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COMMUNICATION FROM THE  
CLERK OF THE HOUSE.

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

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 25, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
*The Speaker,*  
*House of Representatives, Washington DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a certificate of unofficial vote totals received from The Honorable Stephanie Gonzales, Secretary of State, State of New Mexico, which indicates that, according to the unofficial vote totals received by the nominees whose names appeared on the 1998 Special Election Ballot of June 23, the Honorable Heather Wilson was elected Representative in Congress for the First Congressional District, State of New Mexico.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,  
*Clerk.*

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE  
HEATHER WILSON, OF NEW MEX-  
ICO, AS A MEMBER OF THE  
HOUSE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from New Mexico, Ms. HEATHER WILSON, be permitted to take the oath of office today. Her certificate of election has not yet arrived, but there is no contest; and no question has been raised with regard to her election.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. The Representative-elect and the Members of the New Mexico delegation may come forward.

Ms. WILSON 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.

INTRODUCTION OF THE  
HONORABLE HEATHER WILSON

(Mr. SKEEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, as the dean of the New Mexico delegation in the House, it is my distinct pleasure and honor to welcome and congratulate the newest Member of the House of Representatives, the Honorable Heather Wilson of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Congresswoman WILSON won this week's special election in New Mexico's First Congressional District, which was vacated in March by the untimely

death of our colleague, Steve Schiff. We will always miss Steve Schiff, but today we welcome a new Member who will continue in his tradition of public service on behalf of the people of the State of New Mexico.

Congresswoman WILSON won a most impressive victory in gaining election to the House. Many of us watched this race with significant interest and were involved in her successful election to Congress. I thank each and every one of my colleagues for their efforts on her behalf.

I look forward to working with the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. WILSON) in Congress on behalf of many principles each of us hold dear to our hearts, such as education, a strong national defense, a simpler and fairer tax system, among a host of other issues important to our State and Nation.

I welcome the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. WILSON) to Congress, and I wish her the best of success in representing the people from New Mexico's First Congressional District. It is up to her now. Thank goodness for her being here with us.

TAKING OFFICE WITH INTEGRITY,  
COURAGE AND ENERGY

Ms. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank all of you so much for your help, your support, your words of wisdom, and your words of kindness throughout the special election. Without your support, I would not be here today, and without the support of the people of the First District.

It is now time to roll up my sleeves, to take up the work which Steve Schiff left off too soon, and to represent the people of the First District with honor, with integrity, and with every ounce of courage and energy that I can summon. I look forward to that challenge, and I look forward to serving with each of you.

I wanted to thank my family, who is here with me, for their love and their support. I wanted to thank all of you again. I look forward to serving with you.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, yesterday on rollcall No. 264, Agriculture appropriations, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2676,  
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
RESTRUCTURING AND REFORM  
ACT OF 1998

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 490, I call up the conference report on the bill (H.R. 2676) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

NAYS—179

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Ackerman  
Allen  
Andrews  
Baker  
Baldacci  
Barcia  
Barrett (WI)  
Becerra  
Bentsen  
Berry  
Bishop  
Blagojevich  
Blumenauer  
Borski  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boyd  
Brady (PA)  
Brown (CA)  
Brown (FL)  
Brown (OH)  
Capps  
Cardin  
Clay  
Clayton  
Clement  
Clyburn  
Condit  
Conyers  
Costello  
Cox  
Coyne  
Cramer  
Crane  
Cummings  
Davis (FL)  
Davis (IL)  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
Delahunt  
DeLauro  
Deutsch  
Doggett  
Doolley  
Doyle  
Edwards  
Engel  
Ensign  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Evans  
Filner  
Ford  
Frank (MA)  
Frost  
Furse  
Gejdenson  
Gephardt  
Goodlatte  
Green

Harman  
Hastings (FL)  
Hefley  
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Hill  
Hilleary  
Hilliard  
Hinchey  
Holden  
Hoolley  
Hostettler  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Johnson (WI)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Kennedy (MA)  
Kennedy (RI)  
Kennelly  
Kildee  
Kind (WI)  
Klecicka  
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Kucinich  
LaFalce  
Lantos  
Lee  
Levin  
Lipinski  
Lofgren  
Lowey  
Luther  
Maloney (CT)  
Maloney (NY)  
Manton  
Martinez  
Mascara  
Matsui  
McCarthy (MO)  
McDermott  
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McHale  
McIntyre  
McKinney  
McNulty  
Meehan  
Meek (FL)  
Meeks (NY)  
Menendez  
Millender-  
McDonald  
Miller (CA)  
Minge  
Moran (KS)  
Moran (VA)  
Nadler  
Neal  
Oberstar  
Obey

Oliver  
Ortiz  
Owens  
Pallone  
Paul  
Payne  
Pelosi  
Peterson (MN)  
Petri  
Pomeroy  
Poshard  
Rahall  
Rangel  
Rivers  
Rodriguez  
Roemer  
Rohrabacher  
Rothman  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Rush  
Sanchez  
Sanders  
Sandlin  
Sanford  
Sawyer  
Schaffer, Bob  
Schumer  
Scott  
Sensenbrenner  
Sherman  
Slaughter  
Smith, Linda  
Snyder  
Spratt  
Stabenow  
Stark  
Stearns  
Stenholm  
Stokes  
Strickland  
Stupak  
Tanner  
Tauscher  
Taylor (MS)  
Thompson  
Thurman  
Tierney  
Towns  
Velazquez  
Vento  
Waters  
Watt (NC)  
Weller  
Wexler  
Weygand  
Wise  
Wynn  
Yates

NOT VOTING—19

Brady (TX)  
Dingell  
Gonzalez  
Gordon  
Hamilton  
Hinojosa  
Hulshof

Hutchinson  
Klug  
Lampson  
Lewis (GA)  
Markey  
McDade  
McIntosh

Moakley  
Reyes  
Turner  
Waxman  
Weldon (PA)

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Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD and Messrs. ROHRBACHER, RANGEL and MCINTYRE changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Ms. WOOLSEY changed her vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.