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## House of Representatives

This being the day fixed by the 20th amendment to the Constitution of the United States, for the meeting of the 113th 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. Karen L. Haas.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We gather on this most significant day, when once again we celebrate the peaceful transition of democratic government. Though many return from the 112th Congress, this people's House is a new legislative assembly.

May the service of all the Members here gathered give You glory, and acquit well the charge entrusted to them by their fellow citizens.

Give each Member an abundance of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, that they might know best how to proceed in the work they have to do, as well as the courage to act once they have discerned where Your Spirit might lead them.

And may all that is done this day, and all the days of the 113th Congress, be for Your greater honor and glory.

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 113th Congress have been received by the Clerk of the House, and the names of those persons whose cre-

dentials 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"—429

### ALABAMA

Aderholt	Brooks	Sewell
Bachus	Roby	
Bonner	Rogers	

### ALASKA

Young

### ARIZONA

Barber	Grijalva	Salmon
Franks	Kirkpatrick	Schweikert
Gosar	Pastor	Sinema

### ARKANSAS

Cotton	Griffin
Crawford	Womack

### CALIFORNIA

Bass	Huffman	Peters
Becerra	Hunter	Rohrabacher
Bera	Issa	Roybal-Allard
Brownley	LaMalfa	Royce
Calvert	Lee	Ruiz
Campbell	Lofgren, Zoe	Sánchez, Linda
Capps	Lowenthal	T.
Cárdenas	Matsui	Sanchez, Loretta
Chu	McCarthy	Schiff
Cook	McClintock	Sherman
Costa	McKeon	Speier
Davis	McNerney	Swalwell
Denham	Miller, Gary	Takano
Eshoo	Miller, George	Thompson
Farr	Napolitano	Valadao
Garamendi	Negrete McLeod	Vargas
Hahn	Nunes	Waters
Honda	Pelosi	Waxman

### COLORADO

Coffman	Lamborn	Tipton
DeGette	Perlmutter	
Gardner	Pollis	

### CONNECTICUT

Courtney	Esty	Larson
DeLauro	Himes	

### DELAWARE

Carney

### FLORIDA

Bilirakis	Grayson	Ross
Brown	Hastings	Southerland
Buchanan	Mica	Wasserman
Castor	Miller	Schultz
Crenshaw	Murphy	Webster
DeSantis	Nugent	Wilson
Deutch	Posey	Yoho
Diaz-Balart	Radel	Young
Frankel	Rooney	
Garcia	Ros-Lehtinen	

### GEORGIA

Barrow	Graves	Scott, David
Bishop	Johnson	Westmoreland
Broun	Kingston	Woodall
Collins	Price	
Gingrey	Scott, Austin	

### HAWAII

Gabbard	Hanabusa
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### IDAHO

Labrador	Simpson
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### ILLINOIS

Bustos	Gutierrez	Schakowsky
Davis, Danny	Hultgren	Schneider
Davis, Rodney	Kinzinger	Schock
Duckworth	Quigley	Shimkus
Enyart	Roskam	
Foster	Rush	

### INDIANA

Brooks	Messer	Visclosky
Bucshon	Rokita	Walorski
Carson	Stutzman	Young

### IOWA

Braley	Latham
King	Loeb sack

### KANSAS

Huelskamp	Pompeo
Jenkins	Yoder

### KENTUCKY

Barr	Massie	Whitfield
Guthrie	Rogers	Yarmuth

□ 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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LOUISIANA  
Alexander Cassidy Richmond Bonamici Schrader  
Boustany Fleming Scalise DeFazio Walden

MAINE  
Michaud Pingree

MARYLAND  
Cummings Harris Sarbanes  
Delaney Hoyer Van Hollen  
Edwards Ruppersberger

MASSACHUSETTS  
Capuano Lynch Neal  
Keating Markey Tierney  
Kennedy McGovern Tsongas

MICHIGAN  
Amash Dingell Peters  
Benishek Huizenga Rogers  
Bentivolio Kildee Upton  
Camp Levin Walberg  
Conyers Miller

MINNESOTA  
Bachmann McCollum Peterson  
Ellison Nolan Walz  
Kline Paulsen

MISSISSIPPI  
Harper Palazzo  
Nunnelee Thompson

MISSOURI  
Clay Graves Luetkemeyer  
Cleaver Hartzler Wagner  
Emerson Long

MONTANA  
Daines

NEBRASKA  
Fortenberry Smith Terry

NEVADA  
Amodei Horsford  
Heck Titus

NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Kuster Shea-Porter

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

NEW MEXICO  
Lujan Grisham Luján, Ben Ray Pearce

NEW YORK  
Bishop Jeffries Nadler  
Clarke King Owens  
Collins Lowey Rangel  
Crowley Maffei Reed  
Engel Maloney, Serrano  
Gibson Carolyn Slaughter  
Grimm Maloney, Sean  
Hanna McCarthy Tonko  
Higgins Meeks Velázquez  
Israel Meng

NORTH CAROLINA  
Butterfield Hudson Pittenger  
Coble Jones Price  
Ellmers McHenry Watt  
Foxx McIntyre  
Holding Meadows

NORTH DAKOTA  
Cramer

OHIO  
Beatty Jordan Stivers  
Boehner Joyce Tiberi  
Chabot Kaptur Turner  
Fudge Latta Wenstrup  
Gibbs Renacci  
Johnson Ryan

OKLAHOMA  
Bridenstine Lankford Mullin  
Cole Lucas

OREGON  
Schrader  
Walden

PENNSYLVANIA  
Barletta  
Brady  
Cartwright  
Dent  
Doyle  
Fattah

RHODE ISLAND  
Cicilline Langevin

SOUTH CAROLINA  
Clyburn Gowdy Rice  
Duncan Mulvaney Wilson

SOUTH DAKOTA  
Noem

TENNESSEE  
Cooper Fincher  
DesJarlais Fleischmann  
Duncan Roe

TEXAS  
Barton Gohmert Neugebauer  
Brady Granger Olson  
Burgess Green, Al O'Rourke  
Carter Green, Gene Poe  
Castro Hall Sessions  
Conaway Hensarling Smith  
Cuellar Hinojosa Stockman  
Culberson Jackson Lee Thornberry  
Doggett Johnson, E. B. Veasey  
Farenthold Marchant Vela  
Flores Marchant Weber  
Gallego McCaul Williams

UTAH  
Bishop Matheson  
Chaffetz Stewart

VERMONT  
Welch

VIRGINIA  
Cantor Griffith Scott  
Connolly Hurt Wittman  
Forbes Moran Wolf  
Goodlatte Rigell

WASHINGTON  
DelBene Kilmer McMorris  
Hastings Larsen Rodgers  
Heck McDermott Reichert  
Herrera Beutler Smith

WEST VIRGINIA  
Capito McKinley Rahall

WISCONSIN  
Duffy Petri Ryan  
Kind Pocan Sensenbrenner  
Moore Ribble

WYOMING  
Lummis

□ 1224

The CLERK. Four hundred twenty-nine Representatives-elect have recorded their presence. A quorum is present.

#### 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, 2013;

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.

The Clerk is in receipt of letters from the Honorable Jesse L. Jackson, Jr., of Illinois and the Honorable TIM SCOTT of South Carolina indicating that they will not serve in the House in the 113th Congress. Without objection, the letters will be placed in the RECORD.

DECEMBER 13, 2012.

DEAR MADAM CLERK, I am aware that you have received a certificate for my election as Representative of the Second Congressional District of the State of Illinois in the 113th Congress. This letter serves to notify you that I do not intend to serve in the 113th Congress.

Sincerely,

JESSE JACKSON, JR.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, December 30, 2012.

HON. JOHN BOEHNER,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER, I am writing to inform you that I have notified the Governor of South Carolina of my resignation from the U.S. House of Representatives effective January 2, 2013. A copy of that letter is attached. I do not intend to take the office of Representative for the First Congressional District of South Carolina in the 113th Congress.

It has truly been an honor to serve the First District of South Carolina, and I look forward to continuing that service in my new role as United States Senator. I have enjoyed working with you, Majority Leader Cantor, and all of our colleagues in the House, and wish you the best of luck in the future.

Sincerely,

TIM SCOTT,  
*Member of Congress.*

□ 1230

#### 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 113th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

The Clerk recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington (Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS).

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Clerk, the 113th Congress gives us a chance to try once again to make a better America than the one we inherited from our parents—and from the 112 Congresses that came before us. That is the hope of every Member here, on both sides of the aisle: to restore this land of freedom and opportunity for our families and our children.

Our task is not an easy one. There are deep divisions, but there's one person I have turned to time and again to help point the way forward. He is one of 12 children born into a working-class family in Ohio, a man who waited tables, mopped floors, tended bar, and