BEN CHANDLER follows in the seat held by a long list of national leaders, including our own Governor Ernie Fletcher. One of the greatest Speakers of this body held this seat, Henry Clay, twice Speaker, three-time candidate for President, Secretary of State, U.S. Senator, the Great Compromiser of pre-Civil War years; Kentucky's greatest national legislator, that is until recently, of course. In fact, Henry Clay made history very early in his congressional career. He was elected Speaker immediately upon being sworn in as a freshman from this very Kentucky district.

Mr. Speaker, I like BEN CHANDLER, but maybe you and I had better keep an eye on him.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. LUCAS), our colleague from Kentucky's Fourth District.

Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS). It is indeed a pleasure for me to welcome my colleague BEN CHANDLER here this evening.

BEN, it has been kind of lonely up here from Kentucky for us Democrats, and now we have doubled the amount of Democrats from Kentucky, and that is really great.

In Kentucky we are known for thoroughbred racing, and of course BEN comes from the heart of the thoroughbred country. And the success of thoroughbreds are based on bloodlines. If one has great bloodlines, they are successful in racing. And BEN comes here with great bloodlines.

And I am sure you are really going to be successful, and I am happy to share this moment with you and all your friends and your family, Jennifer and your three kids. It is great for you to be here, BEN. Thank you.

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply honored to welcome Kentucky's new Member of Congress from the Sixth District, Ben Chandler, and I am proud to present him at this time to the body.

MAIDEN SPEECH OF THE HONORABLE BEN CHANDLER AS NEWEST MEMBER OF 108TH CONGRESS

(Mr. CHANDLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, Members of this body, I thank you very, very much for this wonderful reception. It is obviously an unusual event because I won a special election. I think that lends itself to a more singular reception. But I do appreciate the attention very much.

This has been a whirlwind for me, and I can assure you that it is a tremendous honor to have the opportunity to serve with everyone here.

I am pleased to be a member of the Democratic Caucus. I am pleased to be a member of the Kentucky delegation. I am honored to represent my State that I think everyone here from Kentucky knows I am very proud of. I am also very pleased to have my wife Jennifer with me in the crowd and our three children, Lucie, Albert, and Branham, all of whom got to come down here since they are all under the age of 12. It is nice to have them here, too.

Nearly 65 years ago, my grandfather, whom Mr. ROGERS mentioned, entered this grand building much as I have today, thrust into office in the middle of a term. In October of 1939, when he came to this august place, our country stood at the brink of world war. Nazism, fascism, and tyranny threatened to destroy American security and the values that we all hold dear.

Today many of our families face not those same kinds of challenges, but challenges in many ways just as difficult and just as important, a new set of challenges, and I am very honored to have the opportunity to work with every one of you to face those challenges and hopefully to surmount them. I am very much looking forward to that.

I consider it a great privilege to represent not only the Commonwealth of Kentucky but the Sixth Congressional District in our Commonwealth, which includes the central part of our State, central Kentucky, which is the horse-racing capital of the world, the bluegrass region of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. And as was mentioned, it was represented by one of the most illustrious Members of this august body, Henry Clay, among many others, and it is truly an honor to have the opportunity to follow in his footsteps.

I want you to know that I am excited about this. I am really looking forward to being a contributing Member who brings good things to all of the people of this wonderful Nation of which we are a part. Thank you for the honor. Thank you for the privilege. Thank you for having me here today, and I am very much excited about getting to work.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to Representative CHANDLER, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 434.

SALT CEDAR AND RUSSIAN OLIVE CONTROL DEMONSTRATION ACT

The SPEAKER. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2707, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. PEARCE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2707, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 367, nays 40, not voting 26, as follows:

[Roll No. 26]

YEAS—367

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Aderholt
Alexander
Allen
Andrews
Baca
Bachus
Baird
Baker
Baldwin
Ballance
Ballenger
Barton (TX)
Bass
Beauprez
Becerra
Bell
Bereuter
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Biggert
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Bishop (UT)
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bonner
Bono
Boozman
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Bradley (NH)
Brady (PA)
Brown (OH)
Brown (SC)
Brown, Corrine
Brown-Waite, Ginny
Burgess
Burns
Burr
Burton (IN)
Buyer
Calvert
Camp
Cannon
Cantor
Capito
Capps
Capuano
Cardin
Cardoza
Carson (IN)
Carson (OK)
Carter
Case
Castle
Chabot
Chandler
Chocola
Clay
Clyburn
Cole
Cooper
Costello
Cox
Cramer
Crane
Crenshaw
Crowley
Cubin
Cummings
Cunningham
Davis (AL)
Davis (CA)
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (TN)
Davis, Tom
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
DeLay
DeMint
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart, L.
Diaz-Balart, M.
Dicks
Dingell
Dooley (CA)
Dreier
Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Emanuel
Emerson
English
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Farr
Fattah
Ferguson
Filner
Foley
Ford
Fossella
Frank (MA)
Frelinghuysen
Frost
Gallegly
Gerlach
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Goode
Goodlatte
Gordon
Goss
Granger
Graves
Green (TX)
Green (WI)
Grijalva
Gutierrez
Gutknecht
Hall
Harman
Harris
Hart
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Hensarling
Hill
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoeffel
Hoekstra
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Hooley (OR)
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Hoyer
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Inslee
Isakson
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Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee (TX)
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Johnson (CT)
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Johnson, E. B.
Jones (OH)
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King (NY)
Kingston
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Kleczka
Kline
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaHood
Lampson
Langevin
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latham
LaTourette
Leach
Lee
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Lucas (KY)
Lucas (OK)
Lynch
Majette
Maloney
Manzullo
Markey
Marshall
Matheson
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McCotter
McCrery
McDermott
McGovern
McHugh
McInnis
McIntyre
McKeon
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Menendez
Mica
Michaud
Millender-McDonald
Miller (MI)
Miller (NC)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Mollohan
Moore
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Murphy
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal (MA)
Nethercutt
Neugebauer
Ney
Northup
Nunes
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Osborne
Otter
Owens
Oxley
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor
Payne
Pearce
Pelosi
Pence
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Pickering
Pitts
Pombo
Pomeroy
Porter
Portman
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Putnam
Quinn
Radanovich