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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 107-328 for the meeting of the Congress of the United States, the Members-elect of the 108th Congress met in their Hall, and at noon were called to order by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Hon. Jeff Trandahl.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord of history, our eternal God, You faithfully gather Your people in faith. You are always attentive to our prayers. The Journal of Congress records the fact that in 1774, the Reverend Duche led the Continental Congress in a prayer based on Psalm 35. Today, at the beginning of the 108th Congress, we return to the lines he quoted: "Fight, O Lord, against those who fight me; war against those who make war upon me. Take up the shield and buckler and rise up in my defense."

Lord, the ominous sound of impending violence grips the soul of this Nation today as it did at its beginnings. So be with us, Lord, as You have been throughout our history, both in times of war and in times of peace.

But the martial imagery does not narrow our gaze today only on battlefields and armaments. For our battle is against all forms of evil and any injustice. With the psalmist may the new Congress pray that truth will always uncover falsehood, and its righteous deeds will destroy cynicism. Knowing our enemy is anyone who denies God-given human rights, may the Members of this government, their families and staffs be committed to bring peace and unity to others as Your servants now and forever. 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 107-328 for the meeting of the 108th Congress and, as the law directs, the Clerk of the House has prepared the official roll of the Representatives-elect.

Certificates of election covering 434 seats in the 108th 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.

The Clerk lays before the House a facsimile of a communication from the Chief Election Officer of the State of Hawaii.

JANUARY 5, 2003.

Hon. JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. TRANDAHL: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Saturday, January 4, 2003 for Representative in Congress from the Second Congressional District of Hawaii show that Ed Case (D) received 33,002 of votes of the total number cast for that office.

It would appear from the unofficial results that Ed Case (D) was elected Representative from the Second Congressional District of Hawaii. We are unaware of any election contest at this time.

As soon as the official results are certified, an official Certificate of Election will be transmitted as required by law.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Lori Tomczyk or myself at (808) 453-VOTE (8683).
Very truly yours,

DWAYNE D. YOSHINA,
Chief Election Officer.

The CLERK. Without objection, the Representative-elect from the Second District of the State of Hawaii will be

allowed to record his presence and also to vote on the election of the Speaker.

There was no objection.

The CLERK. 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

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| Aderholt | Cramer | Rogers |
| Bachus | Davis | |
| Bonner | Everett | |

ALASKA

Young (AK)

ARIZONA

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|-------------|----------|---------|
| Flake | Hayworth | Renzi |
| Franks (AZ) | Kolbe | Shadegg |
| Grijalva | Pastor | |

ARKANSAS

| | |
|---------|--------|
| Berry | Ross |
| Boozman | Snyder |

CALIFORNIA

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|-------------|----------------|------------------|
| Baca | Honda | Rohrabacher |
| Becerra | Hunter | Roybal-Allard |
| Berman | Issa | Royce |
| Bono | Lantos | Sanchez, Linda |
| Calvert | Lee | T. |
| Capps | Lewis (CA) | Sanchez, Loretta |
| Cardoza | Lofgren | Schiff |
| Cox | Matsui | Sherman |
| Cunningham | McKeon | Solis |
| Davis (CA) | Millender- | Stark |
| Dooley (CA) | McDonald | Tauscher |
| Doolittle | Miller, Gary | Thomas |
| Dreier | Miller, George | Thompson (CA) |
| Eshoo | Napolitano | Waters |
| Farr | Nunes | Watson |
| Filner | Ose | Waxman |
| Gallely | Pelosi | Woolsey |
| Harman | Pombo | |
| Herger | Radanovich | |

COLORADO

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| Beauprez | McInnis | Udall (CO) |
| DeGette | Musgrave | |
| Hefley | Tancredo | |

□ 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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| CONNECTICUT | | | MISSOURI | | | Johnson, Sam | Reyes | Smith (TX) | |
| DeLauro | Larson (CT) | Simmons | Akin | Emerson | Hulshof | Lampson | Rodriguez | Stenholm | |
| Johnson (CT) | Shays | | Blunt | Gephardt | McCarthy (MO) | Ortiz | Sandin | Thornberry | |
| | | | Clay | Graves | Skelton | Paul | Sessions | Turner (TX) | |
| DELAWARE | | | MONTANA | | | UTAH | | | |
| | Castle | | Rehberg | | | Bishop (UT) | Cannon | Matheson | |
| FLORIDA | | | NEBRASKA | | | VERMONT | | | |
| Bilirakis | Diaz-Balart, | Miller (FL) | | Osborne | Terry | Sanders | | | |
| Boyd | Mario | Putnam | Bereuter | | | VIRGINIA | | | |
| Brown, Corrine | Feeney | Ros-Lehtinen | | NEVADA | | | Schrock | | |
| Brown-Waite, | Foley | Shaw | Berkley | Gibbons | Porter | Boucher | Forbes | Scott (VA) | |
| Ginny | Goss | Stearns | | NEW HAMPSHIRE | | | Cantor | Goode | |
| Crenshaw | Harris | Weldon (FL) | | Bradley (NH) | | Davis, Jo Ann | Goodlatte | Wolf | |
| Davis (FL) | Hastings (FL) | Wexler | | NEW JERSEY | | | Davis, Tom | Moran (VA) | |
| Deutsch | Keller | Young (FL) | Bass | NEW MEXICO | | | WASHINGTON | | |
| Diaz-Balart, | Meek (FL) | | | Andrews | LoBiondo | Rothman | Hastings (WA) | McDermott | |
| Lincoln | Mica | | | Ferguson | Menendez | Saxton | Inslee | Nethercutt | |
| GEORGIA | | | | Frelinghuysen | Pallone | Smith (NJ) | Larsen (WA) | Smith (WA) | |
| Bishop (GA) | Isakson | Marshall | | Garrett (NJ) | Pascrell | | WEST VIRGINIA | | |
| Burns | Kingston | Norwood | | Holt | Payne | Capito | Mollohan | Rahall | |
| Collins | Lewis (GA) | Scott (GA) | | | | WISCONSIN | | | |
| Deal (GA) | Linder | | Pearce | NEW YORK | | | Baldwin | Klecicka | |
| Gingrey | Majette | | | King (NY) | Reynolds | Green (WI) | Obey | Ryan (WI) | |
| HAWAII | | | Ackerman | Lowey | Serrano | Kind | Petri | Sensenbrenner | |
| Abercrombie | Case | | Bishop (NH) | McCarthy (NH) | Slaughter | WYOMING | | | |
| | | | Boehlert | McHugh | Sweeney | Cubin | | | |
| | | | Crowley | McNulty | Towns | □ 1230 | | | |
| | | | Engel | Meeks (NY) | Velazquez | The CLERK. Four hundred thirty- | | | |
| | | | Fossella | Nadler | Walsh | two Members have recorded their pres- | | | |
| Biggert | Hastert | Manzullo | Hinchee | Owens | Weiner | ence. A quorum is present. | | | |
| Costello | Hyde | Rush | Houghton | Quinn | | | | | |
| Crane | Jackson (IL) | Schakowsky | Israel | Rangel | | | | | |
| Davis (IL) | Johnson (IL) | Shimkus | Kelly | | | | | | |
| Emanuel | Kirk | Weller | | | | | | | |
| Evans | LaHood | | | | | | | | |
| Gutierrez | Lipinski | | | | | | | | |
| INDIANA | | | | | | | | | |
| Burton | Chocola | Pence | | | | | | | |
| Buyer | Hill | Souder | | | | | | | |
| Carson (IN) | Hostettler | Visclosky | | | | | | | |
| IOWA | | | | | | | | | |
| Boswell | Latham | Nussle | | | | | | | |
| King (IA) | Leach | | Boehner | Kaptur | Pryce (OH) | | | | |
| KANSAS | | | Brown (OH) | Kucinich | Regula | | | | |
| Moore | Ryun (KS) | | Chabot | LaTourette | Ryan (OH) | | | | |
| Moran (KS) | Tiahrt | | Gillmor | Ney | Strickland | | | | |
| | | | Hobson | Oxley | Tiberi | | | | |
| | | | Jones (OH) | Portman | Turner (OH) | | | | |
| KENTUCKY | | | | | | | | | |
| Fletcher | Lucas (KY) | Rogers (KY) | Carson (OK) | Istook | Sullivan | | | | |
| Lewis (KY) | Northup | Whitfield | Cole | Lucas (OK) | | | | | |
| LOUISIANA | | | | | | | | | |
| Alexander | John | Vitter | Blumenauer | Walden (OR) | | | | | |
| Baker | McCrary | | DeFazio | Wu | | | | | |
| Jefferson | Tauzin | | | | | | | | |
| MAINE | | | | | | | | | |
| Allen | Michaud | | Brady (PA) | Hoeffel | Platts | | | | |
| | | | Doyle | Holden | Sherwood | | | | |
| | | | English | Kanjorski | Shuster | | | | |
| | | | Fattah | Murphy | Toomey | | | | |
| | | | Gerlach | Murtha | Weldon (PA) | | | | |
| | | | Greenwood | Peterson (PA) | | | | | |
| | | | Hart | Pitts | | | | | |
| MARYLAND | | | | | | | | | |
| Bartlett (MD) | Gilchrest | Van Hollen | | | | | | | |
| Cardin | Hoyer | Wynn | | | | | | | |
| Cummings | Ruppersberger | | | | | | | | |
| MASSACHUSETTS | | | | | | | | | |
| Capuano | Markey | Olver | Kennedy (RI) | Langevin | | | | | |
| Delahunt | McGovern | Tierney | | | | | | | |
| Frank (MA) | Meehan | | Barrett (SC) | Clyburn | Spratt | | | | |
| Lynch | Neal (MA) | | Brown (SC) | DeMint | Wilson (SC) | | | | |
| MICHIGAN | | | | | | | | | |
| Camp | Kildee | Miller (MI) | | Janklow | | | | | |
| Conyers | Kilpatrick | Rogers (MI) | | | | | | | |
| Dingell | Knollenberg | Smith (MI) | | | | | | | |
| Ehlers | Levin | Stupak | Blackburn | Duncan | Jenkins | | | | |
| Hoekstra | McCotter | Upton | Cooper | Ford | Tanner | | | | |
| | | | Davis (TN) | Gordon | Wamp | | | | |
| MINNESOTA | | | | | | | | | |
| Gutknecht | McCollum | Ramstad | Barton (TX) | Culberson | Green (TX) | | | | |
| Kennedy (MN) | Oberstar | Sabo | Bell | DeLay | Hall | | | | |
| Kline | Peterson (MN) | | Bonilla | Doggett | Hensarling | | | | |
| MISSISSIPPI | | | Brady (TX) | Edwards | Hinojosa | | | | |
| Pickering | Thompson (MS) | | Burgess | Frost | Jackson-Lee | | | | |
| Taylor (MS) | Wicker | | Carter | Gonzalez | (TX) | | | | |
| | | | Combest | Granger | Johnson, E.B. | | | | |

The CLERK. Four hundred thirty-two Members have recorded their presence. 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 ANIBAL ACEVEDO-VILA as Resident Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a term of 4 years beginning January 3, 2001; the election of the Honorable ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON as delegate from the District of Columbia; the election of the Honorable DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN as delegate of the Virgin Islands; the election of the Honorable ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA as delegate from American Samoa; and the election of the Honorable MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO 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 108th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

The Clerk recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. PRYCE).

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Clerk, for 4 years we have been blessed to have an individual of fairness, honesty, and common sense lead us without regard to rank or party. During even the most difficult of times, this common man with an uncommon conviction to do what is right has risen to the task and served as the Speaker for the whole House of Representatives.

Therefore, Mr. Clerk, as chairman of the House Republican Conference, I am directed by the unanimous vote of that conference, and am very honored to present for election to the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the 108th Congress of the