

So, ladies and gentlemen, all in favor of electing these nine former Members to a 3-year term on our board of directors, please say "yea." All opposed? Hearing no opposition, the slate has been elected by the membership.

And next we'll elect our executive committee. The candidates for a 2-year term as president and vice president are—this is a little embarrassing—Connie Morella of Maryland for president, Barbara Kennelly of Connecticut for vice president. All in favor of electing these two former Members to a 2-year term on the executive committee, please say "yea." All opposed? Hearing no opposition, the slate has been elected by the membership. Incidentally, I want you to know—I think this will be the first time in history we're going to have two gals at the helm, president and vice president. Thank you. It's a great honor.

The candidates for a one-year term on our Executive Committee are:

Jim Walsh of New York for Treasurer  
Bill Delahunt of Massachusetts for Secretary

Dennis Hertel of Michigan for Past President Executive Member

All in favor of electing these three former Members to a 1-year term on our executive committee, please say "yea." All opposed? Hearing no opposition, the slate has been elected by the membership.

Thank you.

Now, for the very sad part of the meeting this morning. It's now my sad duty to inform the Congress of those former and current members who have passed away since our last report. I ask all of you, including any visitors in the gallery, to rise as I read the names, and at the end of the list we will pay our respect to their memory with a moment of silence. We honor these men and women for their service to our country. They are:

James Abdnor of South Dakota  
Perkins Bass of New Hampshire  
Hugh Carey of New York  
Robert W. Daniel, Jr., of Virginia  
Edward Derwinski of Illinois  
Charles Gubser of California  
Katie Hall of Indiana  
Mark Hatfield of Oregon  
Bill Janklow of South Dakota  
Ed Jenkins of Georgia  
James "Jim" Lloyd of California  
Norm Lent of New York  
Richard Mallary of Vermont  
Matthew "Marty" Martinez of California  
Clarence E. Miller of Ohio  
Erwin Mitchell of Georgia  
Carlos Moorhead of California  
James M. Quigley of Pennsylvania  
Charles Whalen, Jr., of Ohio  
Howard Wolpe of Michigan  
Orvin B. Fjare of Montana  
Melton D. Hancock of Missouri  
Frank R. Mascara of Pennsylvania  
Donald Payne of New Jersey  
Charles H. Percy of Illinois  
Richard H. Poff of Virginia  
Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming  
William C. Wampler of Virginia

Thank you. You may be seated.

This concludes the 42nd report to Congress by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress. We want

to thank the Congress, the Speaker, and the minority leader for giving us the opportunity to return to this revered Chamber and to report on our association's activities, and we look forward to another active and productive year. Thank you all for being here, and I will turn it over to the speaker, Madam Speaker.

Ms. KENNELLY. The Chair, again, wishes to thank the former Members and the Members of the House and Senate who stepped in to see us.

The Chair announces that 19 former Members of Congress responded to the call of the roll.

Before terminating these proceedings, the Chair would like to invite those Members who did not respond when the rollcall was called to give their names to the Reading Clerk for inclusion in the roll.

Thank you all for coming, and I think we're looking forward to a very exciting day.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

#### PRAYER

Rabbi Joel Levenson, Congregation B'nai Jacob, Woodbridge, Connecticut, offered the following prayer:

We invoke Your blessing for good judgment, wisdom, and understanding upon this House and all of its esteemed Members. Keep them mindful of our trust. Bestow upon them strength, determination, and willpower to do instead of just to pray, to become instead of merely to wish.

Watch over the men and women who serve our country. For Your sake and ours, may our land be safe, secure, and a source of goodness and our lives blessed.

May we repair this world and fill it with decency, justice, and peace, a world for which the prophet Isaiah prayed centuries ago when he said:

Let justice well up as water and righteousness as a mighty stream.

May the words that we pray and the deeds that we do be acceptable before You, O Lord, our ever-present inspiration, rock, and redeemer.

And let us say, Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. MILLER of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. MILLER of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SAM JOHNSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### WELCOMING RABBI JOEL LEVENSON

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege this morning to welcome Rabbi Joel Levenson of Congregation B'nai Jacob in Woodbridge, Connecticut, to the House of Representatives.

When Joel graduated from Miami University of Ohio, he thought about going to either law school or rabbinical school, but thought the world already had too many lawyers and not enough men of faith. After graduating from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York and serving under Rabbi Albert Lewis—the subject of Mitch Albom's book, "Have a Little Faith"—in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, Rabbi Levenson came to Woodbridge, Connecticut, where he has been the spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Jacob since 2008.

There he has gained a reputation as a dynamic and inspiring presence on the pulpit, and he; his wife, Leora, who is with us today; and his children, Shir, Sam, and Gideon, have become warm and caring members of the community. We are joined by what we call the mishpucha up in the gallery this morning, and we welcome them all today.

Over his time in Woodbridge, Rabbi Levenson has been dedicated to promoting social justice and spiritual growth throughout Connecticut, and he has worked to foster a strong sense of Jewish identity, a joyful and inspiring congregation, and innovative educational opportunities throughout the synagogue.

Rabbi Levenson personally teaches preschool classes and meets with and works with Woodbridge teenagers, including leading them on trips to Israel. He has also worked extensively with Outreach to young families. And he is a dedicated cyclist and triathlete who has taken part in the Israel ride, a