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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 5, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable JIM BUNNING 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 to You, O God, for justice, but we also accept our responsibility to do the works of justice; we pray to You, O God, for the vision of righteousness, but we know You expect us to walk the road of righteousness; we pray to You, O God, for the blessing of peace, but we accept our obligation to walk the paths of peace. Remind us, gracious God, not to forfeit our accountability or cover our omissions, but let us use the abilities that You have given us in ways that support the common good and strengthen the bonds which bind us together. O gracious God, we thank You for the visions of justice, righteousness, and peace, even as we pray for strength to do our duty to You and to our country. 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 Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TRAFICANT 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.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky] at 11 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will recognize ten 1-minutes from each side.

HAZEL O'LEARY'S TRAVEL EXPERTISE

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I think now we can see why Mrs. Clinton apparently wanted to get rid of the White House travel agency; they have a travel expert in the Secretary of Energy,

Ms. O'Leary. Listen to these great winter fares: India, \$729,000; Pakistan, for a mere half million dollars; China, \$845,000; and the new low winter discount, South Africa for \$560,000. No wonder the White House does not need a travel agency. These are great rates.

I understand, Mr. Speaker and Members of Congress, if you like to travel with your family, your friends, your staff, your associates, the persons you stand next to in the grocery store line, anybody you happen to see on the street, bring them all. They have a fleet of airplanes that used to belong to Madonna or somebody like that, and they can let you fly in comfort with an airplane with stand-up bars, beds, piped-in Barbra Streisand music and everything else in the world. It is a wonderful thing to be doing while the Federal employees are shut out of work because we pay \$20 billion each month on interest on the national debt.

Mr. Speaker, this is a national scandal. I would say it is time to do the right thing. Resign, Ms. O'Leary; let the taxpayers have a break.

INTO THE REALM OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I continue to be amazed by what I hear from the Republican side. I think truly they have gone over to become a bunch of kooks this morning. I heard that they are finally going to bring up a continuing resolution to send the Government workers back to work and to pay them, but I understand they are not going to be able to do their work. They are not going to be spending money or appropriating money so they can actually do their job.

They will be on the job. They will be paid, but they will not be able to perform their job. Then I heard another

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