



United States  
of America

# Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 104<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

Vol. 141

WASHINGTON, FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1995

No. 40

## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m.

### PRAYER

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

May the glory of Your word, O God, be heard in every heart and every land; may that word bring gladness to people who seek hope and confidence and health in their daily lives; may that word remind of truth and integrity and honesty; may that word direct to the ways of peace and knowledge, and may that word of faith lift every person who yearns for justice and freedom. Bless us this day and every day, we pray. 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 Indiana [Mr. ROEMER] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ROEMER 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.

### REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

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

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

On the first day of Congress, a 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 kept our promise.

It continues that in the first 100 days, we will vote on the following items: A balanced budget amendment—we kept our promise; 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 now; welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence; family reinforcement to crack down on deadbeat dads and protect our children; tax cuts for middle-income families; Senior Citizens' Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without Government penalty; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits; and congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature.

This is our Contract With America, Mr. Speaker, and I just cannot say it enough; it is good policy, it is good government, and it is about time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 1-minutes on each side at this time.

### A RESPONSIBLE WAY TO BALANCE THE BUDGET

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

Mr. SAWYER. Mr. Speaker, it does not make sense for a family to take out a bank loan just to pay for its weekly grocery bill. But if they are

buying a house, it does make sense for a family to get a long-term mortgage. The groceries will be gone within a week. But the house will last for a long time.

It is the same way with the Federal budget. It does not make sense for our Government to take on debt for current consumption—to pay for the fuel and sailors that keep our Navy's ships at sea every day. But it does make sense to take on debt for long-range investments—to build the aircraft carrier that will last for a long time.

Yet under today's illogical budget rules, we treat consumption and investment the same way.

Today I am sponsoring a measure to create an operating budget and a capital budget. It would require the operating budget to be balanced by 2002. But it would permit borrowing for capital investments that will strengthen our future.

Our budget is in trouble because we fail to differentiate between consumption and investment. That outlook must change. My balanced-budget plan will help put our Nation's finances back onto a responsible footing.

### CONSIDER WELFARE A LOAN

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

Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I look forward to the day when as Members of Congress we are not debating the virtues of block grants versus entitlements for food, shelter, or child care programs. I look forward to the day, Mr. Speaker, when all able-bodied mothers and fathers and their extended families are carrying their own weight, a society where no one receives something that they have not earned.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



Printed on recycled paper containing 100% post consumer waste

H2585