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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 21, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable ENID G. WALDHOLTZ 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:

As the days lengthen and the Sun brightens our hours, so may we anticipate the renewal of the bounty of Your creation. When we see the blossoms of nature, may they recall for us the seasons of our own lives; as we await the warmth of the days, may we remember the warmth of Your grace that is ever with us. In all things, O God, may we experience the wonders of Your love and so live our lives with strength and hope. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PALLONE 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 with an amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3019. An act making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 3019) "An act making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BOND, Mr. GORTON, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MACK, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. BYRD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REID, Mr. KERREY, Mr. KOHL, and Mrs. MURRAY to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills and concurrent resolutions of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 942. An act to promote increased understanding of Federal regulations and increased voluntary compliance with such regulations by small entities, to provide for the designation of regional ombudsmen and oversight boards to monitor the enforcement practices of certain Federal agencies with re-

spect to small business concerns, to provide relief from excessive and arbitrary regulatory enforcement actions against small entities, and for other purposes;

S. 956. An act to establish a Commission on Structural Alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals;

S. Con. Res. 47. Concurrent resolution to provide for a Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies; and

S. Con. Res. 48. Concurrent resolution authorizing the rotunda of the United States Capitol to be used on January 20, 1997, in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States.

The message also announced that pursuant to sections 276h-276k, of title 22, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mrs. HUTCHISON as the chairperson of the Senate delegation to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Union during the 2d session of the 104th Congress.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minutes on each side.

### VETO PRESIDENT POISED TO STRIKE AGAIN

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

Mr. LINDER. Madam Speaker, bowing to special interests, the veto President is poised to strike again. The President who stopped welfare reform, tax cuts, and a balanced budget announced this past weekend that he will veto a bipartisan legal reform bill.

As Governor of Arkansas, the President called for just this type of legislation to limit frivolous lawsuits and sky-high punitive damage awards. But

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