

out and no one is left behind. We do so guided by the vision of our Founders, the sacrifice of our military and their families, and the aspirations that we all have for the children.

To do so, we need God's blessing. May God bless all of us. God bless all of you. God bless our men and women in uniform, our servicemembers and their families, our veterans. And may God bless America.

Thank you all very much. It is my honor.

As Speaker, I am now ready to take the oath of office. I usually do so surrounded by children, but, of course, COVID has prevented that. But they are our purpose—for the children.

I ask the dean of the House of Representatives, the Honorable DON YOUNG from Alaska, to administer the oath of office.

Mr. YOUNG. Madam Speaker, before I issue the oath, I would like to take privilege on the floor as the dean.

I have been in this House longer than anybody else. I have served with you longer than anybody else has served with you. I love this institution. I will be honest: I do not like what I see. It is time we hold hands and talk to one another.

Madam Speaker, I say this with all sincerity: You will be the Speaker of the House, not of a party.

And that may hurt some of you. The job of our Nation is for the House of Representatives to govern this Nation. It was never meant to be the executive branch. It was never meant to be the judicial branch. It is this House that raises the money and dedicates how it shall be spent. And we are representing the people, as we were elected.

□ 1745

And I say this with all sincerity, Madam Speaker, that when you do have a problem or there is something so contentious, let's sit down and have a drink and solve those problems for the good of this Nation, for this institution, and, as you said, for the future children of this great Nation. We can do it as a body. As the dean to the new Speaker, I ask you to try to attempt to do that. With our leader, we can do it together.

If the gentlewoman from California will please raise her right hand.

Mr. YOUNG then administered the oath of office to Ms. PELOSI of California, 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.

(Applause, the Members rising.)

Mr. YOUNG. Madam Speaker, Congratulations.

The SPEAKER. I thank the dean.

SWEARING IN OF DEAN

The SPEAKER. I am honored to be sworn in by the dean, the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG), my friend of many years. Thank you for your guidance. And, again, I don't drink, but I am happy to have ice cream with anybody anytime.

The Chair will now swear in the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG).

The Speaker administered the oath of office to Mr. YOUNG 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 117th Congress.

□ 1800

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE LATE HONORABLE LUKE LETLOW

The SPEAKER. The Chair would ask all Members-elect and staff present in the Chamber, as well as those throughout the Capitol, to rise for a moment of silence in remembrance of the late Honorable Luke Letlow, the Member-elect from the Fifth District of Louisiana.

CHALLENGING SEATING OF MEMBERS-ELECT

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, on my responsibility as a Member-elect, I challenge the seating of Members-elect from the States of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

The SPEAKER. Under the precedents, the Chair will ask the Members-elect of those States' delegations to refrain from taking the oath with the other Members-elect.

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SPEAKER TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1

Resolved, That the Speaker is hereby authorized and directed to administer the oath of office to all Representatives-elect.

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I urge adoption of the resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the resolution.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the adoption of the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER. The yeas and nays are ordered. Members-elect will record their votes by electronic device.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 371, nays 2, not voting 59, as follows:

[Roll No. 3]

YEAS—371

Adams	Crawford	Herrell
Aderholt	Crenshaw	Herrera Beutler
Aguilar	Crist	Hice (GA)
Allen	Crow	Higgins (LA)
Allred	Cuellar	Higgins (NY)
Amodel	Curtis	Hill
Armstrong	Davids (KS)	Himes
Auchincloss	Davidson	Hinson
Axne	Davis, Danny K.	Hollingsworth
Babin	Davis, Rodney	Houlihan
Bacon	Dean	Hoyer
Baird	DeFazio	Hudson
Balderson	DeGette	Huizenga
Banks	DeLauro	Issa
Barr	DelBene	Jackson
Barragán	Delgado	Jackson Lee
Bass	Demings	Jacobs (CA)
Beatty	DesJarlais	Jayapal
Bentz	Deutch	Jeffries
Bera	Diaz-Balart	Johnson (GA)
Bergman	Dingell	Johnson (LA)
Beyer	Doggett	Johnson (OH)
Bice (OK)	Donalds	Johnson (SD)
Biggs	Duncan	Johnson (TX)
Bilirakis	Emmer	Jones
Bishop (GA)	Escobar	Jordan
Bishop (NC)	Eshoo	Joyce (PA)
Blumenauer	Espallat	Kahele
Blunt Rochester	Estes	Kaptur
Boebert	Evans	Keating
Bonamici	Fallon	Keller
Bost	Feenstra	Kelly (IL)
Bourdeaux	Ferguson	Kelly (MS)
Bowman	Fischbach	Kelly (PA)
Boyle, Brendan	Fitzgerald	Khanna
F.	Fitzpatrick	Kildee
Brooks	Fleischmann	Kilmer
Brown	Fletcher	Kim (CA)
Brownley	Fortenberry	Kim (NJ)
Buchanan	Foster	Kind
Buck	Foxo	Kinziger
Bucshon	Frankel, Lois	Kirkpatrick
Budd	Franklin, C.	Kuster
Burchett	Scott	Kustoff
Burgess	Fudge	LaHood
Bush	Fulcher	LaMalfa
Bustos	Gaetz	Lamb
Butterfield	Gallagher	Lamborn
Calvert	Gallago	Langevin
Cammack	Garamendi	Larsen (WA)
Carbajal	Garbarino	Larson (CT)
Cárdenas	Garcia (CA)	Latta
Carl	Garcia (IL)	LaTurner
Carson	Garcia (TX)	Lawrence
Carter (GA)	Gibbs	Lawson (FL)
Carter (TX)	Jimenez	Lee (CA)
Cartwright	Gohmert	Lee (NV)
Case	Golden	Leger Fernandez
Casten	Gomez	Levin (CA)
Castor (FL)	Gonzales, Tony	Lieu
Castro (TX)	Gonzalez (OH)	Lofgren
Cawthorn	Gonzalez,	Long
Chabot	Vicente	Loudermilk
Cheney	Good (VA)	Lowenthal
Chu	Gosar	Lucas
Cicilline	Gottheimer	Luetkemeyer
Clark (MA)	Granger	Luria
Clarke (NY)	Graves (LA)	Lynch
Cleaver	Graves (MO)	Mace
Cline	Green, Al (TX)	Malinowski
Cloud	Greene (GA)	Malliotakis
Clyburn	Grijalva	Maloney,
Clyde	Grothman	Carolyn B.
Cohen	Guest	Maloney, Sean
Cole	Guthrie	Mann
Comer	Haaland	Manning
Connolly	Hagedorn	Massie
Cooper	Harder (CA)	Mast
Correa	Harshbarger	Matsui
Costa	Hartzler	McCarthy
Courtney	Hayes	McCaul
Craig	Hern	McClain

McClintock	Pascrell	Spartz
McCollum	Pence	Speier
McEachin	Perlmutter	Staubert
McGovern	Perry	Steel
McHenry	Pfluger	Stefanik
McKinley	Phillips	Steil
McNerney	Pingree	Steube
Meeks	Pocan	Stevens
Meijer	Porter	Strickland
Meuser	Price (NC)	Takano
Mfume	Quigley	Thompson (CA)
Miller (IL)	Raskin	Thompson (MS)
Miller (WV)	Reed	Thompson (PA)
Miller-Meeks	Reschenthaler	Tiffany
Moolenaar	Rice (SC)	Timmons
Mooney	Rodgers (WA)	Titus
Moore (AL)	Rogers (AL)	Tlaib
Moore (UT)	Rogers (KY)	Tonko
Moore (WI)	Rose	Torres (CA)
Morelle	Rosendale	Torres (NY)
Moulton	Ross	Trahan
Mrvan	Rouzer	Turner
Mullin	Roy	Upton
Murphy (FL)	Roybal-Allard	Van Drew
Murphy (NC)	Rush	Van Dwyne
Nadler	Rutherford	Vargas
Napolitano	Scalise	Vela
Neal	Scanlon	Wagner
Neguse	Schakowsky	Walberg
Nehls	Schneider	Walorski
Newhouse	Schrader	Waltz
Newman	Schrier	Wasserman
Norcross	Schweikert	Schultz
Norman	Scott, Austin	Welch
Nunes	Scott, David	Wenstrup
O'Halleran	Sessions	Wexton
Obernolte	Sewell	Wild
Ocasio-Cortez	Simpson	Williams (GA)
Owens	Sires	Williams (TX)
Palazzo	Smith (MO)	Wilson (SC)
Pallone	Smith (NE)	Womack
Palmer	Smith (NJ)	Young
Panetta	Smith (WA)	
Pappas	Smucker	

NAYS—2

Griffith

Harris

NOT VOTING—59

Arrington	Payne	Stewart
Brady	Peters	Stivers
DeSaulnier	Posey	Suozi
Doyle, Michael	Pressley	Swalwell
F.	Rice (NY)	Taylor
Dunn	Richmond	Trone
Gooden (TX)	Ruiz	Underwood
Green (TN)	Ruppersberger	Valadao
Hastings	Ryan	Veasey
Horsford	Salazar	Velázquez
Huffman	Sánchez	Waters
Jacobs (NY)	Sarbanes	Watson Coleman
Joyce (OH)	Schiff	Weber (TX)
Katko	Scott (VA)	Webster (FL)
Krishnamoorthi	Sherman	Westerman
Lesko	Sherrill	Wilson (FL)
Levin (MI)	Slotkin	Wittman
McBath	Soto	Wright
Meng	Spanberger	Yarmuth
Omar	Stanton	Zeldin

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER (during the vote). As we have seen, all Members have not voted; but I hope, in the next few moments, they will have voted, Members-elect.

Before we settle, though, I want to make an announcement.

When we swear in the freshmen, the first-time Members-elect, anyone else who is in the room may raise his or her hand and take the oath of office as well. And then, after that, I want to note that, with the new Members-elect, you all have to walk down the aisle there to sign the oath card.

Once again, before I close the vote—and it is clear that some more Members-elect need to vote—to new Members-elect, head over here sooner so that it can end sooner.

When we swear in the Members-elect, the new, first-time Members-elect who will be here, when we swear them in,

anyone else who is in the room may raise his or her hand and take the oath as well.

However, then when you leave here, whether you do it now—I mean, after you have been sworn in or you are doing it in the series, you must leave through this door and go sign the oath card. After you get sworn in, you must leave and go sign the card that you have been sworn in, out that door. So that will save you some time, if you wish.

We still have a number of Members-elect who have not voted yet, so we cannot do the swearing in until that happens. But to our new Members-elect, observe that it is important to vote early, because we don't usually keep it open this long.

□ 1834

Messrs. PALAZZO and REED changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, the vote was gavelled down before my group (5) was called to the floor. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 3.

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, the vote was gavelled down before my group 6 was ever called. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 3.

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, I was detained and missed rollcall Vote No. 3. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 3.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Will the new Members-elect come forward to be sworn in.

As was said, due to the ongoing pandemic, the Chair will swear in remaining Members-elect in groups. The Chair will now swear in the group of first-term Members-elect present in the Chamber.

And as I announced, all Members-elect who are in the Chamber who wish to raise their hand and take the oath are welcome to do so.

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS

The SPEAKER. The Members-elect will rise and raise their right hand.

The Members-elect rose, and the Speaker administered the oath of office to them 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 117th Congress.

Will Members who have been sworn in please clear the Chamber so that we can swear in the next group. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair is prepared to swear in the group of Members-elect currently in the Chamber. The Members-elect will rise.

The Chair will now administer the oath of office. All Members-elect will raise their right hand.

The Members-elect rose, and the Speaker administered the oath of office to them as follows:

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The swearing in ceremony will be at 7:05 of any remaining Members-elect who have not been sworn in. So if you are in your office, or whatever, come on over now because we want to proceed with other business.

This is the schedule as it was scheduled—last call. So thank you all, and I see we have some already here.

We have about 6 more minutes.

The Chair is prepared to swear in the group of Members-elect currently present in the Chamber. The Members-elect will rise.

The Chair will now administer the oath of office. All Members-elect will raise their right hand.

The Members-elect rose, and the Speaker administered the oath of office to them as follows:

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