

Schrader	Speier	Vargas
Schrier	Stanton	Veasey
Scott (VA)	Stevens	Vela
Scott, David	Suozzi	Velázquez
Serrano	Swalwell (CA)	Visclosky
Sewell (AL)	Takano	Wasserman
Shalala	Thompson (CA)	Schultz
Sherman	Titus	Waters
Sherrill	Tlaib	Watson Coleman
Sires	Tonko	Welch
Slotkin	Torres (CA)	Weston
Smith (WA)	Trahan	Wild
Soto	Trone	Yarmuth
Spanberger	Underwood	

NOT VOTING—15

Abraham	Gabbard	Roby
Arrington	Gonzalez (TX)	Ryan
Clyburn	LaMalfa	Thompson (MS)
Cummings	Mast	Webster (FL)
DeSaulnier	McEachin	Wilson (FL)

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Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. LUJAN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Messrs. DEFAZIO, DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, PRICE of North Carolina, NEAL, HIMES, HUFFMAN, YARMUTH, MOULTON, Ms. OMAR, Messrs. WELCH, QUIGLEY, and Ms. SPEIER changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. HARRIS, ROUZER, and STEWART changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to instruct was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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, September 12, 2019.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a scanned copy of a letter received from Katelyn Love, General Counsel, North Carolina State Board of Elections, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held September 10, 2019, the Honorable Dan Bishop was elected Representative to Congress for the Ninth Congressional District, State of North Carolina.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

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NORTH CAROLINA
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,
Raleigh, NC, September 12, 2019.

Hon. CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
*Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR MS. JOHNSON: This is to advise you that current unofficial election night results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, for a Representative in Congress from the Ninth Congressional District of North Carolina, show that Dan Bishop received 96,081 or 50.74% of the votes cast for that office.

While vote counting at the precinct and of approved absentee ballots occurs immediately after the polls close, provisional offi-

cial ballots and absentee ballots received on or after Election Day, September 10, 2019, are still being counted. See N.C.G.S. 163A-1169(a), 163A-1310, 163A-1344, 163A-1346. Civilian and UOCAVA absentee ballots shall be counted if received by 5:00 pm on Friday, September 13, 2019 and all other requirements are met.

The county canvasses will occur on Monday, September 16, 2019. Prior to canvass, county boards of elections complete sample audit counts of a statistically significant sample in each county. The purpose of the audit is to provide for a sample hand-to-eye count of ballots in each county to ensure equipment used to count votes during the election worked properly.

Any protest concerning the conduct of the election must be filed with the county board of elections by 5:00 pm on Thursday, September 18, 2019. See N.C.G.S. 163A-1177. To the best of my knowledge and belief as of the date of this letter, no protest has been filed.

The State Board will hold its canvass on Tuesday, October 1, 2019. State and county board staff complete additional post-election audits prior to this date. After the State canvass of votes for the Ninth Congressional District of North Carolina has been completed, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

KATELYN LOVE,
General Counsel.

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DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a scanned copy of a letter received from Katelyn Love, General Counsel, North Carolina State Board of Elections, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held September 10, 2019, the Honorable Greg Murphy was elected Representative to Congress for the Third Congressional District, State of North Carolina.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

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NORTH CAROLINA
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,
Raleigh, NC, September 12, 2019.

Hon. CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
*Clerk, House of Representatives,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MS. JOHNSON: This is to advise you that current unofficial election night results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, for a Representative in Congress from the Third Congressional District of North Carolina, show that Greg Murphy received 70,142 or 61.74% of the votes cast for that office.

While vote counting at the precinct and of approved absentee ballots occurs immediately after the polls close, provisional official ballots and absentee ballots received on or after Election Day, September 10, 2019, are still being counted. See N.C.G.S. 163A-1169(a), 163A-1310, 163A-1344, 163A-1346. Due to Hurricane Dorian, the deadline to receive absentee ballots was extended. Civilian absentee ballots delivered by mail or commer-

cial courier service shall be counted if post-marked by Election Day and received by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 18, 2019. UOCAVA absentee ballots shall be counted if received by 5:00 pm Thursday, September 19, 2019.

The county canvasses will occur on Friday, September 20, 2019. Prior to canvass, county boards of elections complete sample audit counts of a statistically significant sample in each county. The purpose of the audit is to provide for a sample hand-to-eye count of ballots in each county to ensure equipment used to count votes during the election worked properly.

Any protest concerning the conduct of the election must be filed with the county board of elections by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, September 24, 2019. See N.C.G.S. 163A-1177. To the best of my knowledge and belief as of the date of this letter, no protest has been filed.

The State Board will hold its canvass on Tuesday, October 1, 2019. State and county board staff complete additional post-election audits prior to this date. After the State canvass of votes for the Third Congressional District of North Carolina has been completed, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

KATELYN LOVE,
General Counsel.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE DAN BISHOP, OF NORTH CAROLINA, AND THE HONORABLE GREG MURPHY, OF NORTH CAROLINA, AS MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentlemen from North Carolina, the Honorable Dan Bishop and the Honorable Greg Murphy, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

Their certificates of election have not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to their elections.

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

There was no objection.

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS-ELECT

The SPEAKER. Will the Representatives-elect please present themselves in the well.

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina and Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina 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 116th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE DAN BISHOP OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE HONORABLE GREG MURPHY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE) is recognized for 1 minute. There was no objection.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, as dean of the North Carolina delegation, it is my privilege to introduce our two newest colleagues, Representatives GREG MURPHY and DAN BISHOP.

Representative MURPHY was born in Raleigh, our capital city, before attending Davidson College and UNC Medical School. He is a urologist by training, and he has served in the North Carolina House of Representatives since 2015, focusing on healthcare policy.

Representative BISHOP was born in Charlotte and also graduated from the University of North Carolina as an undergraduate and from the law school. He has an extensive record of public service in North Carolina, initially elected as a commissioner in Mecklenburg County in 2005 before serving in both the North Carolina House and Senate.

Madam Speaker, I want to welcome both of these new Members to the people's House. They are experienced legislators who have traveled long and sometimes unexpected paths to get here, and they both face special challenges. The Ninth District has been without a House Member for 257 days following evidence of election fraud in the 2018 election. The Third District was represented by one of the most independent-minded and well-liked Members of this institution, our friend, the late Walter Jones, Jr.

Madam Speaker, our new Members had hard-fought campaigns, and the people of North Carolina have spoken. On behalf of our entire delegation and this entire body, I want to welcome them to the House of Representatives.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX), who is the senior Republican in our delegation.

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I want to thank Congressman PRICE for his very kind comments and associate myself with them.

I want to welcome our new Members, and I want to thank all of the Members here in advance for helping them feel welcomed to this wonderful body and for helping them get adjusted in a hurry to their work here.

Former Speaker Boehner always said that the North Carolina delegation punched above its weight. I want to say that, with the addition of these two wonderful Members, we are going to continue that tradition of punching above our weight and bring to the people's House a wealth of experience and a commitment to helping all of the people of the United States of America.

So I want to welcome, again, Representative BISHOP and Representative MURPHY to the people's House and say: God bless you, and may God continue to bless all of us.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BISHOP).

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am grateful for Representative PRICE, Representative FOXX, members of the North Carolina delegation, and for all Members.

I want to say, just briefly, there is a cute, short blonde in that gallery up there. Her name is Jo Bishop, and I love her more than anything in the world. Right next to her is our only son, Jack, who needs to get back to North Carolina State University and do well in that test tomorrow.

I thank my family members—my sisters, Mary Ann and Cecelia—and the large group of our supporters for their support. I am grateful for the voters of the Ninth District and for all the Members.

Madam Speaker, I know that you and all the Members continue to feel this every day when you walk on this floor, the majesty of this place, what it represents and the history made here. It is an overwhelming experience.

Madam Speaker, I look forward to getting to know all the Members and working together with you to make commonsense solutions to make the lives of Americans better.

God bless you all.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MURPHY).

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I thank all the Members of the North Carolina delegation for making me feel so much at home. I thank all the Members for the warm welcome.

Just a moment of thanks:

I would like to thank my God for giving me the opportunity of life and the ability to experience all the great wonders that He has given us.

I thank this country for the freedom it has given me as an individual and how much I can enjoy that freedom.

I thank most of all, here in the room, my wonderful wife, Wendy, who has been with me side by side for all these elections. She followed me through medical school, through surgical residency, and through the maze of raising three wonderful children. I love her with all my heart.

I thank her parents, Gary and Carol Simes, who have supported me all the way; my cousins, Frank Wood and Betsy Wood; and all the clan who have come from eastern North Carolina and even from Davidson College to support me.

I thank the people of eastern North Carolina for bringing me here, and I thank, especially, one particular member of my campaign team, Lynda Blount, who could not be here tonight. She is with us in heart and spirit, and we love her very, very much.

I also want to thank Congressman Walter Jones. Walter was a friend of mine, and he was a mentor. I know he was beloved by this institution, and I would not be here today without him.

So, Madam Speaker, I look forward to working with each and every one of you and getting to know each and every one of you so that we can continue to make this the greatest nation on Earth.

May God bless you all.

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 gentlemen from North Carolina, the whole number of the House is 435.

MOTION TO CLOSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON S. 1790, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 12 of rule XXII, I move that meetings of the conference between the House and the Senate on the bill (S. 1790) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, may be closed to the public at such times as classified national security information may be discussed, provided that any sitting Member of Congress shall be entitled to attend any meeting of the conference.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule XXII, the motion is not debatable, and the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 407, nays 4, not voting 23, as follows:

[Roll No. 532]

YEAS—407

Adams	Bishop (UT)	Carter (GA)
Aderholt	Blunt Rochester	Carter (TX)
Aguilar	Bonamici	Cartwright
Allen	Bost	Case
Allred	Boyle, Brendan	Casten (IL)
Amodei	F.	Castor (FL)
Armstrong	Brady	Castro (TX)
Arrington	Brindisi	Chabot
Axne	Brooks (AL)	Cheney
Babin	Brooks (IN)	Chu, Judy
Bacon	Brown (MD)	Cicilline
Baird	Brownley (CA)	Cisneros
Balderson	Buchanan	Clark (MA)
Banks	Buck	Clarke (NY)
Barr	Bucshon	Cleaver
Barragán	Budd	Cline
Bass	Burchett	Cloud
Beatty	Burgess	Cohen
Bera	Bustos	Cole
Bergman	Butterfield	Collins (GA)
Beyer	Byrne	Collins (NY)
Biggs	Calvert	Comer
Bilirakis	Carbajal	Conaway
Bishop (GA)	Cárdenas	Connolly
Bishop (NC)	Carson (IN)	Cook