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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 108-433 for the meeting of the Congress of the United States, the Members-elect of the 109th 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: Almighty and eternal God, before You all Nations rise and fall.

We ask You to bless the United States of America with security, prosperity, generosity and peace.

Those who have been rightly elected by the people of the congressional districts across the Nation now stand before You, as the grateful inheritors with a great tradition of government by free people.

May they serve faithfully the people who have chosen them as their representatives in the 109th Congress.

With personal integrity, enable them to exercise day-to-day decisions that will uphold this Nation's Constitution and bring enlightened hope to a troubled world desirous of knowing a free democracy in action.

Let all Americans join in their own way of blessing these women and men, that they may establish justice, ensure lasting tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty.

In doing so, they will serve both You, our God, and our beloved Nation.

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 Repub-

lic 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 108-433 for the meeting of the 109th 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 109th 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"—424

ALABAMA

Aderholt Cramer Rogers
Bachus Davis
Bonner Everett

ALASKA

Young

ARIZONA

Flake Hayworth Renzi
Franks Kolbe
Grijalva Pastor

ARKANSAS

Berry Ross
Boozman Snyder

CALIFORNIA

Baca Capps Doolittle
Becerra Cardoza Dreier
Berman Eshoo
Bono Cunningham Farr
Calvert Davis Filner

Gallegly Miller, Gary Sanchez, Loretta
Harman Miller, George Schiff
Herger Napolitano Sherman
Hunter Nunes Solis
Issa Pelosi Tauscher
Lantos Pombo Thomas
Lee Radanovich Thompson
Lewis Rohrabacher Waters
Lofgren, Zoe Roybal-Allard Watson
McKeon Royce Waxman
Millender- Sanchez, Linda Woolsey
McDonald T.

COLORADO

Beauprez Musgrave Udall
DeGette Salazar
Hefley Tancredo

CONNECTICUT

DeLauro Larson Simmons
Johnson Shays

DELAWARE

Castle

FLORIDA

Bilirakis Foley Ros-Lehtinen
Boyd Harris Shaw
Brown-Waite, Hastings Stearns
Ginny Keller Wasserman
Crenshaw Mack Schultz
Davis Meek Weldon
Diaz-Balart, L. Mica Wexler
Diaz-Balart, M. Miller Young
Feeney Putnam

GEORGIA

Barrow Kingston McKinney
Bishop Lewis Price
Deal Linder Scott
Gingrey Marshall Westmoreland

HAWAII

Abercrombie Case

IDAHO

Otter Simpson

ILLINOIS

Bean Hastert Lipinski
Biggart Hyde Manzullo
Costello Jackson Rush
Davis Johnson Schakowsky
Emanuel Kirk Shimkus
Evans LaHood Weller

INDIANA

Burton Choccola Sodrel
Buyer Hostettler Souder
Carson Pence Visclosky

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IOWA			OHIO		
Boswell	Latham	Nussle	Boehner	Kaptur	Pryce
King	Leach		Brown	Kucinich	Regula
KANSAS			Chabot	LaTourette	Ryan
Moore	Ryun		Gillmor	Ney	Strickland
Moran	Tiahrt		Hobson	Oxley	Tiberi
			Jones	Portman	Turner
KENTUCKY			OKLAHOMA		
Chandler	Lewis	Whitfield	Boren	Istook	Sullivan
Davis	Rogers		Cole	Lucas	
LOUISIANA			OREGON		
Alexander	Jefferson	Melancon	Blumenauer	Hooley	Wu
Baker	Jindal		DeFazio	Walden	
Boustany	McCrery				
MAINE			PENNSYLVANIA		
Allen	Michaud		Brady	Hart	Platts
			Dent	Holden	Schwartz
MARYLAND			Doyle	Kanjorski	Sherwood
Bartlett	Gilchrest	Van Hollen	English	Murphy	Shuster
Cardin	Hoyer	Wynn	Fattah	Murtha	Weldon
Cummings	Ruppersberger		Fitzpatrick	Peterson	
			Gerlach	Pitts	
MASSACHUSETTS			RHODE ISLAND		
Capuano	Markey	Olver	Kennedy	Langevin	
Delahunt	McGovern	Tierney			
Frank	Meehan		Barrett	Clyburn	Spratt
Lynch	Neal		Brown	Inglis	Wilson
MICHIGAN			SOUTH CAROLINA		
Camp	Kildee	Miller			
Conyers	Kilpatrick	Rogers			
Dingell	Knollenberg	Schwarz			
Ehlers	Levin	Stupak			
Hoekstra	McCotter	Upton	Blackburn	Duncan	Jenkins
			Cooper	Ford	Tanner
			Davis	Gordon	Wamp
MINNESOTA			SOUTH DAKOTA		
Gutknecht	McCollum	Ramstad			
Kennedy	Oberstar	Sabo			
Kline	Peterson				
MISSISSIPPI			TENNESSEE		
Taylor	Thompson	Wicker			
MISSOURI			TEXAS		
Akin	Clay	Graves	Barton	Gohmert	Marchant
Blunt	Cleaver	Hulshof	Bonilla	Gonzalez	McCaul
Carnahan	Emerson	Skelton	Brady	Granger	Neugebauer
			Burgess	Green Al	Ortiz
			Carter	Green, Gene	Paul
			Conaway	Hall	Poe
			Cuellar	Hensarling	Reyes
			Culberson	Hinojosa	Sessions
			DeLay	Jackson-Lee	Smith
			Doggett	Johnson, E.B.	Thornberry
			Edwards	Johnson, Sam	
MONTANA			UTAH		
	Rehberg		Bishop	Matheson	
NEBRASKA			VERMONT		
Fortenberry	Osborne	Terry			
NEVADA			VIRGINIA		
Berkley	Gibbons	Porter	Boucher	Drake	Moran
			Cantor	Forbes	Scott
NEW HAMPSHIRE			Davis, Jo Ann	Goode	Wolf
Bass	Bradley		Davis, Tom	Goodlatte	
NEW JERSEY			WASHINGTON		
Andrews	LoBiondo	Rothman	Baird	Inslee	McMorris
Ferguson	Menendez	Saxton	Dicks	Larsen	Reichert
Frelinghuysen	Pallone	Smith	Hastings	McDermott	Smith
Garrett	Pascrell				
Holt	Payne		Capito	Mollohan	Rahall
NEW MEXICO			WEST VIRGINIA		
Pearce	Udall	Wilson			
			Baldwin	Moore	Ryan
			Green	Obey	Sensenbrenner
			Kind	Petri	
NEW YORK			WISCONSIN		
Ackerman	King	Rangel			
Bishop	Kuhl	Reynolds			
Boehlert	Lowey	Serrano			
Crowley	Maloney	Slaughter			
Engel	McCarthy	Sweeney			
Fossella	McHugh	Towns			
Higgins	McNulty	Velázquez			
Hincheey	Meeks	Walsh			
Israel	Nadler	Weiner			
Kelly	Owens				
NORTH CAROLINA			WYOMING		
Butterfield	Jones	Price			
Coble	McHenry	Taylor			
Etheridge	McIntyre	Watt			
Foxx	Miller				
Hayes	Myrick				
NORTH DAKOTA			□ 1234		
	Pomeroy				

wealth of Puerto Rico for a term of 4 years beginning January 3, 2005; 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 from the Virgin Islands; the election of the Honorable ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA as Delegate from American Samoa; and the election of the Honorable MADELINE Z. BORDALLO as Delegate from Guam.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK

The CLERK. The Clerk will state that since the last regular election of Representatives to the 109th Congress, a vacancy now exists in the Fifth District of the State of California, occasioned by the death of the late Honorable ROBERT T. MATSUI.

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 109th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

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

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Clerk, for the past 6 years, this House has been led by a man with great strength, passion and a sense of fairness. With a steady hand and quiet conviction, he has helped to guide this body and this Nation through periods of both trial and triumph.

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 for the 109th Congress the name of the Honorable J. DENNIS HASTERT, a Representative-elect from the State of Illinois.

The CLERK. The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ).

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Clerk, as chairman of the Democratic Caucus, I am directed by a unanimous vote of that caucus to present for election to the office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 109th Congress a lady of great distinction, a lady of integrity, a fighter for America's children and families and a leader not only of House Democrats but a leader for our Nation and this Congress, the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, a Representative-elect from the State of California.

The CLERK. The Honorable J. DENNIS HASTERT, a Representative-elect from the State of Illinois, and the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, a Representative-elect from the State of California, have been placed in nomination.

Are there further nominations?

There being no further nominations, the Clerk will appoint tellers.

The Clerk appoints the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY), the gentleman

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK

The CLERK. The Clerk will state that credentials, regular in form, have been received showing the election of the Honorable LUIS FORTUNO as Resident Commissioner from the Common-