

Ortiz	Sabo	Tancred
Ose	Sanchez	Tanner
Owens	Sanders	Tauscher
Oxley	Sandlin	Tauzin
Packard	Sanford	Taylor (NC)
Pallone	Sawyer	Terry
Pascrell	Saxton	Thomas
Pastor	Schaffer	Thompson (CA)
Paul	Schakowsky	Thompson (MS)
Payne	Scott	Thornberry
Pease	Serrano	Thune
Pelosi	Sessions	Thurman
Phelps	Shaw	Tiahrt
Pickering	Shays	Tierney
Pickett	Sherman	Toomey
Pitts	Sherwood	Trafficant
Pombo	Shinkus	Turner
Pomeroy	Shows	Udall (NM)
Porter	Shuster	Upton
Portman	Simpson	Vento
Price (NC)	Sisisky	Vitter
Pryce (OH)	Skeen	Walden
Quinn	Skelton	Walsh
Radanovich	Smith (MI)	Wamp
Ramstad	Smith (NJ)	Watkins
Rangel	Smith (TX)	Watt (NC)
Regula	Smith (WA)	Waxman
Reyes	Snyder	Weiner
Reynolds	Souder	Weldon (PA)
Rivers	Spence	Weller
Rodriguez	Spratt	Weygand
Roemer	Stabenow	Whitfield
Rogan	Stark	Wicker
Rogers	Stearns	Wilson
Rohrabacher	Stenholm	Wolf
Rothman	Strickland	Woolsey
Roukema	Stump	Wu
Roybal-Allard	Stupak	Wynn
Royce	Sununu	Young (AK)
Rush	Sweeney	Young (FL)
Ryun (KS)	Talent	

NOT VOTING—31

Ackerman	Emerson	Ros-Lehtinen
Barr	Frost	Salmon
Boucher	Johnson, Sam	Scarborough
Cannon	Meehan	Shadegg
Capps	Moran (VA)	Slaughter
Clayton	Murtha	Velazquez
Conyers	Nussle	Watts (OK)
Danner	Olver	Weldon (FL)
DeFazio	Peterson (PA)	Wexler
Doyle	Petri	
Ehrlich	Riley	

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Mr. SHUSTER changed his vote from "yea" to "nay".

Mr. KLECZKA changed his vote from "nay" to "yea".

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

Washington, DC, November 17, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the original Certificate of Election received from the Honorable Bill Jones, Secretary of State, State of California, indicating that, according to the semi-official canvas for the Special General election held November 16, 1999, the Honorable Joe Baca was elected Representative in Congress for the Forty-second Congressional District, State of California.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE JOE BACA OF CALIFORNIA AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. Will the Member-elect from California (Mr. BACA) come forward, accompanied by the California delegation, and raise your right hand?

Mr. BACA 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 the true faith and allegiance to the same; that you will 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. You are now a Member of the House of Representatives.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HONORABLE JOE BACA, MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to be cochair of the California delegation. I share that responsibility with the gentleman from California (Mr. FARR).

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. FARR) for remarks.

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California very much for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, what a great day for the State of California. All of us in this House know the honor of being sworn in as a Member of the House of Representatives, the only place in Washington where everyone has to be elected in order to take the oath of office.

It is a distinct pleasure that we honor another Californian in that regard, a person who has a great deal of experience in public life, and brings to this Chamber experience as a member of the board of trustees with a community college, was elected to the California State Assembly, was elected as the first pro tempore, the first Latino pro tempore in California history to that job, served in the California State Senate, and now is elected to serve his district in Southern California.

He is following in the footsteps of a great Member of this House, George Brown. We all remember the great service that he gave to this country and the deeds that he left, the great record that he left.

So JOE BACA comes to us with his own career of distinction, and I think he will be a great addition to this House. So I congratulate you.

On behalf of the California Democratic delegation, which I am Chair of,

along with the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS), who is Dean of the Republican delegation from California, and as a joint bipartisan effort, we welcome the newest Member of our delegation, a delegation which has had over eight Members elected in special elections. So we know the special moment you are having right now, you are sharing with your family who is watching this on C-SPAN, and we appreciate the fact that you are here today to get sworn in. Congratulations on a great race and a great election.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, JOE, you should note with interest that a very sizable number of the Members on the floor happen to be from the California delegation. It was not always the case that we would have an occasion like this and we would have almost the entire delegation present.

But in recent years, we have had kind of a reawakening of our State. In the past, we have often been laughed at by States like Texas who come together regularly on issues relative to their own interests. Today, California is working together as it never has in its history, and our numbers are here to have a positive impact on the country.

So working with you in the seat of the former Dean of the California delegation, you have a great career ahead of you. We look forward to your help as we go about attempting to improve the country as we work on behalf of California's interest. So welcome, JOE. It is a great day for all of us.

OPENING REMARKS OF THE HONORABLE JOE BACA

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

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I ask permission to address the House for 1 minute. I wanted to make sure that I followed the rules and procedures that are here.

Mr. Speaker, I do appreciate the gentleman from California (Mr. FARR) lowering this podium. I used to be 6 foot 5 as a paratrooper, but I made a lot of jumps; that is why I am only 5 foot 6.

It is really an honor to be here. I would like to thank the leadership for their support, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT), all of the Members, the DCCC individuals who are very helpful.

I want to thank God because God gave me the courage to run and to serve. Too many times we forget that it is the strength that we have, and God provided that strength to give us that courage. So I want to thank God.

I want to thank my family. I wish my mom and dad were here to see this. They are both deceased, but I know it is a proud moment in their lives. I know that somewhere up above they are seeing this even though they cannot be here right now. But I know very well that they are proud of their son,