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The House met at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

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

Teach us, O gracious God, to be responsive to the prayers and blessings and support that other people share with us. When we truly examine our lives, we see how those about us have favored us with both material and spiritual gifts and we, too, often only accept the gift and never offer our appreciation to the giver. Remind us always, O God, to be grateful for the support and advocacy of other people in our daily lives so we will respond with a true spirit of thanksgiving. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. VOLKMER 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.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION OF THE MEXICO-UNITED STATES INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 276h, the Chair appoints the following Member of the House as a Member of the United States Delegation of the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group for the 1st session of the 104th Congress:

Mr. KOLBE of Arizona, chairman.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will recognize Members for 20 1-minute speeches on each side.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman for Ohio [Mr. HOKE].

CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

(Mr. HOKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America states the following:

On the first day of Congress the Republican House will require Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else, cut committee staffs by one-third, and cut the congressional budget. We have kept our promise.

It continues in this way. That in the first 100 days we will vote on the following items:

A balanced budget amendment; we kept our promise, we passed it.

Unfunded mandates legislation; we kept our promise.

Line-item veto; we kept our promise. A new crime package to stop violent criminals; we kept our promise.

National security restoration to protect our freedoms; we kept our promise.

Government regulatory reform; we are doing this right now.

Welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence; family reenforcement to crack down on deadbeat dads and to protect our children; tax cuts for middle-class, middle-income families; Senior Citizens Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without Government penalty; common sense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits; and term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature.

Mr. Speaker, this is our Contract With America.

QUESTIONING THE CREATION OF A FREE TRADE ZONE IN ISRAEL AND THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SPEAKER'S WIFE

(Mr. VOLKMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, just last week one of our colleagues gave much needed criticism to several former higher ranking Government officials who now represent foreign interests. I rise today to protest the job given to the wife of our Speaker by a group of American investors who want to create a free trade zone in Israel. What does a free trade zone mean? It means companies operating within the zone can import duty free and then export to the United States duty free. In other words, export American jobs to Israel so they can produce products that can come back to the United States to compete with American made products.

The Speaker's wife, Marianne Gingrich, reportedly is paid \$30,000 annually plus commissions on each American company she convinces to leave the United States. For instance, a 10-percent commission on a \$100 million factory would be \$10 million to the Speaker's wife. Why did this job go to the Speaker's wife? Four and a half million

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