

Gonzalez,	Lucas	Ruiz
Vicente	Luetkemeyer	Ruppersberger
Good (VA)	Luna	Rutherford
Gooden (TX)	Luttrell	Ryan
Gosar	Lynch	Salinas
Gottheimer	Magaziner	Sánchez
Granger	Malliotakis	Santos
Graves (LA)	Mann	Sarbanes
Graves (MO)	Manning	Scalise
Green (TN)	Massie	Scanlon
Green, Al (TX)	Mast	Schakowsky
Griffith	Matsui	Schiff
Grijalva	McBath	Schneider
Grothman	McCarthy	Scholten
Guest	McCaul	Schrier
Guthrie	McClain	Schweikert
Hageman	McClellan	Scott (VA)
Harder (CA)	McClintock	Scott, Austin
Harris	McCollum	Scott, David
Harshbarger	McCormick	Self
Hayes	McGarvey	Sessions
Hern	McGovern	Sewell
Higgins (LA)	McHenry	Sherrill
Higgins (NY)	Meeks	Simpson
Hill	Menendez	Slotkin
Himes	Meng	Smith (MO)
Hinson	Meuser	Smith (NE)
Horsford	Mfume	Smith (NJ)
Houchin	Miller (IL)	Smith (WA)
Houlahan	Miller (OH)	Smucker
Hoyer	Miller (WV)	Sorensen
Hoyle (OR)	Miller-Meeks	Soto
Hudson	Mills	Spartz
Huffman	Molinaro	Stansbury
Huizenga	Moolenaar	Stanton
Hunt	Moore (AL)	Staubert
Issa	Moore (UT)	Steel
Ivey	Moore (WI)	Stefanik
Jackson (IL)		Steil
Jackson (NC)		Moran
Jackson (TX)		Morelle
Jacobs		Moskowitz
James		Moulton
Jayapal		Mrvan
Jeffries		Murphy
Johnson (GA)		Nadler
Johnson (OH)		Napolitano
Johnson (SD)		Neal
Jordan		Neguse
Joyce (OH)		Nehls
Joyce (PA)		Newhouse
Kamlager-Dove		Nickel
Kaptur		Norcross
Kean (NJ)		Norman
Keating		Nunn (IA)
Kelly (IL)		Obernolte
Kelly (MS)		Ocasio-Cortez
Kelly (PA)		Ogles
Khanna		Omar
Kiggans (VA)		Owens
Kildee		Pallone
Kiley		Palmer
Killmer		Panetta
Kim (CA)		Pappas
Kim (NJ)		Pascrell
Krishnamoorthi		Payne
Kuster		Peltola
Kustoff		Perez
LaHood		Perry
LaLota		Peters
LaMalfa		Pettersen
Lamborn		Pfleger
Langworthy		Pingree
Larsen (WA)		Pocan
Larson (CT)		Porter
Latta		Posey
LaTurner		Pressley
Lawler		Quigley
Lee (CA)		Ramirez
Lee (FL)		Raskin
Lee (NV)		Reschenthaler
Lee (PA)		Rodgers (WA)
Leger Fernandez		Rogers (AL)
Lesko		Rogers (KY)
Letlow		Rose
Levin		Rosendale
Lieu		Ross
Loudermilk		Rouzer
		Roy

## NOT VOTING—27

Banks	Greene (GA)	Phillips
Buchanan	Jackson Lee	Salazar
Bucshon	Landsman	Sherman
Chu	Lofgren	Spanberger
Cleaver	Mace	Swalwell
Crenshaw	Mooney	Thompson (CA)
Ezell	Mullin	Torres (NY)
Fallon	Pelosi	Williams (TX)
Garamendi	Pence	Wittman

□ 1857

Mr. COHEN and Mrs. FISCHBACH changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 643.

□ 1900

# 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, November 8, 2023.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter received from Mr. Gregg M. Amore, Secretary of State, State of Rhode Island, indicating that, according to the unofficial results for the Special Election held on November 7, 2023, the Honorable Gabriel Amo was elected for Representative to Congress for the First Congressional District of Rhode Island.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Acting Clerk.*

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE,  
November 8, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Acting Clerk,*  
*House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. MCCUMBER: Per your request, this communication is to advise you of the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 for Representative in Congress from the First Congressional district of Rhode Island. The unofficial results as of 3 p.m. on November 8, 2023 show that Gabriel Amo received 42,852 votes, 64.62% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Gabriel Amo was elected as Representative in Congress from the First Congressional District of Rhode Island.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by the State Board of Elections, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

GREGG M. AMORE,  
*Secretary of State.*

AMO, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

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 Rhode Island?

There was no objection.

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

All Members will rise and the Representative-elect will please raise his right hand.

Mr. AMO 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 118th Congress.

# WELCOMING THE HONORABLE GABE AMO TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. MAGAZINER) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, the people of Rhode Island's First Congressional District have elected a Representative with the character, the credentials, and the commitment to be an effective Member of this body from day one.

As one of the original 13 States, Rhode Island has been electing Representatives to the House since 1790. In those 233 years, Rhode Island has never sent an African American or any person of color to Congress until today, but GABE AMO will be the first to tell you, Mr. Speaker, that he did not come here to make history. He came here to make a difference.

He came to make a difference for working people like his parents, who immigrated to the United States from Ghana and Liberia. GABE's mother, Weady, is a nurse. His father, Gabriel, runs the family's liquor store. They came to America because they believe in the promise of this country.

They settled in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, a diverse, blue-collar city of brick mills and triple-decker houses where people value a hard day's work. This is where GABE AMO comes from.

He has chosen to devote his career to public service, working in the Rhode Island State House for then-Governor Gina Raimondo and in the White House for President Obama and President Biden.

# SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE GABE AMO, OF RHODE ISLAND, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Rhode Island, the Honorable GABE

By the way, a shout-out to the staffers who do not get enough credit in this town.

Mr. Speaker, can we have a round of applause for them, please.

Now in Congress, GABE is ready to fight for the America that inspired his parents all those years ago, an America where workers can get fair pay and benefits and the right to join a union like his mother did; an America where immigrants like GABE'S parents are welcomed to this country with kindness and not with cruelty; an America that stands with democracies and not dictators; an America where freedom means freedom for everybody, including women to make their own healthcare decisions and LGBTQ Americans to marry the person they love; and an America where we have the God-given right to choose our own leaders and not have the results challenged and denied by the losing side.

I have known GABE AMO since we were both teenagers, and I can tell you, Mr. Speaker, he has the values, the commitment to America, and a love for service that runs deep.

He is the right person to serve in this House at this moment, and it gives me great pleasure to introduce, for the first time as our colleague, the gentleman from Rhode Island, GABE AMO.

Mr. AMO. Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative MAGAZINER for the warm introduction. I thank Senators JACK REED and SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, who, alongside Representative MAGAZINER and I, make up our small but very mighty Rhode Island congressional delegation.

Of course, I am grateful for my predecessor, former Representative David Cicilline. I am grateful for his service to Rhode Island, and I look forward to our work together in both of our new roles.

To my family, friends, community leaders, and all those who have supported me along the way, I thank them. Of course, I thank the people of the First Congressional District and those across Rhode Island for giving me the opportunity to serve in the people's House.

Mr. Speaker, I want to tell you a story about Rhode Island. Reverend Mahlon Van Horne was elected to the Rhode Island General Assembly in 1885, making him the first Black person elected to serve in the State legislature. Just think, Mr. Speaker, Reverend Van Horne was elected as a Black man nearly two decades after the end of the Civil War.

In an 1887 sermon, the Reverend said: "I believe the day is coming, is not far off, when in the commonwealth of Rhode Island, the stomping ground of soul liberty will become the home of the free and the land of the truly brave—the home of the free, where fair play in all the walks of life will be accorded."

Those words are at top of mind for me today.

Reverend Van Horne's dream and the dreams of those who have called Rhode

Island home across generations allow me to stand before you today, Mr. Speaker.

While we have not arrived at our final destination in this project of our democracy, I am optimistic. As a Rhode Islander, it is easy for me. After all, our State motto is "Hope." It is hope that led my parents to come from West Africa, my dad from Ghana and my mom from Liberia, to pursue opportunity in the greatest country in the world.

Nevertheless, this is not just my story. It is a Rhode Island story, and it is an American story. That shared story is why today I am proud to be the Representative from Rhode Island's First Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, what is beautiful about hope is that it cares not about your race, your religion, your gender, or where your ancestors came from. This belief has inspired people who arrived in Rhode Island from Italy, Ireland, Portugal, France, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Colombia, Armenia, and, yes, countries in West Africa, and so many places in between.

I, of course, must acknowledge those whose family branches extend from the Native Tribes of our shores to the settlers who came for religious freedom to those who did not choose their journey because they were enslaved people but whose hope persisted nonetheless.

Together, and why I am here, is that we ensure our great hope for the future is met with profound action: action to protect and strengthen retirement security, support our seniors, create economic opportunity and good-paying jobs, secure reproductive freedom and keep politics out of the doctor's office, ensure the livability of our planet for our children and their grandchildren, ban assault weapons and end gun violence, and stand up to the threats facing our democracy.

So this hallowed space, this House floor, is where we have always had to work vigorously toward the promise of our Nation's highest ideals and aspirations, and I cannot wait to work on behalf of the people of the First Congressional District, everyone from Woonsocket to Newport, East Providence to Cumberland, Providence to Bristol, and, of course, the great city of Pawtucket.

I thank Rhode Island for putting its trust in me to bring our values of hard work, grit, determination, and resilience in the face of adversity all the way from the Ocean State to the Halls of the United States Congress. I will work hard for those people in Rhode Island and those people across this country every single day. I am grateful for this privilege.

#### 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 Rhode Island, the whole number of the House is 434.

JOHN GIBSON, DAN JAMES, WILLIAM SAPP, AND FRANKIE SMILEY VA CLINIC

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 593) to rename the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Hinesville, Georgia, as the "John Gibson, Dan James, William Sapp, and Frankie Smiley VA Clinic" on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 409, nays 0, answered "present" 1, not voting 23, as follows:

[Roll No. 644]

YEAS—409

Adams	Clark (MA)	Gaetz
Aderholt	Clarke (NY)	Gallagher
Aguilar	Cline	Gallego
Alford	Cloud	Garbarino
Allen	Clyburn	Garcia (IL)
Allred	Clyde	Garcia (TX)
Amo	Cohen	Garcia, Mike
Amodei	Cole	Garcia, Robert
Armstrong	Collins	Gimenez
Arrington	Comer	Golden (ME)
Auchincloss	Connolly	Goldman (NY)
Babin	Correa	Gomez
Bacon	Costa	Gonzales, Tony
Baird	Courtney	Gonzalez,
Balderson	Craig	Vicente
Balint	Crane	Good (VA)
Barr	Crawford	Gooden (TX)
Barragan	Crockett	Gosar
Bean (FL)	Crow	Gottheimer
Beatty	Cuellar	Granger
Bentz	Curtis	Graves (LA)
Bera	D'Esposito	Graves (MO)
Bergman	Davidson (KS)	Green (TN)
Beyer	Davidson	Green, Al (TX)
Bice	Davis (IL)	Greene (GA)
Biggs	Davis (NC)	Griffith
Bilirakis	De La Cruz	Grijalva
Bishop (GA)	Dean (PA)	Grothman
Bishop (NC)	DeGette	Guest
Blumenauer	DeLauro	Guthrie
Blunt Rochester	DelBene	Hageman
Boebert	Deluzio	Harder (CA)
Bonamici	DeSaulnier	Harris
Bost	DesJarlais	Harshbarger
Bowman	Diaz-Balart	Hayes
Boyle (PA)	Dingell	Hern
Brecheen	Doggett	Higgins (LA)
Brown	Donalds	Higgins (NY)
Brownley	Duarte	Hill
Buck	Duncan	Himes
Budzinski	Dunn (FL)	Hinson
Burchett	Edwards	Horsford
Burgess	Ellzey	Houchin
Burlison	Emmer	Houlahan
Bush	Escobar	Hoyer
Calvert	Eshoo	Hoyle (OR)
Cammack	Espallat	Hudson
Caraveo	Estes	Huffman
Carbajal	Evans	Huizenga
Cárdenas	Feenstra	Hunt
Carey	Ferguson	Issa
Carl	Finstad	Ivey
Carson	Fischbach	Jackson (IL)
Carter (GA)	Fitzgerald	Jackson (NC)
Carter (LA)	Fitzpatrick	Jackson (TX)
Carter (TX)	Fleischmann	Jacobs
Cartwright	Fletcher	James
Casar	Flood	Jayapal
Case	Foster	Jeffries
Casten	Foushee	Johnson (GA)
Castor (FL)	Fox	Johnson (OH)
Castro (TX)	Frankel, Lois	Johnson (SD)
Chavez-DeRemer	Franklin, Scott	Jordan
Cherfilus-	Frost	Joyce (OH)
McCormick	Fry	Joyce (PA)
Ciscomani	Fulcher	Kamlager-Dove