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House of Representatives

This being the day fixed by Public Law 113-201, pursuant to the 20th amendment to the Constitution of the United States, for the meeting of the 114th 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 113th 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 been given 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 114th 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 114th 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.

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"—401

ALABAMA

Aderholt
Brooks
Byrne

Palmer
Roby
Rogers

Sewell

ARIZONA

Franks
Gallego
Gosar

Grijalva
Kirkpatrick
McSally

Salmon
Schweikert
Sinema

ARKANSAS

Crawford
Hill

Westerman
Womack

CALIFORNIA

Aguilar
Bass
Becerra
Bera
Brownley
Calvert
Capps
Cárdenas
Chu
Cook
Davis
Denham
DeSaulnier
Eshoo
Farr
Garamendi
Hahn
Honda

Huffman
Hunter
Issa
Knight
LaMalfa
Lee
Lieu
Lofgren
Lowenthal
Matsui
McCarthy
McClintock
McNerney
Napolitano
Nunes
Pelosi
Peters
Rohrabacher

Roybal-Allard
Royce
Ruiz
Sánchez, Linda
T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Schiff
Sherman
Speier
Swalwell
Takano
Thompson
Torres
Valadao
Vargas
Walters, Mimi

Buck
Coffman
DeGette

Courtney
DeLauro

Bilirakis
Brown
Buchanan
Castor
Clawson
Curbelo
DeSantis
Deutch
Diaz-Balart

Allen
Bishop
Carter
Collins
Graves

Gabbard

Labrador

Bost
Bustos
Davis, Danny
Davis, Rodney
Dold
Foster

Brooks
Bucshon
Carson

Blum
Loeb sack

Huelskamp
Jenkins

Barr
Guthrie

COLORADO

Lamborn
Perlmutter
Polis

CONNECTICUT

Esty
Himes
Larson

DELAWARE

Carney

FLORIDA

Frankel
Graham
Hastings
Jolly
Miller
Murphy
Nugent
Posey
Rooney

GEORGIA

Hice
Johnson
Lewis
Loudermilk
Price

Scott, Austin
Westmoreland
Woodall

HAWAII

Takai

IDAHO

Simpson

ILLINOIS

Hultgren
Kelly
Kinzinger
Lipinski
Quigley
Roskam

Rush
Schakowsky
Schock
Shimkus

INDIANA

Messer
Rokita
Stutzman

Visclosky
Walorski
Young

IOWA

King
Young

KANSAS

Pompeo
Yoder

KENTUCKY

Massie
Rogers

Whitfield
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
Abraham Fleming Richmond
Boustany Graves Scalise

MAINE
Pingree Poliquin Clyburn
Duncan

MARYLAND
Cummings Harris Sarbanes
Delaney Hoyer Van Hollen
Edwards Ruppberger

MASSACHUSETTS
Capuano Kennedy Moulton
Clark Lynch Neal
Keating McGovern Tsongas

MICHIGAN
Amash Huizenga Moolenaar
Benishek Kildee Trott
Bishop Lawrence Upton
Conyers Levin Walberg
Dingell Miller

MINNESOTA
Emmer McCollum Peterson
Kline Paulsen Walz

MISSISSIPPI
Harper Palazzo Thompson

MISSOURI
Clay Hartzler Smith
Cleaver Long Wagner
Graves Luetkemeyer

MONTANA
Zinke

NEBRASKA
Ashford Fortenberry Smith

NEVADA
Amodiei Heck
Hardy Titus

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Guinta Kuster

NEW JERSEY
Frelinghuysen MacArthur Payne
Garrett Norcross Sires
Lance Pallone Smith
LoBiondo Pascrell Watson Coleman

NEW MEXICO
Lujan Grisham Luján, Ben Ray Pearce

NEW YORK
Collins King Slaughter
Gibson Reed Stefanik
Jeffries Rice Zeldin
Katko Serrano

NORTH CAROLINA
Adams Holding Meadows
Butterfield Hudson Pittenger
Ellmers Jones Rouzer
Foxy McHenry Walker

NORTH DAKOTA
Cramer

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

OKLAHOMA
Bridenstine Lucas Russell
Cole Mullin

OREGON
Blumenauer DeFazio Walden
Bonamici Schrader

PENNSYLVANIA
Barletta Doyle Murphy
Boyle Fattah Perry
Brady Fitzpatrick Pitts
Cartwright Kelly Rothfus
Costello Marino Shuster
Dent Meehan Thompson

RHODE ISLAND

Langevin

SOUTH CAROLINA

Clyburn Mulvaney
Duncan Rice Wilson

SOUTH DAKOTA

Noem

TENNESSEE

Cooper Fincher
DesJarlais Fleischmann
Duncan Roe

TEXAS

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

UTAH

Bishop Love
Chaffetz Stewart

VIRGINIA

Beyer Forbes Rigell
Brat Goodlatte Scott
Comstock Griffith Wittman
Connolly Hurt

WASHINGTON

DelBene Larsen Newhouse
Heck McDermott Reichert
Herrera Beutler McMorris Smith
Kilmer Rodgers

WEST VIRGINIA

Jenkins McKinley Mooney

WISCONSIN

Duffy Moore Ryan
Grothman Pocan Sensenbrenner
Kind Ribble

WYOMING

Lummis

□ 1236

The CLERK. Four hundred and one 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 STACEY E. PLASKETT as Delegate from the Virgin Islands;

The Honorable AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN as Delegate from American Samoa; and

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

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The CLERK. The Clerk is in receipt of a letter from the Honorable MICHAEL

G. GRIMM of New York indicating that he will not serve in the House in the 114th Congress.

Without objection, the letters relating to his resignation will be printed in the RECORD.

There was no objection.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, January 2, 2015.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,

Speaker, House of Representatives, The Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER: I am writing to inform you that I have notified Cesar Perales, Secretary of State of the State of New York of my resignation from the U.S. House of Representatives effective January 5, 2015. A copy of that letter is attached.

I do not intend to take the oath of office of Representative for the Eleventh District of New York in the 114th Congress.

It has been a tremendous honor to represent the Eleventh Congressional District of New York. This decision is made with a heavy heart, as I have enjoyed a very special relationship and closeness with my constituents, whom I care about deeply, it is now time for me to start the next chapter of my life.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the hardworking families of Staten Island and Brooklyn, and I am sincerely grateful for the love and support that I have received from so many over the past few difficult months. I have seen first-hand how extraordinary the people of this District are—their values, their love of community, and their care for each other in the best and worst of times—it is humbling. I am grateful, and I will always keep them in my prayers.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL GRIMM,
Member of Congress,
Eleventh District of New York.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, January 2, 2015.

CESAR PERALES,

Secretary of State, State of New York, Albany,
NY.

DEAR SECRETARY PERALES: I am writing to resign my position as United States Representative from the Eleventh Congressional District of New York, effective January 5, 2015. It has been a tremendous honor to represent the Eleventh Congressional District.

This decision is made with a heavy heart, as I have enjoyed a very special relationship and closeness with my constituents, whom I care about deeply, it is now time for me to start the next chapter of my life.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the hardworking families of Staten Island and Brooklyn, and I am sincerely grateful for the love and support that I have received from so many over the past few difficult months. I have seen first-hand how extraordinary the people of this District are—their values, their love of community, and their care for each other in the best and worst of times—it is humbling. I am grateful, and I will always keep them in my prayers.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL GRIMM,
Member of Congress,
Eleventh District of New York.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The CLERK. Pursuant to law and precedent, the next order of business is the election of the Speaker of the