

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.

Enclosure.

OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE,
Columbus, Ohio, December 12, 2007.

Hon. LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. MILLER: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, for Representative in Congress from the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio, show that Robert E. Latta received 56,387 votes of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Robert E. Latta was elected as Representative in Congress from the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all 16 counties of the Fifth Congressional District involved, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

JENNIFER BRUNNER.

PROVIDING FOR SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. LATTA, OF OHIO, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. REGULA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Ohio, the Honorable ROBERT E. LATTA, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

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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, December 12, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of a letter received from Ms. Nancy Rodrigues, Secretary, State Board of Elections, the Commonwealth of Virginia, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held December 11, 2007, the Honorable Robert J. "Rob" Wittman was elected Representative to Congress for the First Congressional District, Commonwealth of Virginia.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.

Enclosure.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,
Richmond, VA, December 12, 2007.

Hon. LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. MILLER: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, for Representative in Congress from the First Congressional District of Virginia, show that Robert J. "Rob" Wittman received 50,079 of the total number of votes cast, 84,252 for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Robert J. "Rob" Wittman was elected as Representative in Congress from the First Congressional District of Virginia.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by the counties of Caroline, Essex, Fauquier, Gloucester, James City, King & Queen, King George, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northumberland, Prince William, Richmond County, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Westmoreland and York, and all or part of the cities of Fredericksburg, Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson and Williamsburg involved, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law on December 20, 2007.

Sincerely,

NANCY RODRIGUES,
Secretary.

PROVIDING FOR SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT J. WITTMAN, OF VIRGINIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Virginia, the Honorable ROBERT J. "ROB" WITTMAN, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. LATTA, OF OHIO, AND THE HONORABLE ROBERT J. "ROB" WITTMAN, OF VIRGINIA, AS MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. Will the Representatives-elect and the members of their respective delegations present themselves in the well.

Mr. LATTA and Mr. WITTMAN appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm 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 Members of the 110th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. LATTA TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. REGULA).

Mr. REGULA. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to introduce the newest Member of our body from Ohio, Mr. ROBERT LATTA.

There is a lot that I can say. He has an outstanding record in the Ohio legislature. He has a lot of community activities. One that I especially like is he was very active in the 4-H program, and that's something close to my heart.

But let me say, BOB, you have a wonderful legacy to uphold here. Your father served here for 30 years, an outstanding Member, Del Latta, for a few of us that still remember him well, a great Member. And then you succeed Paul Gillmor, who had 20 years of outstanding service. So the 5th District of Ohio has had 50 years as a legacy of great service. And looking at your record in the Ohio legislature, I know that you will carry on the same record of great service to the people of that district and to the State of Ohio. And I'm happy, as the senior Member, to welcome you as a new Member of this great body.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio.

Ms. KAPTUR. I thank the gentleman.

And on behalf of our entire Buckeye delegation, and with poignancy on this occasion, during this season of new light, please let me welcome Congressman ROBERT LATTA of Wood County, Ohio, to the ranks of the 110th Congress of the United States.

I can share with our colleagues that BOB is a man who has lived the commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother." Delbert and Rosemary must be so elated today.

BOB also has honored his in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Vern and Carol Sloan of Williams County, such very, very good citizens. BOB's father Delbert, as RALPH has said, served dutifully for three decades in this Chamber until 1989. What a Christmas gift this swearing-in must be for the Latta and Sloan families.

BOB has been a loving husband to his gifted wife, Marcia, and a real father to his daughters, Elizabeth and Maria. I know how proud they all are today.

His public service has been exemplary, with 15 years of service in the Ohio legislature. We welcome him warmly to the ranks of the Ohio delegation. Indeed, we need his help to pull our Buckeye State forward in more than football.

Let me wish you and your family Godspeed on behalf of our entire delegation with healthy and productive years of service to our blessed Nation. Onward, and congratulations.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATTA).

Mr. LATTA. Thank you, Madam Speaker, for allowing me a brief moment.

I want to thank Representative REGULA. Representative KAPTUR, thank you very much for your nice remarks. I really appreciate that. I know that my dad always enjoyed serving with you and riding on the plane back and forth from Toledo.

It's a great honor to be here today. I'll tell you, it's a humbling experience. Because of all the years when I was younger and Dad was in Congress here and being able to come onto this floor, I never dreamed there would be a day when I would be standing in this well to address the Members.

I just want to say this, that as we were walking here today from the Metro and walking between the Cannon and Longworth and looking up the street and seeing that dome of the Capitol Building, I understood how humbling of an experience this really is. I truly believe we are truly blessed to be one of 435 to represent such a great Nation.

I look forward to working with all of you in the future. And I just want to thank you very much for this ability to be here with you today, and also, Madam Speaker, again, for allowing me to speak. I really appreciate it. Thank you very much.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE ROBERT J. "ROB" WITTMAN TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF).

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the entire Virginia congressional delegation, it is a great privilege to introduce the newest Member of the 110th Congress, the gentleman from the First Congressional District, ROB WITTMAN.

ROB WITTMAN has been a public servant for more than 20 years, serving as a town councilman, mayor, county supervisor and board chairman, and member of the Virginia House of Delegates.

ROB holds a doctorate degree in public policy and administration, a master of public health degree in health policy and administration, and a bachelor of science degree in biology. Throughout his career, ROB's wife, Kathryn, a public school teacher, has been at his side. They are the parents of two children, daughter, Devon, and son, Josh.

Madam Speaker, ROB WITTMAN is ready to get to work following the decades-long tradition of former Congressman and Senator Paul Trible, of former Congressman Herb Bateman, and our beloved Member, who just left us to go home to be with the Lord, Jo Ann Davis, in providing outstanding and dedicated representation in Congress for the people of Virginia's First District.

I present to you the distinguished gentleman from the Commonwealth of Virginia, ROB WITTMAN.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WITTMAN).

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House, it is, indeed, an honor and a privilege to be with you today. Representative WOLF, thank you very much for those kind words; I really appreciate that.

It is, indeed, a humbling experience to be here. I look forward to working with each and every one of you in the days to come to make sure that we do the best job that we can collectively here for our Nation. As I said, it's a very humbling experience, and I thank you.

May God bless you.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath of office to the gentlemen from Virginia and Ohio, the whole number of the House is 434.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CAPUANO). Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the joint resolution.

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

Mr. LEWIS OF California. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 385, nays 27, not voting 21, as follows:

[Roll No. 1162]

YEAS—385

Abercrombie	Boehner	Capuano
Aderholt	Bonner	Cardoza
Akin	Bono	Carnahan
Alexander	Boozman	Carney
Allen	Boren	Castle
Altmire	Boswell	Castor
Andrews	Boustany	Chabot
Arcuri	Boyd (FL)	Chandler
Baca	Boyda (KS)	Clarke
Bachmann	Brady (PA)	Clay
Baird	Braley (IA)	Clyburn
Baker	Broun (GA)	Coble
Baldwin	Brown (SC)	Cohen
Barrow	Brown, Corrine	Cole (OK)
Bartlett (MD)	Brown-Waite,	Conaway
Barton (TX)	Ginny	Conyers
Bean	Buchanan	Cooper
Becerra	Burgess	Costa
Berkley	Butterfield	Costello
Berry	Buyer	Courtney
Biggert	Calvert	Cramer
Blibray	Camp (MI)	Crowley
Bilirakis	Campbell (CA)	Cuellar
Bishop (GA)	Cannon	Cummings
Bishop (NY)	Cantor	Davis (AL)
Bishop (UT)	Capito	Davis (CA)
Blunt	Capps	Davis (IL)
		Davis (KY)
		Davis, David
		Davis, Lincoln
		Davis, Tom
		Deal (GA)
		DeFazio
		DeGette
		DeLaunt
		DeLauro
		Dent
		Diaz-Balart, L.
		Diaz-Balart, M.
		Dicks
		Dingell
		Doggett
		Donnelly
		Doolittle
		Doyle
		Drake
		Dreier
		Edwards
		Ehlers
		Ellison
		Ellsworth
		Emanuel
		Emerson
		Engel
		English (PA)
		Eshoo
		Etheridge
		Everett
		Fallin
		Farr
		Fattah
		Feeney
		Ferguson
		Filner
		Forbes
		Fortenberry
		Fossella
		Fox
		Frank (MA)
		Frelinghuysen
		Galleghy
		Garrett (NJ)
		Gerlach
		Giffords
		Gilchrest
		Gillibrand
		Gingrey
		Gonzalez
		Goode
		Goodlatte
		Gordon
		Granger
		Graves
		Green, Al
		Green, Gene
		Grijalva
		Gutierrez
		Hall (NY)
		Hall (TX)
		Hare
		Harman
		Hastings (FL)
		Hastings (WA)
		Hayes
		Herger
		Herseth Sandlin
		Higgins
		Hill
		Hinchey
		Hinojosa
		Hirono
		Hobson
		Hodes
		Holden
		Holt
		Honda
		Hoyer
		Hulshof
		Inglis (SC)
		Inslie
		Israel
		Issa
		Jackson (IL)
		Jackson-Lee
		(TX)
		Jefferson
		Johnson (GA)
		Johnson (IL)
		Johnson, E. B.
		Jones (NC)
		Jones (OH)
		Jordan
		Kagen
		Kanjorski
		Kaptur
		Keller
		Kennedy
		Kildee
		Kind
		King (NY)
		Kingston
		Kirk
		Klein (FL)
		Kline (MN)
		Knollenberg
		Kuhl (NY)
		LaHood
		Lampson
		Langevin
		Lantos
		Larsen (WA)
		Larson (CT)
		Latham
		LaTourette
		Latta
		Lee
		Levin
		Lewis (GA)
		Lewis (KY)
		Linder
		Lipinski
		LoBiondo
		Loebach
		Lofgren, Zoe
		Lowey
		Lucas
		Lungren, Daniel
		E.
		Lynch
		Mack
		Mahoney (FL)
		Maloney (NY)
		Manzullo
		Marchant
		Markey
		Marshall
		Matheson
		Matsui
		McCarthy (CA)
		McCarthy (NY)
		McCaul (TX)
		McCollum (MN)
		McCotter
		McCrery
		McDermott
		McGovern
		McHenry
		McHugh
		McIntyre
		McKeon
		McMorris
		Rodgers
		McNerney
		Meek (FL)
		Meeks (NY)
		Melancon
		Mica
		Michaud
		Miller (FL)
		Miller (MI)
		Miller (NC)
		Miller, George
		Mitchell
		Mollohan
		Moore (KS)
		Moore (WI)
		Moran (KS)
		Moran (VA)
		Murphy (CT)
		Murphy, Patrick
		Murphy, Tim
		Murtha
		Musgrave
		Myrick
		Nadler
		Napolitano
		Neal (MA)
		Neugebauer
		Nunes
		Oberstar
		Obey
		Oliver
		Ortiz
		Pallone
		Pascarell
		Pastor
		Payne
		Pearce
		Pence
		Perlmutter
		Peterson (MN)
		Peterson (PA)
		Pickering
		Pitts
		Platts
		Pomeroy
		Porter
		Price (GA)
		Price (NC)
		Pryce (OH)
		Putnam
		Radanovich
		Rahall
		Ramstad
		Rangel
		Regula
		Rehberg
		Reichert
		Renzi
		Reyes
		Reynolds
		Richardson
		Rodriguez
		Rogers (AL)
		Rogers (KY)
		Rogers (MI)
		Rohrabacher
		Ros-Lehtinen
		Roskam
		Ross
		Rothman
		Roybal-Allard
		Royce
		Rush
		Ryan (OH)
		Ryan (WI)
		Salazar
		Sali
		Sanchez, Linda
		T.
		Sanchez, Loretta
		Sarbanes
		Saxton
		Schakowsky
		Schiff
		Schmidt
		Schwartz
		Scott (GA)
		Scott (VA)
		Serrano
		Sessions
		Sestak
		Shays
		Shea-Porter
		Sherman
		Shimkus
		Shuler
		Shuster
		Simpson
		Sires
		Skelton
		Slaughter
		Smith (NE)
		Smith (NJ)
		Smith (TX)
		Smith (WA)
		Snyder
		Solis
		Space
		Spratt
		Stark
		Stupak
		Sullivan
		Sutton
		Tanner
		Taylor
		Thompson (CA)
		Thompson (MS)
		Tiahrt
		Tiberi
		Tierney
		Towns
		Tsongas
		Turner
		Udall (CO)
		Udall (NM)
		Upton
		Van Hollen
		Velázquez
		Visclosky
		Walberg
		Walden (OR)
		Walz (MN)
		Wamp
		Wasserman
		Schultz
		Waters
		Watson
		Watt
		Waxman
		Weiner
		Welch (VT)
		Weldon (FL)
		Weller