakis	Chabot	Dingell
Bishop	Chambliss	Doggett
Blumenauer	Clayton	Dooley
Blunt	Clement	Doolittle
Boehlert	Clyburn	Doyle
Boehner	Coble	Dreier
Bonilla	Combest	Duncan

Dunn	King (NY)	Rehberg	Menendez	Ramstad	Taylor (MS)
Edwards	Kingston	Reyes	Miller, George	Sabo	Thompson (CA)
Ehlers	Kirk	Reynolds	Moore	Schaffer	Thompson (MS)
Emerson	Kleccka	Riley	Moran (KS)	Schakowsky	Udall (CO)
Engel	Knollenberg	Rivers	Oberstar	Shadegg	Udall (NM)
Eshoo	Kolbe	Rodriguez	Pallone	Stark	Visclosky
Etheridge	LaHood	Roemer	Peterson (MN)	Strickland	Weller
Evans	Lampson	Rogers (KY)	Platts	Stupak	Wicker
Everett	Langevin	Rogers (MI)			
Farr	Lantos	Rohrabacher			
Fattah	Larson (CT)	Ros-Lehtinen			
Ferguson	LaTourette	Ross			
Flake	Leach	Rothman			
Fletcher	Lee	Roybal-Allard			
Foley	Levin	Royce			
Forbes	Lewis (CA)	Rush			
Ford	Lewis (GA)	Ryan (WI)			
Fossella	Lewis (KY)	Ryun (KS)			
Frank	Linder	Sanchez			
Frelinghuysen	Lipinski	Sanders			
Frost	Lofgren	Sandlin			
Gallegly	Lowey	Sawyer			
Ganske	Lucas (KY)	Saxton			
Gekas	Lucas (OK)	Schiff			
Gephardt	Luther	Schrock			
Gibbons	Lynch	Scott			
Gilchrest	Maloney (CT)	Sensenbrenner			
Gillmor	Maloney (NY)	Serrano			
Gonzalez	Manzullo	Sessions			
Goode	Mascara	Shaw			
Goodlatte	Matheson	Shays			
Gordon	Matsui	Sherman			
Goss	McCarthy (MO)	Sherwood			
Graham	McCarthy (NY)	Shimkus			
Granger	McCollum	Shows			
Graves	McGovern	Shuster			
Green (TX)	McHugh	Simmons			
Green (WI)	McInnis	Simpson			
Greenwood	McIntyre	Skeen			
Grucci	McKeon	Skelton			
Gutierrez	McNulty	Slaughter			
Hall (OH)	Meehan	Smith (MI)			
Hall (TX)	Meeks (NY)	Smith (NJ)			
Hansen	Mica	Smith (TX)			
Harman	Millender	Smith (WA)			
Hart	McDonald	Snyder			
Hastings (WA)	Miller, Dan	Solis			
Hayworth	Miller, Gary	Souder			
Herger	Miller, Jeff	Spratt			
Hill	Mollohan	Stearns			
Hilleary	Moran (VA)	Stenholm			
Hinojosa	Morella	Stump			
Hobson	Murtha	Sununu			
Hoeffel	Nadler	Sweeney			
Hoekstra	Napolitano	Tanner			
Holden	Neal	Tauscher			
Honda	Nethercutt	Tauzin			
Hooley	Ney	Taylor (NC)			
Horn	Northup	Terry			
Hostettler	Nussle	Thornberry			
Houghton	Obey	Thune			
Hoyer	Oliver	Thurman			
Hulshof	Ortiz	Tiahrt			
Hunter	Osborne	Tiberi			
Hyde	Ose	Tierney			
Inslee	Otter	Toomey			
Isakson	Owens	Towns			
Israel	Pascrell	Turner			
Issa	Pastor	Upton			
Istook	Paul	Velazquez			
Jackson (IL)	Payne	Vitter			
Jackson-Lee	Pelosi	Walden			
(TX)	Pence	Walsh			
Jefferson	Peterson (PA)	Wamp			
John	Petri	Watkins (OK)			
Johnson (CT)	Phelps	Watson (CA)			
Johnson (IL)	Pickering	Watt (NC)			
Johnson, E. B.	Pitts	Watts (OK)			
Johnson, Sam	Pombo	Waxman			
Jones (NC)	Pomeroy	Weiner			
Jones (OH)	Portman	Weldon (FL)			
Kanjorski	Price (NC)	Wexler			
Kaptur	Pryce (OH)	Whitfield			
Keller	Putnam	Wilson (NM)			
Kelly	Quinn	Wilson (SC)			
Kennedy (RI)	Radanovich	Woolsey			
Kerns	Rahall	Wu			
Kildee	Rangel	Wynn			
Kind (WI)	Regula	Young (FL)			

NAYS—48

Aderholt	DeFazio	Holt
Baird	English	Kennedy (MN)
Becerra	Filner	Kucinich
Borski	Gutknecht	Larsen (WA)
Brady (PA)	Hastings (FL)	Latham
Capuano	Hefley	LoBiondo
Costello	Hilliard	Markey
Crane	Hinchey	McDermott

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

Tancredo

NOT VOTING—29

Baldacci	Gilman	Norwood
Blagojevich	Hayes	Oxley
Boucher	Jenkins	Roukema
Burr	Kilpatrick	Thomas
Clay	LaFalce	Traficant
Collins	McCrery	Waters
Coyne	McKinney	Weldon (PA)
Cubin	Meek (FL)	Wolf
Deal	Mink	Young (AK)
Ehrlich	Myrick	

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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, January 18, 2002.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith the Certificate of Election received from the Honorable Mike Hunter, Secretary of State, State of Oklahoma, indicating that, on January 8, 2002, the Honorable John Sullivan was duly chosen by the qualified electors to the Office of Representative in Congress, First Congressional District, State of Oklahoma, to fill the vacancy in the representation from said State in the United States House of Representatives.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHLL,
Clerk.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE JOHN SULLIVAN, OF OKLAHOMA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect from Oklahoma (Mr. SULLIVAN) and the members of the Oklahoma delegation present themselves in the well.

The Representative-elect will please raise his right hand.

Mr. SULLIVAN 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 107th Congress.

INTRODUCTION OF JOHN SULLIVAN, NEW MEMBER FROM OKLAHOMA

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

Mr. WATKINS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, this may sound very unusual, but as a dean of the Oklahoma delegation but the newest member of the Republican Party, it gives me great privilege on behalf of our entire Oklahoma delegation, including our two Senators who have come over and joined us, and other members of our delegation to present to you the newest Member, of not only the Oklahoma delegation, but of the 107th Congress, an outstanding young man who, when he announced that he was going to run, the political pundits gave him very little chance because he was outfunded and more popular names were in the race.

JOHN SULLIVAN is a fourth-generation Oklahoman, and he is also the oldest of four children; and speaking of family, I would like to introduce you to his wife, Judy, a tremendous asset. Also, I think he has his three children here, Meredith and Sydney up there and Tommy right here to my left. Let us give him a big hand.

JOHN has had a successful career in two industries, transportation and also energy. So I imagine he will be asking for some very apropos type committee assignments. He was inspired to run for Representative to try to do something more to build a future, yes, for Oklahomans, yes, for the future of our children and grandchildren.

Some of the proudest moments of his accomplishments in the State House where he served and was Republican whip was the creation of Oklahoma State University at Tulsa and the largest income tax cut in the history of Oklahoma, parent notification law. Those are just a few of the accomplishments he did in his short tenure there.

So I ask my colleagues to join me today in welcoming the newest Member and I think one of the hardest-working young men I have met and one I think you will all be very proud of, JOHN SULLIVAN, first district of Oklahoma.

EXPRESSING THANKS

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

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I am so honored to be here today. I would like to thank the Members for their warm welcome they have extended to me.

I wish to take a moment to acknowledge my family, my wife, Judy; my son, Tommy; and daughters, Meredith and Sydney; my mother, Mag Sullivan; and mother- and father-in-law, Mary Ann and Tom Beck; also, my mentor, Mayor of Tulsa, Bob LaFortune, who is here, former Mayor of Tulsa; and Art Rubin, who is up there as well; and all of the wonderful friends and family

who have accompanied me from Oklahoma to show their support today.

I have a great neighborhood, too, one of the old-fashioned neighborhoods. I have got a lot of my neighbors that have come, and it is great. Our kids run and play together and go in each other's houses, and they came as well.

I am also pleased to be joined by Oklahoma's two extraordinary Senators, JIM INHOFE, who as a Member of this body ably represented the first district of Oklahoma; and DON NICKLES, the assistant Republican leader of the Senate.

I would also like to take a moment to thank former Congressman Steve Largent, who recently departed Congress to run for Governor of Oklahoma. I wish him the best in his new endeavor.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly humbled to become a Member of this honorable body. This day has been a lifelong dream of mine, and I pledge today to continue to fight for the constituents of the first district of Oklahoma, for Oklahoma values. I look forward to the great friendships that will be formed in these hallowed halls and to working together in advancing the prosperity and promise of this great Nation.

I would like to say a special thanks to my father who got me started in politics, and I know he is looking down on me and he is happy that his son got elected to the Congress.

CELEBRATING HADASSAH'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, in 1912 Henrietta Szold founded what is now the largest women's and the largest Jewish membership organization in the United States, Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America.

This year marks its 90th anniversary, celebrating continuous efforts of more than 400,000 Hadassah members in Florida alone.

Some of the outstanding women of Hadassah in my own south Florida congressional district are Alecia Sachs, the regional president; Mildred Riesenbergs, the 90th anniversary Chair; Phyllis Goldman, the major gifts fundraising coordinator; Mindy Tucker Olofson, membership coordinator; and Pam Brown, Woman of the Year Chair.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the spirit of volunteerism and community service that thousands of Hadassah members perform each and every day. Congratulations to each Hadassah member in the Nation.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF BLACK AMERICANS

(Ms. SANCHEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the accomplishments and contributions of black Americans to this Nation.

February is Black History Month. Established in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, Black History Month raises awareness of the history of black Americans in our schools and across our Nation.

As a child, Mr. Woodson had to earn money for his family, and so he was not able to start school until very late in life. His motto of "it is never too late to learn" is something that all of us can use every day in our learning and growing, especially when it comes to the history of this Nation.

February is also a significant month for the birthdays of great African Americans, pioneers in many ways to our Nation. These include the birthdays of Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. DuBois, Langston Hughes, Eubie Blake, the NAACP, and the first Pan African Congress.

During Black History Month, we should take the time to continue learning about the contributions, the struggles and the perseverance of African Americans here in our Nation. Our country would not be as culturally diverse without their contributions.

HONORING LUKE ROTH

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

Mr. GANSKE. Mr. Speaker, Luke Roth, born December 9, 1953, died of cancer yesterday. A proud graduate of Princeton, a devoted husband to Katie, a loving father to Luke, Anne, and Clare.

Luke was my district director for 6 years and then was President Bush's State campaign director. Luke loved politics. He even met Katie on the campaign trail.

He was a big man, he wore a size 13 EEE shoe, and I never met a man with a bigger heart. Luke believed passionately in American democracy. He was a student of history. He would think there is no higher tribute than if I simply said Luke Roth, servus publicus, civis: public servant, citizen.

All who knew this loving bear of a man are mourning his passing. Our grief is tempered only by our belief that if there was ever anyone who merited heaven, it is Luke.

Luke has left big shoes for us to fill. May he rest in peace.

GERMAN EMBASSY LETTER REGARDING ABDUCTED CHILDREN

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

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, today I will stray from the story of Ludwig Koons to respond to a letter from the German embassy that was published in the Washington Post.

I am delighted to hear the German government agrees that abducted children deserve swift and fair decisions