

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 Louisiana?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the members of the Louisiana delegation present themselves in the well.

Mr. SCALISE 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 a Member of the 110th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE STEVE SCALISE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. MCCRERY) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. MCCRERY. Madam Speaker, it is a pleasure for me on behalf of the Louisiana delegation to introduce to the Members of the House our newest Member, STEVE SCALISE. STEVE is a graduate of the home of the current national college football champions, the LSU Tigers. And he has a degree in computer science. And he told me to tell you all that if you are having problems with your computer, feel free to call him.

STEVE comes to us after 12 years' experience in the Louisiana legislature where he had a distinguished career. He was known as a reformer in a place where there was not much reform on the minds of many people in State government. So STEVE comes to us with a distinguished record of service for the people of Louisiana already. And I am sure he will bring that same distinction to his service here in the House.

STEVE has a lovely family, which I will give him the honor of introducing. Please help me welcome to our ranks STEVE SCALISE.

Mr. SCALISE. Thank you, Congressman MCCRERY. Thank you, Madam Speaker, Leader BOEHNER, the rest of the members of the Louisiana delegation and all of my new colleagues here in the House of Representatives.

It is truly an honor to serve in this distinguished body. I must thank so many people. But I have got to first thank God for helping to give me the strength to get here. I want to thank my family and my wife, Jennifer, who

is in the balcony with our beautiful daughter, Madison. It is also Jennifer's birthday today, so it is an even extra special day. I promise I will not sing here on the floor, maybe later. We do have a 13-month-old beautiful daughter, Madison.

My father is here with his wife, Maggie. I want to thank him and Maggie for coming. My sister, Tara, is here as well. And my brother, Glenn, could not be with us. I know my mom, Carol, is looking from above and smiling. And so many other friends and family, we have got a wonderful group of friends that are here with us today as well. And it is truly an honor. I want to thank the voters of the First Congressional District for giving me this honor.

While we have many challenges, while we are still recovering, I want to thank each of you for all the help you have given us in the recovery from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. There is still work to do, but the help you have given has really helped people start to get their lives back in order. I know our country faces many great challenges too, but our Founding Fathers created the greatest democracy in the history of the world when they created this system that we have, this House and Senate. In this building we have got the ability, the talent and the people to solve those problems. I look very forward to working with each and every one of you to help tackle those challenges.

Thanks again to the voters of the district and my family. God bless Louisiana, and God bless the United States of America.

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 to the gentleman from Louisiana, the whole number of the House is 434.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I reserve the right to object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. McNULTY). The gentleman from Georgia is recognized under his reservation.

Mr. KINGSTON. I thank the gentleman for recognizing me.

Reserving the right to object and I do possibly plan to object, because we are on the eve of passing the largest supplemental appropriations bill in the history of the United States House of Representatives. The history of supplemental bills actually goes back to the Second Congress, so it is not unusual to have a supplemental appropriation bill. It is just that over the years we have gotten, in recent years, out of the habit of offsetting these pieces of legislation.

Now traditionally they have been used for a war or for a sudden disaster

or for a health care crisis or something like that. But now we are on the verge of passing a large supplemental appropriation bill for things that aren't emergencies. This bill is not confined to emergencies.

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I would say to my friends on the other side of the aisle that I strongly believe that one reason that we are in—

Ms. CASTOR. Regular order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal which the Chair will put de novo.

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

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

Ms. CASTOR. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on approving the Journal will be followed by a 5-minute vote on suspending the rules and agreeing to House Resolution 1166.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 229, nays 184, answered “present” 1, not voting 19, as follows:

	[Roll No. 268]	YEAS—229
Abercrombie	Cohen	Gonzalez
Ackerman	Conyers	Goode
Allen	Cooper	Green, Al
Arcuri	Costa	Green, Gene
Baca	Costello	Grijalva
Baird	Courtney	Gutierrez
Baldwin	Cramer	Hall (NY)
Barrow	Crowley	Hare
Bean	Cuellar	Harman
Becerra	Cummings	Hastings (FL)
Berkley	Davis (AL)	Herseth Sandlin
Berman	Davis (CA)	Higgins
Berry	Davis (IL)	Hill
Biggert	Davis, Lincoln	Hinchey
Bilbrey	DeFazio	Hinojosa
Bishop (GA)	DeGette	Hirono
Blumenauer	Delahunt	Hodes
Boren	DeLauro	Holden
Boswell	Dent	Holt
Boucher	Diaz-Balart, L.	Honda
Boyd (FL)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hooley
Boyes (KS)	Dicks	Hoyer
Brady (PA)	Dingell	Inslee
Braley (IA)	Doggett	Israel
Brown, Corrine	Doyle	Jackson (IL)
Butterfield	Edwards	Jackson-Lee
Capps	Ellison	(TX)
Capuano	Emanuel	Jefferson
Cardoza	Engel	Johnson (GA)
Carnahan	Eshoo	Johnson (IL)
Carson	Etheridge	Johnson, E. B.
Castor	Farr	Kagen
Cazayoux	Fattah	Kanjorski
Chandler	Filner	Kaptur
Clarke	Foster	Kennedy
Clay	Frank (MA)	Kildee
Cleaver	Gerlach	Kilpatrick
Clyburn	Gillibrand	Kind

