

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, January 6, 1999**

This being the day fixed by the 20th amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and Public Law 105-350 for the meeting of the Congress of the United States, the Members-elect of the 106th Congress met in their Hall, and at noon were called to order by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Hon. Jeffrey J. Trandahl.

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We are thankful, gracious God, for the opportunities of a new day and a new season, and we pledge by Your grace to be messengers of peace in our world, representatives of honor in our communities, and share together as colleagues the qualities of respect and esteem.

May we so examine our hearts and souls that our thoughts contain visions of great opportunity for the works of justice among all people, and for security and understanding and mercy for the neediest among us. As we share together a hope for a better tomorrow, may each of us do what we can so that the good words we say with our lips may be believed in our hearts, and all that we believe in our hearts we may practice in our daily lives.

This is our earnest prayer.  
Amen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The CLERK. The Members-elect and their guests will please remain standing and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The Clerk 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.

The CLERK. Representatives-elect, this is the day fixed by the 20th amendment to the Constitution and Public Law 105-350 for the meeting of the 106th Congress and, as the law directs, the Clerk of the House at the end of the 105th Congress, appointed pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 75a-1(a), has prepared the official roll of the Representatives-elect.

Certificates of election covering 435 seats in the 106th Congress have been received by the Clerk of the House, and the names of those persons whose credentials show that they were regularly elected as Representatives in accordance with the laws of their respective States or of the United States will be called.

Without objection, the Representatives-elect will record their presence

by electronic device and their names will be reported in alphabetical order by States, beginning with the State of Alabama, to determine whether a quorum is present.

There was no objection.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Representatives-elect responded to their names:

[Roll No. 1]

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—427

**ALABAMA**

Aderholt  
Bachus  
Callahan

Cramer  
Everett  
Hilliard

Riley

**ALASKA**

Young

**ARIZONA**

Hayworth  
Kolbe

Pastor  
Salmon

Shadegg  
Stump

**ARKANSAS**

Berry  
Dickey

Hutchinson  
Snyder

**CALIFORNIA**

Becerra  
Berman  
Bilbray  
Bono  
Brown  
Calvert  
Campbell  
Capps  
Condit  
Cox  
Cunningham  
Dixon  
Dooley  
Doolittle  
Dreier  
Eshoo  
Filner

Herger  
Horn  
Hunter  
Kuykendall  
Lantos  
Lee  
Lewis  
Lofgren  
Martinez  
Matsui  
McKeon  
Millender-  
McDonald  
Miller  
Napolitano  
Ose  
Packard

Pelosi  
Pombo  
Radanovich  
Rogan  
Rohrabacher  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Sanchez  
Sherman  
Tauscher  
Thomas  
Thompson  
Waters  
Waxman  
Woolsey

**COLORADO**

DeGette  
Hefley

McInnis  
Schaffer

Tancredo  
Udall

**CONNECTICUT**

DeLauro  
Gejdenson

Johnson  
Larson

Maloney  
Shays

**DELAWARE**

Castle

**FLORIDA**

Bilirakis  
Boyd  
Brown  
Canady  
Davis  
Deutsch  
Diaz-Balart  
Foley

Fowler  
Goss  
Hastings  
McCollum  
Meek  
Mica  
Miller  
Ros-Lehtinen

Scarborough  
Shaw  
Stearns  
Thurman  
Weldon  
Wexler  
Young

**GEORGIA**

Barr  
Bishop  
Chambliss  
Collins

Deal  
Kingston  
Lewis  
Linder

McKinney  
Norwood

**HAWAII**

Abercrombie

Mink

**IDAHO**

Chenoweth

Simpson

Biggert  
Blagojevich  
Costello  
Crane  
Davis  
Evans  
Ewing

**ILLINOIS**

Gutierrez  
Hastert  
Hyde  
Jackson  
LaHood  
Lipinski  
Manzullo

Phelps  
Porter  
Rush  
Schakowsky  
Shimkus  
Weller

**INDIANA**

Burton  
Buyer  
Carson  
Hill

Hostettler  
McIntosh  
Pease  
Roemer

Souder  
Visclosky

**IOWA**

Boswell  
Ganske

Latham  
Leach

Nussle

**KANSAS**

Moore  
Moran

Ryun  
Tiahrt

**KENTUCKY**

Fletcher  
Lewis

Lucas  
Northup

Rogers  
Whitfield

**LOUISIANA**

Baker  
Cooksey  
Jefferson

John  
Livingston  
McCrery

Tauzin

**MAINE**

Allen

Baldacci

**MARYLAND**

Bartlett  
Cardin  
Cummings

Ehrlich  
Gilchrest  
Morella

Wynn

**MASSACHUSETTS**

Capuano  
Delahunt  
Frank  
Markey

McGovern  
Meehan  
Moakley  
Neal

Oliver  
Tierney

**MICHIGAN**

Bonior  
Camp  
Conyers  
Dingell  
Ehlers

Hoekstra  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick  
Knollenberg  
Levin

Rivers  
Smith  
Stabenow  
Stupak  
Upton

**MINNESOTA**

Gutknecht  
Luther  
Minge

Oberstar  
Peterson  
Ramstad

Sabo  
Vento

**MISSISSIPPI**

Pickering  
Shows

Taylor  
Thompson

Wicker

**MISSOURI**

Blunt  
Clay  
Danner

Emerson  
Gephardt  
Hulshof

McCarthy  
Skelton  
Talent

**MONTANA**

Hill

**NEBRASKA**

Barrett

Bereuter

Terry

**NEVADA**

Berkley

Gibbons

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Bass

Sununu

☐ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., ☐ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

**NEW JERSEY**

|               |           |         |
|---------------|-----------|---------|
| Andrews       | Menendez  | Roukema |
| Franks        | Pallone   | Saxton  |
| Frelinghuysen | Pascarell | Smith   |
| Holt          | Payne     |         |
| LoBiondo      | Rothman   |         |

**NEW MEXICO**

|       |       |        |
|-------|-------|--------|
| Skeen | Udall | Wilson |
|-------|-------|--------|

**NEW YORK**

|          |          |           |
|----------|----------|-----------|
| Ackerman | LaFalce  | Rangel    |
| Boehlert | Lazio    | Reynolds  |
| Crowley  | Lowey    | Serrano   |
| Engel    | Maloney  | Slaughter |
| Forbes   | McCarthy | Sweeney   |
| Fossella | McHugh   | Towns     |
| Gilman   | McNulty  | Velázquez |
| Hinchey  | Meeks    | Walsh     |
| Houghton | Nadler   | Weiner    |
| Kelly    | Owens    |           |
| King     | Quinn    |           |

**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 | LaTourrette | Strickland |
| Hall    | Ney         | Trafficant |
| 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

**VERMONT**

Sanders

**VIRGINIA**

|         |           |         |
|---------|-----------|---------|
| Bateman | Goode     | Scott   |
| Bilely  | Goodlatte | Sisisky |
| Boucher | Moran     | Wolf    |
| Davis   | Pickett   |         |

**WASHINGTON**

|       |           |            |
|-------|-----------|------------|
| Baird | Hastings  | Metcalfe   |
| Dicks | Inslee    | Nethercutt |
| Dunn  | McDermott | Smith      |

**WEST VIRGINIA**

Rahall Wise

**WISCONSIN**

|         |          |               |
|---------|----------|---------------|
| Baldwin | Kind     | Petri         |
| Barrett | Klecicka | Ryan          |
| Green   | Obey     | Sensenbrenner |

**WYOMING**

Cubin

**NOT VOTING—7**

|          |                |       |
|----------|----------------|-------|
| Barcia   | Hoyer          | Stark |
| Farr     | Miller, George |       |
| Gallegly | Mollohan       |       |

□ 1230

The CLERK. The quorum call discloses that 427 Representatives-elect have responded to their name. A quorum is present.

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK**

The CLERK. The Clerk will state that credentials regular in form have been received showing the election of the Honorable CARLOS ROMERO-BARCELÓ as Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a term of 4 years beginning January 3, 1997; the election of the Honorable ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON as Delegate from the District of Columbia; the election of the Honorable DONNA M. CHRISTIAN-GREEN as Delegate from the Virgin Islands; the election of the Honorable ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA as Delegate from American Samoa; and the election of the Honorable ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD as Delegate from Guam.

**RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The CLERK. The Clerk is in receipt of a letter of resignation from the Honorable Newt Gingrich from the State of Georgia.

Without objection, the letters relating to the resignation of the Honorable Newt Gingrich will be printed in the RECORD.

There was no objection.

The text of the letters is 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.*

NOVEMBER 22, 1998.

Governor Zell Miller,  
*Atlanta, Georgia.*

DEAR GOVERNOR MILLER: 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 this decision, I hereby notify you that I have withdrawn pursuant to Section 21-2-504 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.

Very truly yours,

NEWT GINGRICH.

**ELECTION OF SPEAKER**

The CLERK. Pursuant to law and to precedent, the next order of business is the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 106th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. WATTS).

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Clerk, happily for our country and happily for you and me, Republicans and Democrats, DENNIS HASTERT has answered his Nation's call. This common man will bring his strong common sense, sharpened in the school of adversity, to bear on the Speakership. He has many qualities of another Congressman from Illinois, the Great Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln, and he will not hesitate, he will not doubt and he will not falter. We are grateful that he has resolved at whatever peril, at whatever cost, the most wonderful Nation in the world should be preserved.

As Chairman of the Republican Conference, I am directed by the unanimous vote of that conference to present for election to the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 106th Congress, the name of the Honorable J. DENNIS HASTERT, a Representative-elect from the State of Illinois.

The CLERK. The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST).

Mr. FROST. Mr. Clerk, as Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, I am directed by the unanimous vote of that caucus to present for election to the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 106th Congress the name of one of most articulate and thoughtful Members of this Congress,