

Kelly	McNulty	Slaughter
King	Meeks	Sweeney
LaFalce	Nader	Towns
Lazio	Owens	Velazquez
Lowe	Quinn	Walsh
Maloney	Rangel	Weiner
McCarthy	Reynolds	
McHugh	Serrano	

NORTH CAROLINA

Ballenger	Etheridge	Myrick
Burr	Hayes	Price
Clayton	Jones	Taylor
Coble	McIntyre	Watt

NORTH DAKOTA

Pomeroy

OHIO

Boehner	Kaptur	Pryce
Brown	Kasich	Regula
Chabot	Kucinich	Sawyer
Gillmor	LaTourette	Strickland
Hall	Ney	Traficant
Hobson	Oxley	
Jones	Portman	

OKLAHOMA

Coburn	Largent	Watkins
Istook	Lucas	Watts

OREGON

Blumenauer	Hooley	Wu
DeFazio	Walden	

PENNSYLVANIA

Borski	Goodling	Murtha
Brady	Greenwood	Peterson
Coyne	Hoeffel	Pitts
Doyle	Holden	Sherwood
English	Kanjorski	Shuster
Fattah	Klink	Toomey
Gekas	Mascara	Weldon

RHODE ISLAND

Kennedy
Weygand

SOUTH CAROLINA

Clyburn	Graham	Spence
DeMint	Sanford	Spratt

SOUTH DAKOTA

Thune

TENNESSEE

Bryant	Ford	Jenkins
Clement	Gordon	Tanner
Duncan	Hilleary	Wamp

TEXAS

Archer	Frost	Ortiz
Armey	Gonzalez	Paul
Barton	Granger	Reyes
Bentsen	Green	Rodriguez
Bonilla	Hall	Sandlin
Brady	Hinojosa	Sessions
Combest	Jackson-Lee	Smith
DeLay	Johnson, E. B.	Stenholm
Doggett	Johnson, Sam	Thornberry
Edwards	Lampson	Turner

UTAH

Cannon	Cook	Hansen
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VERMONT

Sanders

VIRGINIA

Bateman	Goode	Scott
Billey	Goodlatte	Sisisky
Boucher	Moran	Wolf
Davis	Pickett	

WASHINGTON

Baird	Hastings	Metcalf
Dicks	Inslee	Nethercutt
Dunn	McDermott	Smith

WEST VIRGINIA

Rahall
Wise

WISCONSIN

Baldwin	Kind	Petri
Barrett	Kleczka	Ryan
Green	Obey	Sensenbrenner

WYOMING

Cubin

NOT VOTING—7

Barcia	Hoyer	Stark
Farr	Miller, George	
Gallegly	Mollohan	

The roll having been completed, the Clerk announced 427 Members had been recorded, a quorum.

¶1.3 CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES-ELECT AND RESIDENT COMMISSIONER-ELECT

The Clerk made the following statement: "The Chair will state that the credentials regular in form have been received showing the election of the Honorable Carlos A. Romero-Barcelo as Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico for the term of 4 years beginning January 3, 1999; the election of the Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton as Delegate from the District of Columbia; the election of the Honorable Robert A. Underwood as Delegate from Guam; the election of the Honorable Donna M. Christian-Green as Delegate from the Virgin Islands; and the election of the Honorable Eni F. H. Faleomavaega as Delegate from American Samoa".

¶1.4 RESIGNATION OF NEWT GINGRICH AS MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Clerk laid before the House the following communication, which was read as follows:

WASHINGTON, DC, December 17, 1998.

Hon. ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk of the House, the Capitol, Washington, D.C.

DEAR ROBIN: As you are no doubt aware, I have decided that I will not seek re-election in the 106th Congress as Speaker of the United States House of Representatives. In conjunction with that decision, I have notified the Governor of Georgia that I have withdrawn pursuant to Section 21-2-503 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and will not take the seat of congressman for the Sixth District of Georgia for the 106th Congress.

I will, however, complete my term as congressman for the Sixth District of Georgia for the entirety of the 105th Congress. I will also continue to serve as Speaker until the completion of the 105th Congress.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker.

¶1.5 ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma nominated Mr. J. Dennis Hastert, a Member-elect from the Fourteenth District of the State of Illinois.

Mr. FROST nominated Mr. Richard A. Gephardt, a Member-elect from the Third District of the State of Missouri.

The Clerk then appointed Messrs. THOMAS of California, GEJDENSON, Mmes. ROUKEMA and KAPTUR, tellers to canvas the vote on the election of the Speaker.

Whereupon, the House proceeded to vote for a Speaker.

¶1.6 [Roll No. 2]

HASTERT—220

Aderholt	Bachus	Barr
Archer	Baker	Barrett (NE)
Armey	Ballenger	Bartlett

Barton	Granger	Pickering
Bass	Green (WI)	Pitts
Bateman	Greenwood	Pombo
Bereuter	Gutknecht	Porter
Biggert	Hansen	Portman
Bilbray	Hastings (WA)	Pryce (OH)
Bilirakis	Hayes	Quinn
Billey	Hayworth	Radanovich
Blunt	Hefley	Ramstad
Boehler	Herger	Regula
Boehner	Hill (MT)	Reynolds
Bonilla	Hilleary	Riley
Bono	Hobson	Rogan
Brady (TX)	Hoekstra	Rogers
Bryant	Horn	Rohrabacher
Burr	Hostettler	Ros-Lehtinen
Burton	Houghton	Roukema
Buyer	Hulshof	Royce
Callahan	Hunter	Ryan (WI)
Calvert	Hutchinson	Ryun (KS)
Camp	Hyde	Salmon
Campbell	Istook	Sanford
Canady	Jenkins	Saxton
Cannon	Johnson (CT)	Scarborough
Castle	Johnson, Sam	Schaffer
Chabot	Jones (NC)	Sensenbrenner
Chambliss	Kasich	Sessions
Chenoweth	Kelly	Shadegg
Coble	King (NY)	Shaw
Coburn	Kingston	Shays
Collins	Knollenberg	Sherwood
Combest	Kolbe	Shimkus
Cook	Kuykendall	Shuster
Cooksey	LaHood	Simpson
Cox	Largent	Skeen
Crane	Latham	Smith (MI)
Cubin	LaTourette	Smith (NJ)
Cunningham	Lazio	Smith (TX)
Davis (VA)	Leach	Souder
Deal	Lewis (CA)	Spence
DeLay	Lewis (KY)	Stearns
DeMint	Linder	Stump
Diaz-Balart	Livingston	Sununu
Dickey	LoBiondo	Sweeney
Doolittle	Lucas (OK)	Talent
Dreier	Manzullo	Tancredo
Duncan	McCollum	Tauzin
Dunn	McCreery	Taylor (NC)
Ehlers	McHugh	Terry
Ehrlich	McInnis	Thomas
Emerson	McIntosh	Thornberry
English	McKeon	Thune
Everett	Metcalf	Tiahrt
Ewing	Mica	Toomey
Fletcher	Miller (FL)	Upton
Foley	Miller, Gary	Walden
Forbes	Moran (KS)	Walsh
Fossella	Morella	Wamp
Fowler	Myrick	Watkins
Franks (NJ)	Nethercutt	Watts (OK)
Frelinghuysen	Ney	Weldon (FL)
Ganske	Northup	Weldon (PA)
Gekas	Norwood	Weller
Gibbons	Nussle	Whitfield
Gilchrest	Ose	Wicker
Gillmor	Oxley	Wilson
Gilman	Packard	Wolf
Goodlatte	Paul	Young (AK)
Goodling	Pease	Young (FL)
Goss	Peterson (PA)	
Graham	Petri	

GEPHARDT—205

Abercrombie	Cardin	Edwards
Ackerman	Carson	Engel
Allen	Clay	Eshoo
Andrews	Clayton	Etheridge
Baird	Clement	Evans
Baldacci	Clyburn	Fattah
Baldwin	Condit	Filmer
Barrett (WI)	Conyers	Ford
Becerra	Costello	Frank (MA)
Bentsen	Coyne	Frost
Berkley	Cramer	Gejdenson
Berman	Crowley	Gonzalez
Berry	Cummings	Goode
Bishop	Danner	Gordon
Blagojevich	Davis (FL)	Green (TX)
Blumenauer	Davis (IL)	Gutierrez
Bonior	DeFazio	Hall (OH)
Borski	DeGette	Hall (TX)
Boswell	Delahunt	Hastings (FL)
Boucher	DeLauro	Hill (IN)
Boyd	Deutsch	Hilliard
Brady (PA)	Dicks	Hinches
Brown (CA)	Dingell	Hinojosa
Brown (FL)	Dixon	Hoeffel
Brown (OH)	Doggett	Holden
Capps	Dooley	Holt
Capuano	Doyle	Hooley

Inslie	Meehan	Sandlin
Jackson (IL)	Meek (FL)	Sawyer
Jackson-Lee	Meeks (NY)	Schakowsky
(TX)	Menendez	Scott
Jefferson	Millender-	Serrano
John	McDonald	Sherman
Johnson, E. B.	Minge	Shows
Jones (OH)	Mink	Sisisky
Kanjorski	Moakley	Skelton
Kaptur	Moore	Slaughter
Kennedy	Moran (VA)	Smith (WA)
Kildee	Murtha	Snyder
Kilpatrick	Nadler	Spratt
Kind (WI)	Napolitano	Stabenow
Klecza	Neal	Stenholm
Klink	Oberstar	Strickland
Kucinich	Obey	Stupak
LaFalce	Oliver	Tanner
Lampson	Ortiz	Tauscher
Lantos	Owens	Taylor (MS)
Larson	Pallone	Thompson (CA)
Lee	Pascrell	Thompson (MS)
Levin	Pastor	Thurman
Lewis (GA)	Payne	Tierney
Lipinski	Pelosi	Towns
Lofgren	Peterson (MN)	Trafficant
Lowe	Phelps	Turner
Lucas (KY)	Pickett	Udall (CO)
Luther	Pomeroy	Udall (NM)
Maloney (CT)	Price (NC)	Velazquez
Maloney (NY)	Rahall	Vento
Markey	Rangel	Visclosky
Martinez	Reyes	Waters
Mascara	Rivers	Watt (NC)
Matsui	Rodriguez	Waxman
McCarthy (MO)	Roemer	Weiner
McCarthy (NY)	Rothman	Wexler
McDermott	Roybal-Allard	Weygand
McGovern	Rush	Wise
McIntyre	Sabo	Woolsey
McKinney	Sanchez	Wu
McNulty	Sanders	Wynn

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

Gephardt Hastert

NOT VOTING—7

Barcia	Hoyer	Stark
Farr	Miller, George	
Gallegly	Mollohan	

¶1.7 The roll having been completed, the Clerk announced that the tellers had reached an agreement that the total number of votes cast were 427 of which number Mr. J. DENNIS HASTERT received 220; Mr. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT received 205; Mr. J. DENNIS HASTERT of Illinois, having received 220 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 106th Congress.

The Clerk announced the appointment of Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. FROST, Mr. CRANE, Mr. HYDE, Mr. PORTER, Mr. EVANS, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. EWING, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. MANZULO, Mr. RUSH, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. WELLER, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. SHIMKUS, Ms. BIGGERT, Mr. PHELPS, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, to escort the Speaker to the Chair.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Leader, for your kind and thoughtful remarks. I am going to break tradition, and at this point I am going to ask you to hold the gavel so that I may go down to the floor.

"Customarily, a new Speaker gives his first remarks from the Speaker's chair. And while I have great respect

for the traditions of this House and this institution, I am breaking tradition this once, because my legislative home is here on the floor with you, and so is my heart.

"To you, the Members of the 106th Congress, to my family and friends and constituents, I say, thank you. This is not a job that I sought, but one that I embrace with determination and enthusiasm. In the next few minutes, I will share with you how I plan to carry out the job that you have given me. But first, I think we need to take a moment, and I want to say goodbye to a Member of this House who made history.

"Newt, this institution has been forever transformed by your presence, and for years to come all Americans will benefit from the changes that you have championed: a balanced budget, welfare reform, tax relief, and in fact, this week, families all over America are beginning to calculate their taxes, and to help them, they will find a child tax credit made possible by the Congress that you led. Thank you, Newt. Good luck, and God bless you in your new endeavors.

"Those of you here in this House know me, but Hastert is not exactly a household name across America. So our fellow citizens deserve to know who I am and what I am going to do.

"What I am is a former high school teacher, a wrestling and football coach, a small businessman and a State legislator. And for the last 12 years, I have been a Member of this House. I am indebted to the people of the 14th Congressional District of Illinois who have continued to send me here to represent them.

"I believe in limited government, but when government does act, it must be for the good of the people.

"Serving in this body is a privilege, it is not a right, and each of us was sent here to conduct the people's business. I intend to get down to business. That means formulating, debating, and voting on legislation that addresses the problems that the American people want solved.

"In the turbulent days behind us, debate on merits often gave way to personal attacks.

"Some have felt slighted, insulted, or ignored. That is wrong. That will change. Solutions to problems cannot be found in a pool of bitterness. They can be found in an environment in which we trust one another's word; where we generate heat and passion, but where we recognize that each member is equally important to our overall mission of improving life for the American people. In short, I believe all of us, regardless of party, can respect one another, even as we fiercely disagree on particular issues.

"Speaking of people who find ways to work together across the political fence, let me bring an analogy to a personal level. Two good Illinois friends of mine, George Ryan, the Republican Governor-elect, and Richard Daley, the Democratic mayor of Chicago, are in

the visitors' gallery side by side. I will ask them to stand to be recognized.

"Those who know me well will tell you that I am true to my word. To me, a commitment is a commitment. What you see and hear today is what you will see and hear tomorrow.

"No one knows me better than my family. My wife, Jean, and our sons, Josh and Ethan, are here today. They are my reason for being, and Jean, she helps me keep my feet on the ground. She and the boys are my daily reminder that home is on the Fox River, and not the Potomac River.

"To Jean, Josh, and Ethan, thank you for everything, and I love you.

"As a teacher, I explained the story of America year after year. I soon came to realize that it was a story, but a story that keeps changing, for we Americans are restless people, and we like to tackle and solve problems. We are constantly renewing our Nation, experimenting and creating new ways of doing things. I like to work against the backdrop of American basics: freedom, liberty, responsibility, and opportunity. You can count on me to be a workhorse.

"My experience as a football and wrestling coach taught me some other lessons that apply here. A good coach knows when to step back and let others shine in the spotlight. President Reagan for years had a plaque in his office that said it all: 'There is no limit to what can be accomplished if you don't mind who gets the credit'.

"A good coach does not rely on only a few star players, and everyone in the squad has something to offer. You never get to the finals without a well-rounded team. Above all, a coach worth his salt will instill in his team a sense of fair play, camaraderie, respect for the game, and for the opposition. Without those, victory is hollow and defeat represents opportunities lost. I have found that to be true around here, too.

"So where do we go from here? Some media pundits say that we will have 2 years of stalemate because the Republican majority is too small. Some say that a White House bent on revenge will not give us a moment's peace. Some say the minority in this House will prevent passage of serious legislation so that they can later claim this was a 'do-nothing' Congress.

"Washington is a town of rumors and guesses and speculation, so none of this comes as a surprise, but none of it needs to come true; that is, if we really respect the voters that sent us here.

"To my Republican colleagues, I say, it is time to put forward the major elements of our legislative program. We will succeed or fail depending upon how sensible a program we offer.

"To my Democratic colleagues, I will say, I will meet you halfway; maybe more so, on occasion. But cooperation is a two-way street. I expect you to meet me halfway, too.

"The President and a number of Democrats here in the House have been saying it is time to address several issues head-on. I will buy that, but I