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COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 25, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker,
House of Representatives, Washington DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a certificate of unofficial vote totals received from The Honorable Stephanie Gonzales, Secretary of State, State of New Mexico, which indicates that, according to the unofficial vote totals received by the nominees whose names appeared on the 1998 Special Election Ballot of June 23, the Honorable Heather Wilson was elected Representative in Congress for the First Congressional District, State of New Mexico.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE
HEATHER WILSON, OF NEW MEX-
ICO, AS A MEMBER OF THE
HOUSE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from New Mexico, Ms. HEATHER WILSON, be permitted to take the oath of office today. Her certificate of election has not yet arrived, but there is no contest; and no question has been raised with regard to her election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. The Representative-elect and the Members of the New Mexico delegation may come forward.

Ms. WILSON appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear 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.

INTRODUCTION OF THE
HONORABLE HEATHER WILSON

(Mr. SKEEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, as the dean of the New Mexico delegation in the House, it is my distinct pleasure and honor to welcome and congratulate the newest Member of the House of Representatives, the Honorable Heather Wilson of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Congresswoman WILSON won this week's special election in New Mexico's First Congressional District, which was vacated in March by the untimely

death of our colleague, Steve Schiff. We will always miss Steve Schiff, but today we welcome a new Member who will continue in his tradition of public service on behalf of the people of the State of New Mexico.

Congresswoman WILSON won a most impressive victory in gaining election to the House. Many of us watched this race with significant interest and were involved in her successful election to Congress. I thank each and every one of my colleagues for their efforts on her behalf.

I look forward to working with the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. WILSON) in Congress on behalf of many principles each of us hold dear to our hearts, such as education, a strong national defense, a simpler and fairer tax system, among a host of other issues important to our State and Nation.

I welcome the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. WILSON) to Congress, and I wish her the best of success in representing the people from New Mexico's First Congressional District. It is up to her now. Thank goodness for her being here with us.

TAKING OFFICE WITH INTEGRITY,
COURAGE AND ENERGY

Ms. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank all of you so much for your help, your support, your words of wisdom, and your words of kindness throughout the special election. Without your support, I would not be here today, and without the support of the people of the First District.

It is now time to roll up my sleeves, to take up the work which Steve Schiff left off too soon, and to represent the people of the First District with honor, with integrity, and with every ounce of courage and energy that I can summon. I look forward to that challenge, and I look forward to serving with each of you.

I wanted to thank my family, who is here with me, for their love and their support. I wanted to thank all of you again. I look forward to serving with you.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, yesterday on rollcall No. 264, Agriculture appropriations, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2676,
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
RESTRUCTURING AND REFORM
ACT OF 1998

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 490, I call up the conference report on the bill (H.R. 2676) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

NAYS—179

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Allen
Andrews
Baker
Baldacci
Barcia
Barrett (WI)
Becerra
Bentsen
Berry
Bishop
Blagojevich
Blumenauer
Borski
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brady (PA)
Brown (CA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Capps
Cardin
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Condit
Conyers
Costello
Cox
Coyne
Cramer
Crane
Cummings
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Deutsch
Doggett
Doolley
Doyle
Edwards
Engel
Ensign
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Filner
Ford
Frank (MA)
Frost
Furse
Gejdenson
Gephardt
Goodlatte
Green

Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hefley
Hefner
Hill
Hilleary
Hilliard
Hinchey
Holden
Hooley
Hostettler
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Johnson (WI)
Johnson, E. B.
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
Kind (WI)
Kleczka
Klink
Kucinich
LaFalce
Lantos
Lee
Levin
Lipinski
Lofgren
Lowey
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Manton
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McDermott
McGovern
McHale
McIntyre
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Menendez
Millender
McDonald
Miller (CA)
Minge
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Nadler
Neal
Oberstar
Obey

Oliver
Ortiz
Owens
Pallone
Paul
Payne
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Petri
Pomeroy
Poshard
Rahall
Rangel
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Rohrabacher
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Rush
Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sanford
Sawyer
Schaffer, Bob
Schumer
Scott
Sensenbrenner
Sherman
Slaughter
Smith, Linda
Snyder
Spratt
Stabenow
Stark
Stearns
Stenholm
Stokes
Strickland
Stupak
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor (MS)
Thompson
Thurman
Tierney
Towns
Velazquez
Vento
Waters
Watt (NC)
Weller
Wexler
Weygand
Wise
Wynn
Yates

NOT VOTING—19

Brady (TX)
Dingell
Gonzalez
Gordon
Hamilton
Hinojosa
Hulshof

Hutchinson
Klug
Lampson
Lewis (GA)
Markey
McDade
McIntosh

Moakley
Reyes
Turner
Waxman
Weldon (PA)

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Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD and Messrs. ROHRBACHER, RANGEL and MCINTYRE changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Ms. WOOLSEY changed her vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.