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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. RADANOVICH].

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
December 6, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable GEORGE P. RADANOVICH 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:

We pray, O gracious God, that with all the tasks that need to be accomplished, we will see clearly the opportunities that have been given for healing and helping, for encouraging and being made whole. With the dilemmas and perplexities that demand attention and the great needs of the Nation, we pray for a serenity of spirit that leads in the way of service to others. Remind us, O loving God, to lift our eyes to sense not only the obstacles that necessarily press from every side, but also to see the blessings that You have so graciously given and for which we are eternally thankful. In Your name, we pray. 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.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas, Mr. GENE GREEN, come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas 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.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2204. An act to extend and reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1058) "An Act to reform Federal securities litigation, and for other purposes."

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain twenty 1-minute speeches on each side.

### THE SPENDING IS THE PROBLEM

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the President now has 10 days left to decide if he really cares about America's future. That is why I am bringing this sign back to the floor today. I used it in 1993, and it is appropriate for him again today. "It is the spending, Stupid."

I hope all of America sees through Clinton's charade. He just wants to spend more of your money, and that is why he will not sign a balanced budget with honest CBO numbers. He does not care about seniors, he does not care about education, he does not care about the future of the country. If he did, he would sign the Balanced Budget Act, which saves Medicare and actually increases spending on Medicare and education and reduces the size and scope of the Federal Government.

If the President does not sign a balanced budget plan with honest Congressional Budget Office numbers like he agreed to, we are ready to shut the Government down before we give him one more dime to spend. The President wants to spend more money. We want to save America's future. It is just that simple.

### NO NEW TAXES

(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, let me quote some Republicans.

Like Abraham Lincoln, who said "malice toward none and charity for all"—an idea that today's Republicans seem to have forgotten.

And I love NEWT GINGRICH'S quotes from a few years back—when he used to talk about the ethics of the Speaker of the House.

And, how about George Bush's line about reading his lips—no new taxes?

Well, I have a new version: "Read our lips. No New Taxes."

That is what working families are saying as the GOP raises their out-of-pocket expenses for health care and education.

The Republicans will not admit that they are raising taxes—they will even say they are cutting them.

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