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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 7, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable PAUL E. GILLMOR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Charles Sineath, First United Methodist Church, Marietta, GA, offered the following prayer:

O Lord, we acknowledge You as the giver of every good and perfect gift, and the source of all our blessings. We thank You for Your goodness, and especially for the privilege of living in this good and noble land. This morning, I want to thank You for these who serve You by serving our Nation as Members of the Congress and leaders in our Nation. Grant them wisdom, courage, compassion, and patience as they fulfill their awesome responsibilities and work for the achievement of a nation and world where justice and mercy roll down like a river and righteousness and truth is like a never-failing stream. This prayer we offer with eternal gratitude and praise to Your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Georgia [Mr. COLLINS] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia 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 passed with amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2778. An act to provide that members of the Armed Forces performing services for the peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and Macedonia shall be entitled to tax benefits in the same manner as if such services were performed in a combat zone, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain fifteen 1-minutes from each side.

WELCOME TO REV. CHARLES SINEATH

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

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in an age when for many years it seems as if our courts and many of our public institutions have been engaged in a direct and deliberate effort to eradicate religion and recognition of God from whom all our powers and sense of right and wrong derive from the face of our public Earth, from the face of our public service and our institutions, it is,

indeed, gratifying and something to me that is daily important to me to recognize that we in this House as Representatives of the people of the United States of America begin each and every day that we are in session doing their work and doing the Lord's work with a moment of prayer.

I am very happy today to have before us today to deliver the prayer for the opening of this session of the Congress this day the Reverend Charles Sineath, Methodist minister from First United Methodist Church where we have the privilege of serving, I and my family, with he and his wife, Ann, today.

It is, indeed, an honor to welcome him and his wife, Ann, to this House, the people's House of the United States of America, today.

JOBS IN AMERICA

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, United Technologies eliminated 35 percent of their American jobs, created 15,000 jobs overseas. General Motors is building a new \$1 billion auto plant, my colleagues, in Shanghai. Blue Cross moved 2,000 jobs that paid \$10 an hour in America to Jamaica where they will pay \$1 an hour. AT&T got rid of 50,000 American workers but gave their boss, Robert Allen, a record \$16 million paycheck. But yesterday's event I think tells the whole story.

As Eleanor Roosevelt had done in the 1930's, Mrs. Clinton repeated history by sewing in a union label into a garment in New York. The big difference is, Members of Congress, Eleanor Roosevelt used a Singer sewing machine made in America. Mrs. Clinton used a sewing machine made in Japan.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. Nobody can even see what is happening to our country.

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