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House of Representatives

This being the day fixed by Public Law 111-289, pursuant to the 20th amendment to the Constitution of the United States, for the meeting of the 112th Congress of the United States, the Representatives-elect met in their Hall, and at noon were called to order by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Hon. Lorraine C. Miller.

The Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin offered the following prayer:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful believers. Enkindle within them the fire of Divine Love; that they may be truly open to respond to Your Word and the needs of Your people.

Lord, send forth Your spirit and renew the face of the Earth. May the spirit of the living God descend upon this Chamber; that from here may come forth good news for the poor, healing for the broken-hearted, and renewed hope in the Nation. Let there go forth a proclamation to the people that captivity is ended, and the action of true politics will set this Nation free.

By setting single-minded self-interest aside in the search for the common good, may a just society flourish with the gifts of Your spirit and be recognized by others for its equal justice, unity, and peace.

Lord, may the 112th Congress of the United States of America be an instrument of Your goodness with abiding laws embraced and clarity in policy statements, reaching beyond institutional thinking and public opinion polls. May every human life in this country be renewed with dignity and purpose so we may truly glory in Your name as the free children of God made in Your image and conformed to Your saving grace, both now and forever.

Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The CLERK. The Representatives-elect and their guests will please remain standing and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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. As directed by law, the Clerk of the House has prepared the official roll of the Representatives-elect.

Certificates of election covering 435 seats in the 112th 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 accord with the laws of their respective States or of the United States will be called.

The Representatives-elect will record their presence by electronic device and their names will be reported in alphabetical order by State, beginning with the State of Alabama, to determine whether a quorum is present.

Representatives-elect will have a minimum of 15 minutes to record their presence by electronic device.

Representatives-elect who have not obtained their voting ID cards may do so now in the Speaker's lobby.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Representatives-elect responded to their names:

[Roll No. 1]

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—434

ALABAMA

Aderholt Brooks Sewell
Bachus Roby
Bonner Rogers

ALASKA

Young

ARIZONA

Flake Gosar Quayle
Franks Grijalva Schweikert
Giffords Pastor

ARKANSAS

Crawford Ross
Griffin Womack

Baca
Bass
Bilbray
Becerra
Berman
Bono Mack
Calvert
Campbell
Capps
Cardoza
Chu
Costa
Davis
Denham
Dreier
Eshoo
Farr
Filner
Gallegly

Coffman
DeGette
Gardner

Courtney
DeLauro

Adams
Billirakis
Brown
Buchanan
Castor
Crenshaw
Deutch
Diaz-Balart
Hastings

Barrow
Bishop
Broun
Gingrey
Graves

Hanabusa

Labrador

Biggert
Costello
Davis
Dold
Gutierrez

CALIFORNIA

Garamendi Nunes
Harman Pelosi
Herger Richardson
Honda Rohrabacher
Hunter Roybal-Allard
Issa Royce
Lee Sánchez, Linda
Lewis T.
Lofgren, Zoe Sánchez, Loretta
Lungren, Daniel Schiff
E. Sherman
Costa Matsui Speier
Davis McCarthy Stark
Denham McClintock Thompson
Dreier McKeon Waters
Eshoo McNeerney Waxman
Farr Miller, Gary Woolsey
Filner Miller, George
Gallegly Napolitano

COLORADO

Lamborn Tipton
Perlmutter
Polis

CONNECTICUT

Himes Murphy
Larson

DELAWARE

Carney

FLORIDA

Mack Southerland
Mica Stearns
Miller Wasserman
Nugent Schultz
Posey Webster
Rivera West
Rooney Wilson
Ros-Lehtinen Young
Ross

GEORGIA

Johnson Scott, David
Kingston Westmoreland
Lewis Woodall
Price
Scott, Austin

HAWAII

Hirono

IDAHO

Simpson

ILLINOIS

Hultgren Manzullo
Jackson Quigley
Johnson Roskam
Kinzinger
Lipinski

□ 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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Rush Schilling Shimkus
Schakowsky Schock Walsh

INDIANA

Bucshon Donnelly Stutzman
Burton Pence Visclosky
Carson Rokita Young

IOWA

Boswell King Loeb sack
Braley Latham

KANSAS

Huelskamp Pompeo
Jenkins Yoder

KENTUCKY

Chandler Guthrie Whitfield
Davis Rogers Yarmuth

LOUISIANA

Alexander Fleming Scalise
Boustany Landry
Cassidy Richmond

MAINE

Michaud Pingree

MARYLAND

Bartlett Harris Sarbanes
Cummins Hoyer Van Hollen
Edwards Ruppertsberger

MASSACHUSETTS

Capuano Markey Tierney
Frank McGovern Tsongas
Keating Neal
Lynch Oliver

MICHIGAN

Amash Dingell Miller
Benishek Huizenga Peters
Camp Kildee Rogers
Clarke Levin Upton
Conyers McCotter Walberg

MINNESOTA

Bachmann Kline Peterson
Cravaack McCollum Walz
Ellison Paulsen

MISSISSIPPI

Harper Palazzo
Nunnelee Thompson

MISSOURI

Akin Cleaver Hartzler
Carnahan Emerson Long
Clay Graves Luetkemeyer

MONTANA

Rehberg

NEBRASKA

Fortenberry Smith Terry

NEVADA

Berkley Heck Heller

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Bass Guinta

NEW JERSEY

Andrews LoBiondo Runyan
Frelinghuysen Pallone Sires
Garrett Pascrell Smith
Holt Payne
Lance Rothman

NEW MEXICO

Heinrich Luján Pearce

NEW YORK

Ackerman Higgins Owens
Bishop Hinchey Rangel
Buerkle Israel Reed
Clarke King Serrano
Crowley Lee Slaughter
Engel Lowey Tonko
Gibson Maloney Towns
Grimm McCarthy Velázquez
Hanna Meeks Weiner
Hayworth Nadler

NORTH CAROLINA

Butterfield Kissell Price
Coble McHenry Shuler
Ellmers McIntyre Watt
Foxy Miller
Jones Myrick

NORTH DAKOTA

Berg

OHIO

Austria Jordan Ryan
Boehner Kaptur Schmidt
Chabot Kucinich Stivers
Fudge LaTourrette Sutton
Gibbs Latta Tiberi
Johnson Renacci Turner

OKLAHOMA

Boren Lankford Sullivan
Cole Lucas

OREGON

Blumenauer Walden
Schrader Wu

PENNSYLVANIA

Altmire Fitzpatrick Pitts
Barletta Gerlach Platts
Brady Holden Schwartz
Critz Kelly Shuster
Dent Marino Meehan
Doyle Meehan Thompson
Fattah Murphy

RHODE ISLAND

Cicilline Langevin

SOUTH CAROLINA

Clyburn Gowdy Scott
Duncan Mulvaney Wilson

SOUTH DAKOTA

Noem

TENNESSEE

Black Cooper Fincher
Blackburn DesJarlais Fleischmann
Cohen Duncan Roe

TEXAS

Barton Gohmert Marchant
Brady Gonzalez McCaul
Burgess Granger Neugebauer
Canseco Green, Al Olson
Carter Green, Gene Paul
Conaway Hall Poe
Cuellar Hensarling Reyes
Culberson Hinojosa Sessions
Doggett Jackson Lee Smith
Farenthold Johnson, E. B. Thornberry
Flores Johnson, Sam

UTAH

Bishop Chaffetz Matheson

VERMONT

Welch

VIRGINIA

Cantor Griffith Scott
Connolly Hurt Wittman
Forbes Moran Wolf
Goodlatte Rigell

WASHINGTON

Dicks Larsen Reichert
Hastings McDermott Smith
Herrera Beutler
Inslee Rodgers

WEST VIRGINIA

Capito McKinley Rahall

WISCONSIN

Baldwin Moore Ryan
Duffy Petri Sensenbrenner
Kind Ribble

WYOMING

Lummis

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK

The CLERK. Credentials, regular in form, have been received showing the election of:

The Honorable PEDRO R. PIERLUISI as Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a term of 4 years beginning January 3, 2009;

The Honorable ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON as Delegate from the District of Columbia;

The Honorable MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO as Delegate from Guam;

The Honorable DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN as Delegate from the Virgin Islands;

The Honorable ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA as Delegate from American Samoa; and

The Honorable GREGORIO SABLAN as Delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The CLERK. Pursuant to law and precedent, the next order of business is the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 112th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HENSARLING).

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Clerk, every Congress represents a sacred responsibility to write a new and greater chapter in our Republic's history. Be it providence or destiny, a unique man of uniquely American values is now called to lead this effort.

At a time when far too many of our countrymen remain unemployed, a former small businessman will lead the House to pass policies to encourage job creation.

At a time when all agree our Nation is on an unsustainable fiscal course, a fiscal reformer will ensure that this House never mortgages the torch of liberty in order to pay our debts.

At a time when too many doubt that their children can enjoy a brighter future in our country, he has lived the American dream, and will protect it for our posterity like few others before him.

This proud son of Ohio—one of 12 children born into a working-class family—has waited tables, mopped floors, tended bar, worked construction, worked his way to a college degree at night school, led a thriving company. And through his faith, his hard work, his values, he is now poised to become the next Speaker of the House of Representatives. He knows firsthand that unlimited opportunity can only arise from limited constitutional government.

Madam Clerk, as chairman of the Republican Conference, I am directed by the unanimous vote of that conference to present for election to the Office of Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 112th Congress the name of the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, a Representative-elect from the State of Ohio.

□ 1234

The CLERK. The quorum call discloses that 434 Representatives-elect have responded to their name. A quorum is present.