

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 Donald K. Anderson, of the State of California, be, and he is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives;

That Werner W. Brandt, of the Commonwealth of Virginia, be, and he is hereby, chosen Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives;

That James T. Molloy, of the State of New York, be, and he is hereby, chosen Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives; and

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;

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, Donald K. Anderson, Clerk; Werner W. Brandt, Sergeant at

Arms; James T. Molloy, Doorkeeper; and the Reverend James David Ford, Chaplain; presented themselves at the bar of the House and took the oath of office prescribed by law.

1.12 NOTIFICATION OF THE SENATE OF ORGANIZATION OF THE HOUSE

Mr. GEPHARDT submitted the following privileged resolution, which was considered and agreed to (H. Res. 2):

Resolved, That the Senate be informed that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled; that Thomas S. Foley, a Representative from the State of Washington, has been elected Speaker; and Donald K. Anderson, a citizen of the State of California, has been elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Third Congress.

1.13 COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CONGRESS

Mr. GEPHARDT submitted the following privileged resolution, which was considered and agreed to (H. Res. 3):

Resolved, That a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

The SPEAKER, pursuant to the foregoing resolution, announced the appointment of Messrs. GEPHARDT and MICHEL as members of the committee on the part of the House to join a like committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has been assembled and that the Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

1.14 NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT OF ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS

Mr. WHITTEN submitted the following resolution, which was considered and agreed to (H. Res. 4):

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to inform the President of the United States that the House of Representatives has elected Thomas S. Foley, a Representative from the State of Washington, Speaker; and Donald K. Anderson, a citizen of the State of California, Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Third Congress.

1.15 RULES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. GEPHARDT submitted the following privileged resolution (H. Res. 5):

Resolved, That the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Second Congress, including applicable provisions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Second Congress, are adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Third Congress, with the following amendments to the standing rules, to wit:

(1) In clause 5(a) of rule I, strike "negative, if he still doubts, or a count is required by at least one-fifth of a quorum, he shall name one or more from each side of the question to tell the Members in the affirmative and negative; which being reported, he shall rise and

state the decision. However, if" and insert in lieu thereof "negative. If".

(2) At the end of rule I add the following new clauses:

"11. There is established in the House of Representatives an office to be known as the Office of General Counsel for the purpose of providing legal assistance and representation to the House. Legal assistance and representation shall be provided without regard to political affiliation. The Office of General Counsel shall function pursuant to the direction of the Speaker, who shall consult with a Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group, which shall include the majority and minority leaderships. The Speaker shall appoint and set the annual rate of pay for employees of the Office of General Counsel.

"12. To suspend the business of the House for a short time when no question is pending before the House, the Speaker may declare a recess subject to the call of the Chair."

(3) After rule V, insert the following new rule VI:

"RULE VI.

"ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS.

"director of non-legislative and financial services

"1. (a) The Director of Non-legislative and Financial Services shall be appointed for a Congress by the Speaker, the majority leader, and the minority leader, acting jointly. The Director may be removed by the House or by the Speaker. The Director shall be paid at the same rate of basic pay as the elected officers of the House.

"(b) The Director of Non-legislative and Financial Services shall have extensive managerial and financial experience.

"(c) Subject to the policy direction and oversight of the Committee on House Administration, the Director shall have operational and financial responsibility for functions assigned by resolution of the House.

"(d) Subject to the policy direction and oversight of the Committee on House Administration, the Director shall develop employment standards that provide that all employment decisions for functions under the Director's supervision be made in accordance with the non-discrimination provisions of clause 9 of rule XLIII and of rule LI, without regard to political affiliation, and solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties involved. No adverse personnel action may be taken by the Director without cause.

"(e) All positions under the Director shall be subject to the provisions of the House Employees Position Classification Act.

"office of inspector general

"2. (a) There is established an Office of Inspector General.

"(b) The Inspector General shall be appointed for a Congress by the Speaker, the majority leader, and the minority leader, acting jointly.

"(c) Subject to the policy direction and oversight of the Committee on House Administration, the Inspector General shall be responsible only for—

"(1) conducting periodic audits of the financial functions under the Director of Non-legislative and Financial Services, Clerk, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Doorkeeper;

"(2) informing the Director or other officer who is the subject of an audit of the results of that audit and suggesting appropriate curative actions;

"(3) notifying the Speaker, the majority leader, the minority leader, and the chairman and ranking minority party member of the Committee on House Administration in the case of any financial irregularity discovered in the course of carrying out responsibilities under this rule; and

"(4) submitting to the Speaker, the majority leader, the minority leader, and the

chairman and ranking minority party member of the Committee on House Administration and to the Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight of the Committee on House Administration a report of each audit conducted under this rule.

"(d) The position of Inspector General, and all positions under the Inspector General, shall be subject to the provisions of the House Employees Position Classification Act."

(4) Amend rule IX to read as follows:

"QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE.

"1. Questions of privilege shall be, first, those affecting the rights of the House collectively, its safety, dignity, and the integrity of its proceedings; and second, those affecting the rights, reputation, and conduct of Members, individually, in their representative capacity only.

"2. (a)(1) A resolution reported as a question of the privileges of the House, or offered from the floor by the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House, or offered as privileged under clause 1, section 7, article I of the Constitution, shall have precedence of all other questions except motions to adjourn. A resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House shall have precedence of all other questions except motions to adjourn only at a time or place, designated by the Speaker, in the legislative schedule within two legislative days after the day on which the proponent announces to the House his intention to offer the resolution and the form of the resolution.

"(2) The time allotted for debate on a resolution offered from the floor as a question of the privileges of the House shall be equally divided between (A) the proponent of the resolution, and (B) the majority leader or the minority leader or a designee, as determined by the Speaker.

"(b) A question of personal privilege shall have precedence of all other questions except motions to adjourn."

(5) In clause 1 of rule X—

(a) in paragraph (e)(1), strike the antepenultimate sentence;

(b) in paragraph (l), strike "Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs" and insert in lieu thereof "Committee on Natural Resources";

(c) in paragraph (q), strike "(3)";

(d) in paragraph (r)(2) strike "Bureau of Standards" and insert in lieu thereof "National Institute of Standards and Technology";

(e) in paragraph (r)(4) strike "Aeronautics and"; and

(f) redesignate paragraphs (l), (m), and (n) as (n), (l), and (m), respectively.

(6) In clause 3 of rule X—

(a) in paragraph (e), strike "Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs" and insert in lieu thereof "Committee on Natural Resources"; and

(b) in paragraph (j), amend subparagraph (3) to read as follows:

"(3) The Speaker, the majority leader, the minority leader, and the chairman and ranking minority party member of the Committee on House Administration shall be informed by the chairman of the subcommittee of any matter that, by reason of a tie vote, cannot be resolved by the subcommittee."

(7) In clause 6 of rule X—

(a) in paragraph (f), insert after the first sentence the following: "At any time after an original appointment, the Speaker may remove Members or appoint additional Members to select and conference committees;

(b) in paragraph (h), strike "that is considering legislation reported from a committee on which they serve"; and