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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 6, 1999, at 12 noon.

## House of Representatives

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1998

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

December 19, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable RAY LAHOOD to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray using a benediction from the Book of Numbers:

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 277, nays 125, not voting 32, as follows:

[Roll No. 541]

YEAS—277

Aderholt  
Andrews  
Archer  
Armey  
Bachus  
Baker  
Ballenger  
Barcia  
Barr  
Barrett (NE)  
Barrett (WI)  
Bartlett  
Bass  
Bateman  
Bentsen  
Bereuter  
Berman  
Bilbray  
Bilirakis  
Blagojevich  
Bliley  
Blumenauer  
Blunt  
Boehlert  
Boehner  
Bonilla

Bono  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boyd  
Brady (TX)  
Bryant  
Bunning  
Burr  
Buyer  
Callahan  
Calvert  
Camp  
Campbell  
Canady  
Cannon  
Capps  
Cardin  
Castle  
Chabot  
Chambliss  
Christensen  
Clement  
Coble  
Coburn  
Collins  
Combest

Conyers  
Cook  
Cooksey  
Cox  
Crapo  
Cubin  
Cummings  
Cunningham  
Danner  
Davis (FL)  
Deal  
DeLay  
Diaz-Balart  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Dooley  
Doolittle  
Dreier  
Duncan  
Dunn  
Edwards  
Ehlers  
Ehrlich  
Emerson  
Evans  
Everett

Ewing  
Farr  
Fawell  
Foley  
Forbes  
Fowler  
Fox  
Franks (NJ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Gallegly  
Ganske  
Gekas  
Gibbons  
Gilchrest  
Gillmor  
Gilman  
Goode  
Goodlatte  
Goodling  
Gordon  
Goss  
Graham  
Granger  
Greenwood  
Gutknecht  
Hall (TX)  
Hamilton  
Hansen  
Hastert  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayworth  
Hefley  
Herger  
Hill  
Hilleary  
Hobson  
Hoekstra  
Horn  
Hostettler  
Houghton  
Hoyer  
Hulshof  
Hunter  
Hutchinson  
Hyde  
Inglis  
Istook  
Jackson (IL)  
Jenkins  
John  
Johnson (CT)  
Johnson (WI)  
Jones

Kaptur  
Kasich  
Kelly  
Kennedy (MA)  
Kildee  
Kim  
Kind (WI)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Klecza  
Kolbe  
LaHood  
Lampson  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Lazio  
Leach  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Linder  
Lipinski  
Livingston  
LoBiondo  
Lofgren  
Lowey  
Lucas  
Maloney (CT)  
Manzullo  
McCarthy (MO)  
McCollum  
McHale  
McHugh  
McInnis  
McIntosh  
McIntyre  
McKeon  
McKinney  
Metcalf  
Mica  
Miller (FL)  
Minge  
Moakley  
Mollohan  
Moran (KS)  
Moran (VA)  
Morella  
Murtha  
Myrick  
Nadler  
Nethercutt  
Neumann  
Ney  
Northup

Norwood  
Nussle  
Obey  
Oxley  
Packard  
Pappas  
Parker  
Paxon  
Pease  
Peterson (PA)  
Petri  
Pitts  
Pombo  
Porter  
Portman  
Quinn  
Radanovich  
Rahall  
Ramstad  
Redmond  
Regula  
Riley  
Rivers  
Roemer  
Rogan  
Rogers  
Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Rothman  
Roukema  
Royce  
Ryun  
Salmon  
Sanders  
Sandlin  
Sanford  
Saxton  
Scarborough  
Schaefer, Dan  
Schumer  
Scott  
Sensenbrenner  
Shadegg  
Shaw  
Shays  
Sherman  
Shimkus  
Shuster  
Sisisky  
Skeen  
Smith (MI)  
Smith (OR)  
Smith (TX)

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Smith, Adam	Tauzin	Weldon (FL)
Snowbarger	Taylor (NC)	Weldon (PA)
Snyder	Thomas	Weller
Solomon	Thornberry	Weygand
Spence	Thune	White
Spratt	Tiahrt	Whitfield
Stabenow	Torres	Wicker
Stearns	Traficant	Wilson
Stenholm	Upton	Wise
Stokes	Walsh	Wolf
Stump	Wamp	Yates
Sununu	Watkins	Young (AK)
Talent	Watt (NC)	
Tanner	Watts (OK)	

NAYS—125

Abercrombie	Gedjenson	Millender-
Ackerman	Gephardt	McDonald
Allen	Green	Mink
Baesler	Gutierrez	Neal
Baldacci	Hall (OH)	Oberstar
Becerra	Harman	Olver
Berry	Hastings (FL)	Ortiz
Bishop	Hefner	Owens
Bonior	Hilliard	Pallone
Borski	Hinchey	Pascrell
Brady (PA)	Hinojosa	Payne
Brown (CA)	Holden	Peterson (MN)
Brown (FL)	Hooley	Pickett
Brown (OH)	Hooley	Pomeroy
Carson	Jackson-Lee	Poshard
Clay	(TX)	Price (NC)
Clayton	Jefferson	Reyes
Clyburn	Johnson, E. B.	Rodriguez
Condit	Kanjorski	Roybal-Allard
Costello	Kennedy (RI)	Rush
Coyne	Kennelly	Sabo
Cramer	Kilpatrick	Sanchez
Davis (IL)	Klink	Sawyer
DeFazio	Kucinich	Schaffer, Bob
DeGette	LaFalce	Serrano
Delahunt	Lantos	Skaggs
DeLauro	Lee	Skelton
Deutsch	Levin	Stark
Dickey	Lewis (GA)	Strickland
Dicks	Luther	Stupak
Dixon	Manton	Tauscher
Doyle	Markey	Taylor (MS)
Engel	Martinez	Thompson
English	Mascara	Thurman
Ensign	Matsui	Tierney
Eshoo	McCarthy (NY)	Turner
Etheridge	McDermott	Velazquez
Fattah	McGovern	Vento
Fazio	McNulty	Waxman
Filner	Meehan	Wexler
Ford	Meek (FL)	Woolsey
Frost	Meeks (NY)	Wynn
Furse	Menendez	

NOT VOTING—32

Barton	Largent	Riggs
Burton	Maloney (NY)	Sessions
Chenoweth	McCrery	Slaughter
Crane	McDade	Smith (NJ)
Davis (VA)	Miller (CA)	Smith, Linda
Fossella	Pastor	Souder
Frank (MA)	Paul	Towns
Gonzalez	Pelosi	Visclosky
Johnson, Sam	Pickering	Waters
Klug	Pryce (OH)	Young (FL)
Knollenberg	Rangel	

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Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. BERRY and Mr. HINOJOSA changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Ms. LOFGREN and Mr. HALL of Texas changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on December 18th and 19th, I was unavoidably detained due to a family illness. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: Friday, December 18, 1998: Motion to Adjourn (Roll Call No. 540): "Nay." Saturday, December 19, 1998: Approval of the House Journal (Roll Call No. 541): "Aye."

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SOLOMON 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.

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE—IMPEACHING WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR HIGH CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 611), impeaching William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Friday, December 18, 1998, the resolution is debatable for 1 additional hour equally divided between the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS), and the previous question is ordered on the resolution to final adoption without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE).

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. ROGAN).

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, the evidence is overwhelming. The question is elementary. The President was obliged under his sacred oath faithfully to execute our Nation's laws. Yet he repeatedly perjured himself and obstructed justice, not for any noble purpose but to crush a humble lone woman's right to be afforded access to the courts. Now his defenders plead for no constitutional accountability for the one American uniquely able to defend or debase our Constitution and the rule of law.

When they are old enough to appreciate today's solemnity, I want my young daughters to know that when the last roll was called, their father served in a House faithful to the guiding principle that no person is above the law. And he served with colleagues who counted it a privilege to risk political fortune in defense of the Constitution.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE).

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to strongly oppose these articles of impeachment and this very flawed and undemocratic process. This process and this action are the real crimes against the American people and our democracy. This march to impeachment is an attempt to undo and overthrow a duly

elected President and ignores the will of the people.

Denying a vote on censure creates the appearance of a one-party autocracy which we condemn abroad and which history has proven can lead to authoritarian rule. This Republican Party coup underscores that their only goal is to turn back the clock on an agenda that puts people first; an agenda that will want to cancel policies that value and support basic human rights, such as a woman's right to choose, a good public education instead of vouchers; that insists on a living wage for working men and women; that protects our environment; that supports the Patient's Bill of Rights and that preserves Social Security.

The Republican process is cynical and it is dangerous. It will be recorded that they stood on the wrong side of history. We must restore the public trust and establish a Congress which communicates respect for the people of the United States, the Constitution and democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to strongly oppose these articles of impeachment. I join my Democratic colleagues in speaking out against this flawed, undemocratic process.

This process and this action are the real crimes against the American people and our democracy.

This Republican Congress is marching this country into an impeachment of President Clinton in an attempt to undo and overthrow a duly elected President. This ignores the will of the people.

We condemn single party rule abroad. But this Republican Congress refuses to allow the minority party to vote on censure. But squelching the minority's requests for debate, for fairness, and for reasonable alternatives, this Republican Congress demonstrates its contempt for the Presidency, for the democratic process, and for the will of the people of this nation.

It abridges the Constitution by restricting and closing off legislative options, and creates the appearances of a one-party autocracy, which history has proven can lead to authoritarian rule.

This Republican party coup underscore that their only goal is to turn back an agenda that puts people first. To cancel a program that values basic human rights. That values a woman's right to choose, and that supports good public education instead of vouchers. Their goal is to cancel an agenda that insists that working women and men have a right to a living wage. An agenda that protects our environment. An agenda that fights for a Patient's Bill of Rights and preserves Social Security.

Today's vote is one of the most important votes in American history. The Republican's process is cynical and dangerous. It will be recorded that the Republicans have stood on the wrong side of history. As Americans who value an open and just society, we must reject this madness and say yes to openness. Say yes to fairness.

We must restore public trust and establish a Congress which communicates respect for the people of the United States, the Constitution, and democracy. A vote on a censure motion will allow the opinion and the voice of millions of Americans to be heard.