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The House met at 10 a.m.

### PRAYER

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

We remember with great affection and warmth, O gracious God, those people who volunteer their time and abilities in service to others so the blessings of life may be enjoyed by every person. With deep appreciation we offer our word of praise for the dedication and commitment for all those who share their gifts for the benefit of others. As each of us is bound together in Your spirit, O God, so may we reflect that unity with acts of kindness and deeds of compassion in all we do. 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 North Carolina [Mrs. CLAYTON] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. CLAYTON 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.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair announces there will be 20 1-minutes on each side.

### REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

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

Mr. ENSIGN. 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 kept our promise; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits—we kept our promise; 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; and congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature.

This is our Contract With America.

### RETROACTIVE TERM LIMITS WOULD CLEAN OUT THE BARN NOW

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

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I often hear Republicans say that we need term limits because "we need to

clean out the barn." Look, I do not live on a farm, so I never use that phrase.

But, when I hear someone else say, "We need to clean out the barn," it sounds like something important, something that should be done soon. Not a few years down the road. But today. Now.

So, I do not understand when those who have been in Congress for 12, 20, 25 years say they support term limits, but they plan to stick around Washington a little longer, because these are the same folks who said, "We have got to clean out the barn."

Fine.

Grab a broom.

Clean out the barn.

But if it turns out that you are the one who is making the mess, you better get out of the barn, too.

I urge Members who talk about term limits to support retroactive term limits, where we count your accumulated service as of today.

That would turn term limits from rhetorical cheapshot into real change.

Retroactivity cleans out the barn, now.

### SAVE OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE—BALANCE THE BUDGET

(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, I remember during the 1992 Presidential campaign when Bill Clinton promised he would balance the budget in 5 years. As the campaign wore on, he said "We will just cut it in half." Now, however, the President has decided to throw in the towel on deficit reduction, saying we should not even balance the budget by 2002.

That is just not another line of long broken promises. It is a betrayal of our children's future. They will pay the

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