

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motions to suspend the rules and agree to:

- H. Res. 793; and
- H. Res. 888.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote.

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the remaining electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

CALLING ON HAMAS TO IMMEDIATELY RELEASE HOSTAGES
TAKEN DURING OCTOBER 2023
ATTACK ON ISRAEL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 793) calling on Hamas to immediately release hostages taken during October 2023 attack on Israel, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 414, nays 0, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 676]

YEAS—414

Adams	Burgess	Crow
Aderholt	Burlison	Cuellar
Aguilar	Calvert	Curtis
Alford	Cammack	D'Esposito
Allen	Caraveo	Davidson
Allred	Carbajal	Davis (IL)
Amo	Cárdenas	Davis (NC)
Amodei	Carey	De La Cruz
Armstrong	Carl	Dean (PA)
Arrington	Carson	DeGette
Auchincloss	Carter (GA)	DeLauro
Babin	Carter (LA)	DeBene
Bacon	Carter (TX)	Deluzio
Baird	Cartwright	DeSaulnier
Balderson	Casar	Diaz-Balart
Balint	Case	Dingell
Banks	Casten	Doggett
Barr	Castor (FL)	Donalds
Barragán	Castro (TX)	Duarte
Bean (FL)	Chavez-DeRemer	Duncan
Beatty	Cherfilus-	Dunn (FL)
Bentz	McCormick	Edwards
Bera	Chu	Ellzey
Bergman	Ciscomani	Emmer
Beyer	Clark (MA)	Escobar
Bice	Clarke (NY)	Eshoo
Biggs	Cleaver	Espallat
Bilirakis	Cline	Estes
Bishop (NC)	Cloud	Ezell
Blumenauer	Clyburn	Fallon
Blunt Rochester	Clyde	Feenstra
Boebert	Cohen	Ferguson
Bonamici	Cole	Pinstad
Bost	Collins	Fischbach
Bowman	Comer	Fitzgerald
Boyle (PA)	Connolly	Fitzpatrick
Brecheen	Correa	Fleischmann
Brown	Costa	Fletcher
Brownley	Courtney	Flood
Buchanan	Craig	Foster
Buck	Crane	Foushee
Bucshon	Crawford	Fox
Budzinski	Crenshaw	Frankel, Lois
Burchett	Crockett	

Franklin, Scott	LaTurner	Rosendale
Frost	Lawler	Ross
Fry	Lee (FL)	Rouzer
Fulcher	Lee (PA)	Roy
Gallagher	Leger Fernandez	Ruiz
Gallego	Lesko	Ruppersberger
Garamendi	Letlow	Rutherford
Garbarino	Levin	Ryan
Garcia (IL)	Lieu	Salazar
Garcia (TX)	Lofgren	Salinas
Garcia, Mike	Loudermilk	Sánchez
Garcia, Robert	Lucas	Santos
Gimenez	Luetkemeyer	Sarbanes
Golden (ME)	Luna	Scalise
Goldman (NY)	Luttrell	Scanlon
Gomez	Lynch	Schakowsky
Gonzales, Tony	Mace	Schiff
Gonzalez,	Magaziner	Schneider
Vicente	Malliotakis	Scholten
Good (VA)	Mann	Schrier
Gooden (TX)	Manning	Schweikert
Gosar	Massie	Scott (VA)
Gottheimer	Mast	Scott, David
Granger	Matsui	Self
Graves (LA)	McBath	Sessions
Graves (MO)	McCaul	Sewell
Green (TN)	McClain	Sherman
Green, Al (TX)	McClellan	Sherrill
Greene (GA)	McClintock	Simpson
Griffith	McCollum	Slotkin
Grijalva	McCormick	Smith (MO)
Grothman	McGarvey	Smith (NE)
Guest	McGovern	Smith (NJ)
Guthrie	Meeks	Smith (WA)
Hageman	Menendez	Smucker
Harder (CA)	Meng	Sorensen
Harris	Meuser	Soto
Harshbarger	Mfume	Spanberger
Hayes	Miller (IL)	Spartz
Hern	Miller (OH)	Stansbury
Higgins (LA)	Miller (WV)	Stanton
Higgins (NY)	Miller-Meeks	Stauber
Hill	Mills	Stefanik
Himes	Molinaro	Steil
Hinson	Moolenaar	Steube
Horsford	Mooney	Stevens
Houchin	Moore (AL)	Strickland
Houlahan	Moore (UT)	Strong
Hoyer	Moore (WI)	Sykes
Hoyle (OR)	Moran	Takano
Hudson	Morelle	Tenney
Huffman	Moskowitz	Thanedar
Huizenga	Moulton	Thompson (CA)
Hunt	Mrvan	Thompson (MS)
Issa	Mullin	Thompson (PA)
Ivey	Murphy	Tiffany
Jackson (IL)	Nadler	Timmons
Jackson (NC)	Napolitano	Titus
Jackson (TX)	Neal	Tlaib
Jacobs	Neguse	Tokuda
James	Newhouse	Tonko
Jayapal	Nickel	Torres (CA)
Jeffries	Norcross	Torres (NY)
Johnson (GA)	Norman	Trahan
Johnson (LA)	Nunn (IA)	Trone
Johnson (OH)	Obermole	Turner
Johnson (SD)	Ocasio-Cortez	Underwood
Jordan	Ogles	Valadao
Joyce (OH)	Omar	Van Drew
Joyce (PA)	Owens	Van Dwyne
Kamlager-Dove	Pallone	Van Orden
Kaptur	Palmer	Vargas
Kean (NJ)	Panetta	Vasquez
Keating	Pappas	Velazquez
Kelly (IL)	Pascarell	Wagner
Kelly (MS)	Payne	Walberg
Khanna	Peltola	Waltz
Kiggans (VA)	Pence	Wasserman
Kildee	Perez	Schultz
Kiley	Perry	Waters
Kilmer	Peters	Watson Coleman
Kim (CA)	Pettersen	Webster (FL)
Kim (NJ)	Pfugler	Wenstrup
Krishnamoorthi	Pingree	Westerman
Kuster	Pocan	Wexton
Kustoff	Porter	Wild
LaHood	Pressley	Williams (GA)
LaLota	Quigley	Williams (NY)
LaMalfa	Ramirez	Williams (TX)
Lamborn	Raskin	Wilson (FL)
Landsman	Reschenthaler	Wilson (SC)
Langworthy	Rodgers (WA)	Wittman
Larsen (WA)	Rogers (AL)	Womack
Larson (CT)	Rogers (KY)	Yakym
Latta	Rose	Zinke

NOT VOTING—20

Bishop (GA)	DesJarlais	Gaetz
Bush	Evans	Jackson Lee

Kelly (PA)	Nehls	Steel
Lee (CA)	Pelosi	Swalwell
Lee (NV)	Phillips	Veasey
McCarthy	Posey	Weber (TX)
McHenry	Scott, Austin	

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Mr. COHEN changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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 28, 2023.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter received from Mr. Ryan Cowley, Director of Elections, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, State of Utah, containing unofficial results of the Special Election for Representative to Congress for the Second Congressional District of Utah held on November 21, 2023.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk.

Enclosure.

STATE OF UTAH,
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,
November 27, 2023.

KEVIN MCCUMBER,
Office of the Clerk,
House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. MCCUMBER: Below are listed the unofficial results from the special Utah Second Congressional District election held November 21, 2023. These results are not official at this time and will not be certified as final until the canvass on December 8, 2023. The counties administering the special congressional election will post updated results as they process and count ballots up through their respective county Board of Canvassers meetings which, under the Utah Election Code, may be held as late as December 6th.

The State Board of Canvassers will convene on December 8, 2023 to canvass the returns and will certify the election results at that meeting. As soon as possible after the canvass, the Lieutenant Governor will send the certified election results and an official Certificate of Election to you, both by email and UPS.

The following link directs you to our website where you may observe unofficial results as they are posted. <https://electionresults.utah.gov/results/public/utah/elections/2023-Nov-General>. I have listed the preliminary vote count below and have attached a screenshot of the website as of the morning of Monday, November 27, 2023.

The following results are unofficial and likely to change up through the canvasses that are performed by the county legislative bodies.

Perry T. Myers (Unaffiliated): 1.42 percent 2,195 votes.

Celeste Maloy (Republican): 56.87 percent 87,649 votes.

Cassie Easley (Constitution): 2.31 percent 3,556 votes.

January Walker (United Utah): 1.82 percent 2,808 votes.

Kathleen Riebe (Democratic): 33.90 percent 52,253 votes.

Bradley Garth Green (Libertarian): 2.84 percent 4,374 votes.

Joe Buchman (Unaffiliated): 0.82 percent 1,260 votes.

Write-in: 0.03 percent 39 votes.

As of today we are not aware of any challenges or contests to these election results but note that, per statute, the deadline for an individual to contest the results is 10 days after the canvass, December 18, 2023.

Sincerely,

RYAN COWLEY,
DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS,
Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE CELESTE MALOY, OF UTAH, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentlewoman from Utah, the Honorable CELESTE MALOY, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

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

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect Maloy and the Members of the Utah delegation present themselves in the well.

All Members will rise and the Representative-elect will please raise her right hand.

Ms. MALOY 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 118th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE CELESTE MALOY TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

There was no objection.

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, as the dean of the Utah delegation, I have the distinct honor to rise today to introduce the newest Member of the House of Representatives, CELESTE MALOY. CELESTE was born in southern Utah, raised in rural Nevada, and then, as an adult, chose Utah as her home. CELESTE earned an agricultural degree from Southern Utah University in Cedar City which she now calls home.

She began her career in public service as a soil conservationist at the

USDA in Beaver, Utah, also located within her district, where she worked for 10 years.

She left Beaver to go to law school at BYU, where she got her law degree, in my hometown, and she was a law student there, in fact, while I was her mayor.

Since beginning her late career, she has worked as a deputy county attorney, a public lands attorney for the Utah Association of Counties and, most recently, as the chief legal counsel to former Congressman Chris Stewart.

In a special election, CELESTE assembled a coalition of both rural and urban voters. She was unafraid to stand for conservative principles, calling for debate in each of her 13 counties. In her district, she is known to be a hard worker, levelheaded, and consistently conservative.

We were all a little surprised that she won the election since the last thing she won was her 7th grade spelling bee, but the secret to her heart is simple: offer her a Dr. Pepper and her number one food staple, cottage cheese. Better yet, ask her about her 90-year-old grandmother, who is her biggest political fan and best critic, or her other grandmother who was her roommate when she was in high school and they worked at the same truck stop.

She is the fourth of six kids—this is how we do families in Utah—which means that most of her life she has been in a bunk bed.

Finally, my colleagues will remember her predecessor, Chris Stewart. He was known for having several speed records around the world in his plane. Celeste does not have a flight speed record, but I hear, unbeknownst to the Utah Highway Patrol, she has several speed records on I-15 in her district.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to yield to my fellow Utahn, CELESTE MALOY.

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Ms. MALOY. Mr. Speaker, it is an absolute honor and privilege to be here right now. It is very humbling. Since this was a special election, they let me have a few friends and family come in the gallery. I want everyone on the floor to notice how many people are up here to support me.

I have talked a lot on the campaign trail, and the media has talked a lot about how I went to college on a scholarship I won in an FFA soil judging contest. I was very involved in FFA in high school. In my freshman year, I memorized the FFA creed and then participated in a creed speaking contest where I totally lost.

I repeated one of the paragraphs three times, but in the first paragraph, which I had down pat, there is a sentence that says, "I believe . . . in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years."

I think that perfectly describes how I feel right now about being a Member of the United States House of Representa-

tives. I believe in the promise of better days through better ways. I am excited to be here now, when there are really important conversations happening and when an individual can have a huge impact.

I also acknowledge the struggles of former years and that we live in an absolutely wonderful, great country because of the people who came before us and had important conversations and struggles and inched us ever closer to the ideal, the American Dream, the principles that are embodied in our Constitution and our Declaration of Independence.

Let me humbly say how excited I am to be here and how much it means to me to be representing the people in Utah's Second Congressional District. I don't take that title lightly. I want to make sure my constituents know that I am here to truly represent them and that I am optimistic, that I am excited to serve, and that I understand what a great honor and rare privilege it is to be standing here on the House floor right now giving a speech, so thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from Utah, the whole number of the House is 435.

REAFFIRMING THE STATE OF ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 888) reaffirming the State of Israel's right to exist, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAWLER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 412, nays 1, answered "present" 1, not voting 21, as follows:

[Roll No. 677]
YEAS—412

Adams	Barr	Bowman
Aderholt	Barragan	Boyle (PA)
Aguilar	Bean (FL)	Brecheen
Alford	Beatty	Brown
Allen	Bentz	Brownley
Allred	Bera	Buchanan
Amo	Bergman	Bucshon
Amodei	Beyer	Budzinski
Armstrong	Bice	Burchett
Arrington	Biggs	Burgess
Auchincloss	Bilirakis	Burlison
Babin	Bishop (NC)	Calvert
Bacon	Blumenauer	Cammack
Baird	Blunt Rochester	Caraveo
Balderson	Boebert	Carbajal
Balint	Bonamici	Cardenas
Banks	Bost	Carey