

NEW JERSEY

Andrews	Menendez	Roukema
Franks	Pallone	Saxton
Frelinghuysen	Pascrell	Smith
Holt	Payne	
LoBiondo	Rothman	

NEW MEXICO

Skeen	Udall	Wilson
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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

Wise

WISCONSIN

Baldwin	Kind	Petri
Barrett	Klecza	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,