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## House of Representatives

This being the day fixed by the 20th amendment to the Constitution of the United States, for the meeting of the 113th Congress of the United States, the Representatives-elect met in their Hall, and at noon were called to order by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Hon. Karen L. Haas.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We gather on this most significant day, when once again we celebrate the peaceful transition of democratic government. Though many return from the 112th Congress, this people's House is a new legislative assembly.

May the service of all the Members here gathered give You glory, and acquit well the charge entrusted to them by their fellow citizens.

Give each Member an abundance of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, that they might know best how to proceed in the work they have to do, as well as the courage to act once they have discerned where Your Spirit might lead them.

And may all that is done this day, and all the days of the 113th Congress, be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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. As directed by law, the Clerk of the House has prepared the official roll of the Representatives-elect.

Certificates of election covering 435 seats in the 113th Congress have been received by the Clerk of the House, and the names of those persons whose cre-

dentials show that they were regularly elected as Representatives in accord with the laws of their respective States or of the United States will be called.

The Representatives-elect will record their presence by electronic device and their names will be reported in alphabetical order by State, beginning with the State of Alabama, to determine whether a quorum is present.

Representatives-elect will have a minimum of 15 minutes to record their presence by electronic device.

Representatives-elect who have not obtained their voting ID cards may do so now in the Speaker's lobby.

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

[Roll No. 1]

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—429

### ALABAMA

Aderholt Brooks Sewell  
Bachus Roby  
Bonner Rogers

### ALASKA

Young

### ARIZONA

Barber Grijalva Salmon  
Franks Kirkpatrick Schweikert  
Gosar Pastor Sinema

### ARKANSAS

Cotton Griffin  
Crawford Womack

### CALIFORNIA

Bass Huffman Peters  
Becerra Hunter Rohrabacher  
Bera Issa Roybal-Allard  
Brownley LaMalfa Royce  
Calvert Lee Ruiz  
Campbell Lofgren, Zoe Sánchez, Linda  
Capps Lowenthal T.  
Cárdenas Matsui Sanchez, Loretta  
Chu McCarthy Schiff  
Cook McClintock Sherman  
Costa McKeon Speier  
Davis McNerney Swalwell  
Denham Miller, Gary Takano  
Eshoo Miller, George Thompson  
Farr Napolitano Valadao  
Garamendi Negrete McLeod Vargas  
Hahn Nunes Waters  
Honda Pelosi Waxman

### COLORADO

Coffman Lamborn Tipton  
DeGette Perlmutter  
Gardner Polis

### CONNECTICUT

Courtney Esty Larson  
DeLauro Himes

### DELAWARE

Carney

### FLORIDA

Bilirakis Grayson Ross  
Brown Hastings Southerland  
Buchanan Mica Wasserman  
Castor Miller Schultz  
Crenshaw Murphy Webster  
DeSantis Nugent Wilson  
Deutch Posey Yoho  
Diaz-Balart Radel Yoho  
Frankel Rooney  
Garcia Ros-Lehtinen

### GEORGIA

Barrow Graves Scott, David  
Bishop Johnson Westmoreland  
Broun Kingston Woodall  
Collins Price  
Gingrey Scott, Austin

### HAWAII

Gabbard Hanabusa

### IDAHO

Labrador Simpson

### ILLINOIS

Bustos Gutierrez Schakowsky  
Davis, Danny Hultgren Schneider  
Davis, Rodney Kinzinger Schock  
Duckworth Quigley Shimkus  
Enyart Roskam  
Foster Rush

### INDIANA

Brooks Messer Visclosky  
Bucshon Rokita Walorski  
Carson Stutzman Young

### IOWA

Braley Latham  
King Loeb sack

### KANSAS

Huelskamp Pompeo  
Jenkins Yoder

### KENTUCKY

Barr Massie Whitfield  
Guthrie Rogers Yarmuth

□ 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.



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LOUISIANA			OREGON		
Alexander	Cassidy	Richmond	Bonomici	Schrader	
Boustany	Fleming	Scalise	DeFazio	Walden	
MAINE			PENNSYLVANIA		
Michaud	Pingree		Barletta	Fitzpatrick	Perry
MARYLAND			Brady	Gerlach	Pitts
Cummings	Harris	Sarbanes	Cartwright	Kelly	Rothfus
Delaney	Hoyer	Van Hollen	Dent	Marino	Schwartz
Edwards	Ruppersberger		Doyle	Meehan	Shuster
MASSACHUSETTS			Fattah	Murphy	Thompson
			RHODE ISLAND		
Capuano	Lynch	Neal	Cicilline	Langevin	
Keating	Markey	Tierney	SOUTH CAROLINA		
Kennedy	McGovern	Tsongas	Clyburn	Gowdy	Rice
MICHIGAN			Duncan	Mulvaney	Wilson
Amash	Dingell	Peters	SOUTH DAKOTA		
Benishek	Huizenga	Rogers	Noem		
Bentivolio	Kildee	Upton	TENNESSEE		
Camp	Levin	Walberg	Black	Cooper	Fincher
Conyers	Miller		Blackburn	DesJarlais	Fleischmann
MINNESOTA			Cohen	Duncan	Roe
Bachmann	McCollum	Peterson	TEXAS		
Ellison	Nolan	Walz	Barton	Gohmert	Neugebauer
Kline	Paulsen		Brady	Granger	Olson
MISSISSIPPI			Burgess	Green, Al	O'Rourke
Harper	Palazzo		Carter	Green, Gene	Poe
Nunnelee	Thompson		Castro	Hall	Sessions
MISSOURI			Conaway	Hensarling	Smith
Clay	Graves	Luetkemeyer	Cuellar	Hinojosa	Stockman
Cleaver	Hartzler	Wagner	Culberson	Jackson Lee	Thornberry
Emerson	Long		Doggett	Johnson, E. B.	Veasey
MONTANA			Farenthold	Johnson, Sam	Vela
Daines			Flores	Marchant	Weber
NEBRASKA			Gallego	McCaul	Williams
Fortenberry	Smith	Terry	UTAH		
NEVADA			Bishop	Matheson	Stewart
Amodei	Horsford		Chaffetz	VERMONT	
Heck	Titus		Welch		
NEW HAMPSHIRE			VIRGINIA		
Kuster	Shea-Porter		Cantor	Griffith	Scott
Andrews	Lance	Payne	Hurt	Hurt	Wittman
Frelinghuysen	LoBiondo	Runyan	Forbes	Moran	Wolf
Garrett	Pallone	Sires	Goodlatte	Rigell	
Holt	Pascrell	Smith	WASHINGTON		
NEW MEXICO			DelBene	Kilmer	McMorris
Lujan Grisham	Luján, Ben Ray	Pearce	Hastings	Larsen	Rodgers
NEW YORK			Heck	McDermott	Reichert
Bishop	Jeffries	Nadler	Herrera Beutler	Smith	Smith
Clarke	King	Owens	WEST VIRGINIA		
Collins	Lowey	Rangel	Capito	McKinley	Rahall
Crowley	Maffei	Reed	WISCONSIN		
Engel	Maloney,	Serrano	Duffy	Petri	Ryan
Gibson	Carolyn	Slaughter	Kind	Pocan	Sensenbrenner
Grimm	Maloney, Sean	Tonko	Moore	Ribble	
Hanna	McCarthy	Velázquez	WYOMING		
Higgins	Meeks		Lummis		
Israel	Meng		□ 1224		
NORTH CAROLINA			The CLERK. Four hundred twenty-nine Representatives-elect have recorded their presence. A quorum is present.		
Butterfield	Hudson	Pittenger	ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK		
Coble	Jones	Price	The CLERK. Credentials, regular in form, have been received showing the election of:		
Ellmers	McHenry	Watt	The Honorable PEDRO R. PIERLUISI as Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a term of 4 years beginning January 3, 2013;		
Foxx	McIntyre		The Honorable ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON as Delegate from the District of Columbia;		
Holding	Meadows		The Honorable MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO as Delegate from Guam;		
NORTH DAKOTA					
Cramer					
OHIO					
Beatty	Jordan	Stivers			
Boehner	Joyce	Tiberi			
Chabot	Kaptur	Turner			
Fudge	Latta	Wenstrup			
Gibbs	Renacci				
Johnson	Ryan				
OKLAHOMA					
Bridenstine	Lankford	Mullin			
Cole	Lucas				

The Honorable DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN as Delegate from the Virgin Islands;

The Honorable ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA as Delegate from American Samoa; and

The Honorable GREGORIO SABLAN as Delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Clerk is in receipt of letters from the Honorable Jesse L. Jackson, Jr., of Illinois and the Honorable TIM SCOTT of South Carolina indicating that they will not serve in the House in the 113th Congress. Without objection, the letters will be placed in the RECORD.

DECEMBER 13, 2012.

DEAR MADAM CLERK, I am aware that you have received a certificate for my election as Representative of the Second Congressional District of the State of Illinois in the 113th Congress. This letter serves to notify you that I do not intend to serve in the 113th Congress.

Sincerely,

JESSE JACKSON, JR.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, December 30, 2012.

HON. JOHN BOEHNER,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER, I am writing to inform you that I have notified the Governor of South Carolina of my resignation from the U.S. House of Representatives effective January 2, 2013. A copy of that letter is attached. I do not intend to take the office of Representative for the First Congressional District of South Carolina in the 113th Congress.

It has truly been an honor to serve the First District of South Carolina, and I look forward to continuing that service in my new role as United States Senator. I have enjoyed working with you, Majority Leader Cantor, and all of our colleagues in the House, and wish you the best of luck in the future.

Sincerely,

TIM SCOTT,  
Member of Congress.

□ 1230

#### ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The CLERK. Pursuant to law and precedent, the next order of business is the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 113th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

The Clerk recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington (Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS).

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Clerk, the 113th Congress gives us a chance to try once again to make a better America than the one we inherited from our parents—and from the 112 Congresses that came before us. That is the hope of every Member here, on both sides of the aisle: to restore this land of freedom and opportunity for our families and our children.

Our task is not an easy one. There are deep divisions, but there's one person I have turned to time and again to help point the way forward. He is one of 12 children born into a working-class family in Ohio, a man who waited tables, mopped floors, tended bar, and