

proceedings on this question will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:20 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:20 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order at 6 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m.

TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE ROGER WILLIAMS RACE SUMMARY REPORT UNOFFICIAL ELECTION TABULATION 2006 SPECIAL NOVEMBER ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 7, 2006

	Early vot- ing	(Percent)	Vote Total	(Percent)
U.S. Representative District 15: Multi County Precincts Reported: 278 of 278—100.00%				
Paul B. Haring—REP*	6,638	23.93	13,920	24.18
Ruben Hinojosa—Incumbent—DEM*	16,561	59.70	35,346	61.39
Eddie Zamora—REP*	4,543	16.38	8,311	14.43
Total Votes Cast	27,742		57,577	
U.S. Representative District 21: Multi County Precincts Reported: 308 of 309—99.68%				
Tommy Calvert—IND*	2,149	2.47	5,285	2.59
John Courage—DEM*	23,463	23.71	49,909	24.45
Gene Kelly—DEM*	8,378	8.47	18,355	8.99
James Lyle Peterson—IND*	930	0.94	2,198	1.08
Mark J. Rossano—IND*	590	0.60	1,443	0.71
Lamar Smith—Incumbent—REP*	61,550	62.19	122,880	60.19
James Arthur Strohm—LIB*	1,605	1.62	4,085	2.00
Total Votes Cast	98,65		204,155	
U.S. Representative District 22—Unexpired Term: Multi County Precincts Reported: 176 of 176—100.00%				
Don Richardson—REP*	2,475	5.24	7,402	5.97
Shelley Sekula Gibbs—REP*	31,057	65.74	76,940	62.08
M. Bob Smither—LIB*	8,056	17.05	23,427	18.90
Steve Stockman—REP*	4,732	10.02	13,593	10.97
Giannibicego Hoa Tran—REP*	920	1.95	2,566	2.07
Total Votes Cast	47,240		123,928	
U.S. Representative District 23: Multi County Precincts Reported: 326 of 326—100.00%				
August G. "Augie" Beltran—DEM*	1,185	2.03	2,650	2.14
Rick Bolanos—DEM	1,028	1.76	2,563	2.07
Henry Bonilla—Incumbent—REP*	30,063	51.44	60,147	48.60
Adrian Deleon—DEM*	843	1.44	2,198	1.78
Lukin Gilliland—DEM*	6,180	10.57	13,725	11.09
Ciro D. Rodriguez—DEM*	11,752	20.11	24,593	19.87
Craig T. Stephens—IND*	1,486	2.54	3,344	2.70
Albert Uresti—DEM*	5,907	10.11	14,529	11.74
Total Votes Cast	58,444		123,749	
U.S. Representative District 25: Multi County Precincts Reported: 253 of 253—100.00%				
Barbara Cunningham—LIB*	2,386	3.53	6,933	4.24
Lloyd Doggett—Incumbent—DEM*	45,439	67.30	109,839	67.25
Brian Parrett—IND*	1,224	1.81	3,594	2.20
Grant Rostig—REP*	18,467	27.35	42,956	26.30
Total Votes Cast	67,516		163,322	
U.S. Representative District 28: Multi County Precincts Reported: 236 of 236—100.00%				
Ron Avery—CON*	3,940	11.42	9,458	12.23
Henry Cuellar—Incumbent—DEM*	23,121	67.04	52,339	67.68
Frank Enriquez—DEM*	7,427	21.54	15,531	20.08
Total Votes Cast	34,488		77,328	

\* CON—Constitution DEM—Democratic IND—Independent LIB—Libertarian REP—Republican

PROVIDING FOR SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE SHELLEY SEKULA GIBBS, OF TEXAS, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentlewoman from Texas, Ms. SHELLEY SEKULA GIBBS, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

Her certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives: OFFICE OF THE CLERK.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, DC, November 9, 2006.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of a letter received from Ms. Ann McGeehan, Director of Elections, State of Texas, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held November 7, 2006, the Honorable Shelley Sekula Gibbs was elected Representative in Congress for the Twenty-Second Congressional District, State of Texas.

With best wishes, I am Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS, Clerk.

Ms. KAREN L. HAAS, Office of the Clerk, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR Ms. HAAS: Our office has been requested to provide you with a letter as to the status of the special election for the unexpired term for U.S. Congressional District 22. Based on preliminary, unofficial election night returns reported to our agency from counties within U.S. Congressional District 22, the winner of the special election for this seat appears to be Shelley Sekula Gibbs. These results are not finalized and do not reflect all military and overseas votes that could still be counted, nor do they represent the official canvassed total. Also attached are the unofficial results of the other congressional special elections for full terms.

If you should have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Yours truly, ANN MCGEEHAN, Director of Elections.

question has been raised with regard to her election.

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

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, November 8, 2006.  
Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
The Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of a letter received from Ms. Donna Kelly, Assistant Attorney General, State of New Jersey, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held November 7, 2006, the Honorable ALBIO SIREs was elected Representative in Congress for the Thirteenth Congressional District, State of New Jersey.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,  
KAREN L. HAAS,  
Clerk of the House.

Attachment.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
DEPT. OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY,  
Trenton, NJ, November 8, 2006.  
Re Unofficial Results for the Special Election for the Unexpired Term for the Thirteenth Congressional District.

Hon. KAREN L. HAAS,  
Clerk of the House, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. HAAS: Enclosed please find the unofficial results for the Special Election held on November 7, 2006 for the office of Member, House of Representatives, Thirteenth Congressional District, State of New Jersey. These unofficial results do not include the absentee or provisional ballot totals. You are further advised that no challenge or recount for this election is known at this time. The official results for the election will be certified by the Board of State Canvassers no later than December 5, 2006. Your office will be provided with the original Certificate of Election upon such certification.

If you have any question, please contact this office. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

DONNA KELLY,  
Assistant Attorney General.  
(For Stuart Rabner, Attorney General  
of New Jersey).

UNOFFICIAL LIST—CANDIDATE RETURNS FOR UNEXPIRED TERM FOR NOVEMBER 2006 GENERAL ELECTION, THIRTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: ESSEX (PART)—HUDSON (PART)—MIDDLESEX (PART)—UNION (PART) COUNTIES

Name Address	Party/Designation	County	Slogan	Tally
Unexpired Term:				
Albio Sires, P.O. Box 300, West New York, NJ 07093	Democratic	Essex (part)	Democratic	9,516
		Hudson (part)	Democratic	48,357
		Middlesex (part)	Democratic	218
		Union (part)	Democratic	3,837
Total				61,928
Dick Hester, 233 East Delavan Ave., Newark, NJ 07104	Pro Life Conservative	Essex (part)	Pro Life Conservative	350
		Hudson (part)	Pro Life Conservative	1,391
		Middlesex (part)	Pro Life Conservative	61
		Union (part)	Pro Life Conservative	190
Total				1,992

Total Democrats—1  
Total Republicans—0  
Total Independents—1  
Total Candidates—2

PROVIDING FOR SWEARING IN OF  
THE HONORABLE ALBIO SIREs,  
OF NEW JERSEY, AS A MEMBER  
OF THE HOUSE

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. ALBIO SIREs, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE  
SHELLEY SEKULA GIBBS, OF  
TEXAS, AND THE HONORABLE  
ALBIO SIREs, OF NEW JERSEY,  
AS MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. Will the Representatives-elect and the Members of their respective delegations present themselves in the well.

The Representatives-elect will raise their right hand.

Ms. SEKULA GIBBS and Mr. SIREs 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. You are now Members of the 109th Congress.

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WELCOMING THE HONORABLE  
SHELLEY SEKULA GIBBS TO THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege on behalf of the Texas delegation to introduce to the 109th Congress the Honorable SHELLEY SEKULA GIBBS, Dr. GIBBS. She is a dermatologist in Houston, Texas. She serves on the Houston City Council at large. She has been active in the Ellington Field task force to help renovate that part of Houston, Texas.

She is a fifth-generation Texan. She has two children, two stepchildren, and, I think, three grandchildren. She is married to a graduate of Waco High School, which is the high school that I graduated from. She is going to do great honor to the 22nd Congressional District of Texas for the rest of the 109th Congress and it is with a great deal of personal Texas pride that I introduce to this body the Honorable SHELLEY SEKULA GIBBS.

Ms. SEKULA GIBBS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman is recognized.

There was no objection.

Ms. SEKULA GIBBS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the kind gentleman from Texas,

the dean of our Texas congressional delegation, for his remarks and the warm welcome that I received here today. He is a wonderful example of the type of Congress Member that I hope to emulate while serving in this body.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the great people of the 22nd Congressional District who elected me for the confidence that they have placed in me in representing their values and allowing me to serve them for the remainder of the 109th Congress. I would also like to thank the Speaker and the rest of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives. I look forward to getting to know them and to know each of you and work on the initiatives that will help strengthen our country.

Most of all, I would like to thank the volunteers and the hard workers who have helped me, as well as my family and especially my husband, Robert, who is joining us today, as well as my son, Michael.

Thanks to their unyielding support throughout the last 3 months of our lives and those of my two daughters who are not here, Elyse and Mallory, and all of the people who have worked so hard on my campaign, I am now able to address this auspicious body.

During my time in the House of Representatives, I will ensure that my constituents receive the first-rate representation that they deserve. There are only a few weeks left until the session is over, and there is much work to be done, but I will work with my colleagues to guarantee that we do whatever is necessary to move this Nation forward and address the critical issues facing our country, including health care—as you would imagine, being a physician, I have very big concerns