Vucanovich	Weldon	Young (FL)
Walker	Wolf	Zeliff
Walsh	Young (AK)	Zimmer

ANSWERED ''PRESENT''—2

Foley Michel

NOT VOTING—1

Applegate

¶1.6 The roll having been completed, the Clerk announced that the tellers had reached an agreement that the total number of votes cast were 431 of which number Mr. THOMAS S. FOLEY received 255; Mr. ROBERT H. MICHEL received 174. Mr. THOMAS S. FOLEY, of Washington, having received 255 votes, being the largest number cast for any Member-elect and a majority of the whole number of votes cast, was declared by the Clerk to have been duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 103rd Congress.

The Clerk announced the appointment of Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. MICHEL, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. DICKS, and Ms. DUNN to escort the Speaker to the Chair.

The SPEAKER was escorted to the Chair by said committee and, following an introduction by Mr. MICHEL, addressed the House as follows:

''Thank you very much, BOB MICHEL, and my thanks to this House for the honor of being allowed again to be Speaker in this coming Congress.

''All of us, I think, share a sense of great respect for the distinguished Republican leader, BOB MICHEL, who has throughout his entire service reflected the best traditions of this House and has provided an example of patriotism, decency, and reasonable leadership in every year in which he has served. I deem it one of the great honors of my opportunity to be Speaker to serve again with the distinguished Republican leader, BOB MICHEL.

''My first thoughts are those of gratitude and appreciation to the 600,000 constituents from eastern Washington who I have the honor to represent.

''I think all of us share the view that the greatest honor that can come to us in our political careers and lifetimes is the opportunity to serve our fellow citizens as Representatives in Congress, the title we proudly hold in this body.

''That does not diminish my great appreciation to each of you, to my wife, and to all who have served with me over these years and made it possible for me to stand before you today.

''We are beginning a historic new Congress. As BOB MICHEL noted, we have a greater percentage of new Members than at any time since the end of World War II; 25 percent of our number are new to this body. They represent a better and more reflective representation of this country, of the peoples across this great Nation, than any other Congress in our history.

''We can initially be very proud of that; but we also have a concern, all of us, I think, that the American people have signaled their impatience with the pace of reform and change that they expect this Congress to advance in the coming years. There is an impatience that we have not moved fast enough or effectively enough to deal with the national deficit; to deal with the fairness, advancement and growth of our economic system; to deal with the problems of our health system that still denies to millions of Americans adequate and affordable care, to provide educational opportunity for all of our citizens, to build our physical infrastructure, to reduce crime; and to attack the problems of drugs and other social ills.

''This Congress will have a great challenge and a great opportunity in seeking to restore the confidence of the American people in the legislative branch and in its association with the new President, Bill Clinton.

''We will have a new President but may I say with honesty and sincerity that I had and have great respect for the President of the United States, George Bush, and that I have sought in the time I have been Speaker to work with the President to advance the interests of our Nation.

''As he leaves office, I think President Bush carries with him the great respect and gratitude of the American people.

''As we welcome the new President, who has gone before the country with an agenda of change, with a program of dealing with the problems and ills of the Nation, we owe him, all of us, our best efforts and support.

''During a meeting not too long ago with the joint bipartisan leadership, President-elect Clinton said that he wished to be a good partner with the Congress in dealing with all of the challenges that lay ahead. I responded, on your behalf, that the Congress would be a good partner with him in all of these efforts.

''We have an opportunity, we have a challenge, and we are under the close scrutiny of the American people who, 2 years hence, will have their own opportunity to make their judgment on each one of us and on the work of this Congress.

''Above me inscribed on the wall of this Chamber are the words of Webster. They may not be easy to read from where you are sitting, so permit me to read them to you.

''The inscription says:

> Let us develop the resources of our land, call forth its great powers, build up its institutions, promote all of its great interests, and see whether we also, in our time and generation, may not perform something worthy to be remembered.

''Let us, all of us, pledge today that when this Congress comes to an end 2 years hence we may all proudly say that we have done something worthy to be remembered.''.

¶1.7 OATH OF OFFICE—SPEAKER

At the request of the Speaker the oath of office was then administered to him by Mr. WHITTEN, dean of the House.

¶1.8 OATH OF OFFICE—MEMBERS-ELECT, DELEGATES-ELECT, RESIDENT COMMISSIONER

The SPEAKER said: ''According to precedent, the Chair will swear in all Members of the House at this time. If the Members will rise, the Chair will now administer the oath of office.''

The Members-elect, Delegates-elect and Resident Commissioner, then rose in their places and took the oath of office prescribed by law.

¶1.9 SELECTION OF MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

Mr. HOYER notified the House of the selection of the Democratic Caucus of Mr. GEPHARDT as majority leader.

Mr. ARMEY notified the House of the selection by the Republican Conference of Mr. MICHEL as minority leader.

¶1.10 SELECTION OF MAJORITY AND MINORITY WHIPS

Mr. HOYER notified the House of the selection of Mr. BONIOR as majority whip.

Mr. ARMEY notified the House of the selection of Mr. GINGRICH as minority whip.

¶1.11 ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTION

Mr. HOYER submitted the following privileged resolution (H. Res. 1):

> *Resolved*, That Donnald K. Anderson, of the State of California, be, and he is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives;
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> That Werner W. Brandt, of the Commonwealth of Virginia, be, and he is hereby, chosen Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives;
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> That James T. Molloy, of the State of New York, be, and he is hereby, chosen Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives; and
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> That Reverend James David Ford, of the Commonwealth of Virginia, be, and he is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

When said resolution was considered.

Mr. ARMEY demanded that the resolution be divided for a separate vote on the nominee for Chaplain of the House.

The resolution was divided.

The Reverend James David Ford of the Commonwealth of Virginia was elected Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

Mr. ARMEY then submitted the following substitute for the remainder of the resolution:

> That William R. Pitts, Jr., of the Commonwealth of Virginia, be, and he is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives;
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> That Walter P. Kennedy, of the State of New Jersey, be, and he is hereby, chosen Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives; and
>
> That Ronald W. Lasch, of the Commonwealth of Virginia, be, and he is hereby, chosen Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives.

The substitute was not agreed to.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House agree to the remainder of said resolution?

The SPEAKER announced that the yeas had it.

So the remainder of said resolution was agreed to.

Whereupon, Donnald K. Anderson, Clerk; Werner W. Brandt, Sergeant at