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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 20, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable SAXBY CHAMBLISS 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 You are the creator of the whole world, O God, and have blessed us and ever watch over us, we express our petitions before You seeking Your grace and mercy. We remember those who have special need this day—those in sorrow or sadness, those who need Your healing hand and Your word of blessing, those who look for confidence and trust, those who seek courage and strength. May Your peace, O gracious God, that is always with us, be and abide with all Your people, now and evermore. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CHAMBLISS). 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 Colorado [Mr. HEFLEY]

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HEFLEY 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 PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain fifteen 1-minute per side.

WHY IS CRAIG LIVINGSTONE STILL ON THE WHITE HOUSE PAYROLL?

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, why are taxpayers paying Craig Livingstone not to work? He is the guy who was involved in pawing through the private FBI background files on political opponents of President Clinton. Even the director of the FBI, a Clinton appointee, has termed his conduct "an egregious violation of privacy."

Does the buck stop with Livingstone? Do not bet on it. Others at the White House chose to plead executive privilege to cover this stuff up, but Craig Livingstone is the one that the White House has chosen to suspend. His job has now been reorganized out of existence, yet he continues to be paid with taxpayer dollars.

True, there are probably a lot worse things than paying Craig Livingstone not to work, like paying him to continue his sleazy investigations of American citizens. It is not like he has been named as an unindicted co-conspirator or something. Still, it is curious that he remains on the White House payroll. Very curious.

REPUBLICAN TAX BREAKS FOR THE WEALTHY

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I continue to criticize the Gingrich-Dole Medicare cuts because basically they are being used to pay for tax breaks for the wealthy. They open the door for doctors to overcharge seniors beyond current copayment ceilings, and basically force seniors into managed care and eliminate their choice of doctors.

But now these tax breaks are coming at the very time when, in today's New York Times, it is reported that the income disparity between the poorest and the richest continues to rise. The Census Bureau said today that the gap between the most affluent Americans and everyone else is wider than it has been since the end of World War II, and the Bureau has determined that from 1968, when the gap began to widen, to 1994, the last year for which complete data were available, each indicator has shown a pronounced increase between the gap in the income of the well-to-do and those of the poor and working class. So why do we continue to make these Medicare cuts in order to give tax breaks to the wealthy?

The income disparity in this country has never been as great, and it just indicates once again why the Gingrich Republicans and the Republican leadership continue to play to the special interests, and that is the wealthy Americans, with these tax cuts.

UNINDICTED CO-CONSPIRATOR?

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, one of Bill Clinton's closest advisers, and best

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