

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, March 10, 2008.  
Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of a letter received from Mr. Daniel White, Executive Director, Illinois State Board of Elections, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held March 8, 2008, the Honorable Bill Foster was elected Representative to Congress for the

Fourteenth Congressional District, State of Illinois.  
With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,  
LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
Clerk.  
Enclosure.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,  
Springfield, IL, March 10, 2008.  
Hon. LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
Office of the Clerk, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.  
DEAR MS. MILLER: Although it is not the normal practice of the Illinois State Board

of Elections to release unofficial election results, in response to your February 21, 2008 request, we are hereby transmitting UNOFFICIAL election results for the March 8, 2008 Special General Election in the Fourteenth Congressional Election in the State of Illinois.  
Sincerely,  
DANIEL W. WHITE,  
Executive Director.  
Enclosure.

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS, MARCH 8, 2008, SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION: REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, FOURTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
(For an unexpired term)

Jurisdiction	Democratic Bill Foster	Republican Jim Oberweis	Unreturned Absentees	Provisionals
Bureau .....	45	51	2	0
DeKalb .....	5,937	4,640	146	0
DuPage .....	3,294	3,216	91	14
Henry .....	1,046	1,678	31	0
Kane .....	25,661	24,365	495	58
Kendall .....	6,396	6,305	88	3
Lee .....	1,959	2,449	80	0
Whiteside .....	519	425	10	0
Aurora Board .....	7,153	3,859	218	12
Totals .....	52,010	46,988	**1,161	87

\*\*As of March 8, 2008.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE  
BILL FOSTER, OF ILLINOIS, AS A  
MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Illinois, the Honorable BILL FOSTER, 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 Illinois?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the members of the Illinois delegation present themselves in the well.

Mr. Foster appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm 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 a Member of the 110th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE  
BILL FOSTER TO THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. COSTELLO) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Illinois delegation, I am

pleased to introduce the newest member of our delegation in the House, Congressman BILL FOSTER, from the 14th District of Illinois. BILL resides in Geneva, Illinois, and has lived in the Fox Valley for almost 25 years.

BILL has a diverse background in both business and science. He started a very successful theater lighting business with his younger brother when he was only 19 years old, and he went on to receive his Ph.D. in physics from Harvard. BILL worked at Fermilab for 22 years, where he designed research projects and built the latest round of the particle accelerators.

BILL comes from a family with a strong history of working for the public good, and we look forward to working with him on behalf of his constituents and the Nation.

Madam Speaker and Members of the House, please welcome our newest colleague, Congressman BILL FOSTER from the 14th District of Illinois.

Mr. FOSTER. Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is an honor to stand here in the well of this body as the Representative of the Illinois 14th District. My predecessor in this role is a friend to many here and led this House and represented the people of my district honorably for over 20 years. I know that my colleagues will join me in once again thanking Speaker Dennis Hastert for his service.

Madam Speaker, fellow Members of Congress, I am a scientist, not a politician. When it comes to the issues that we face in this Nation, I plan on approaching them as a scientist, and that means examining the facts, listening to both sides, and doing what is right for the people of Illinois and America.

During my campaign, many people told me that Congress should be acting differently. At a time of crisis around the world and economic trouble at home, Americans want us to end the

divisions between us and work together to solve the problems we face. I believe that there are huge opportunities to change this country for the better if we can make the right decisions, and real risks if we keep squabbling and making the wrong ones.

And now, as you can probably already tell, we scientists aren't known for our fiery rhetoric. But as I stand before you today, it is my solemn hope that with less bickering and word twisting in Washington, that there will be more problem solving. We need to work together for energy independence, for tax cuts for middle-class families, to expand health care for more children, for a return to fiscal discipline, and, as importantly as anything, for a new direction in Iraq.

Together we can fulfill our pledge to the next generation to leave Washington and this Nation better on the day that we leave it than it was on the day that we came into it.

I look forward to meeting my new colleagues, Democrats and Republicans, and to getting right to work on behalf of the families we represent.

Thank you to my colleagues in the Illinois delegation, and thank you, Madam Speaker. This is truly an honor.

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I yield to our colleague from Illinois (Mr. MANZULLO).

Mr. MANZULLO. Madam Speaker, as the dean of the Illinois Republican delegation, I want to take this opportunity to extend to our newest colleague from Illinois, with whom I share two counties, welcome to the big city. I look forward to working with you. I have always wanted a scientific mind, and maybe I can learn from yours. Thank you and welcome to Congress.