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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. HEFLEY).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 1, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable JOEL HEFLEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Reverend Douglas Tanner, Faith and Politics Institute, Washington, DC, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, who created, sustains and redeems us:

On this first day of April, we are aware that however confused this year's seasons may have been, surely spring has arrived, as it always does. Signs of growth and new life surround us. Sunshine warms our faces. Fresh breezes beckon us to leave the walls within which we have lived and worked all winter and come outside.

We pray that Your creative and renewing spirit might come upon us in a similar way. Grant those in this body an openness to new perspectives and possibilities, even as they appropriately adhere to values and traditions that have survived the tests of time. Warm them to the genuine humanity in each other, even as they vehemently disagree in debate and fiercely compete for the public trust. And even as our worst appears evident in children killing children, guide them to call forth the best in us as a Nation. 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 Iowa (Mr. BOSWELL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BOSWELL 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 in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3579. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 3579) "An Act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints

Mr. STEVENS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SPENCER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BOND, Mr. GORTON, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BYRD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. HARKIN, Ms.

MIKULSKI, Mr. REID, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DORGAN, and Mrs. BOXER, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 8 one-minutes per side.

### STOP WASTING TAXPAYER MONEY

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

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, since the election, the administration has amassed a team of 84 taxpayer-paid White House attorneys on the Federal payroll. That is 31 more lawyers than the entire squad on the Dallas Cowboy football team.

Now, are these lawyers working on issues that affect the public good? Well, don't bet the farm on that. Since the newest rounds of scandals, the White House Counsel's Office has grown by 43 employees. The non-partisan Congressional Research Service recently reminded us that a Federal employee hired as an attorney is compensated from United States Treasury funds to provide legal advice and assistance or to litigate matters concerning the official business of the United States, its agencies, officers and employees, rather than concerning matters which are purely personal to the employee or to another Federal official.

That is the law.

The time has come for the administration to spend more time on the people's business and less time wasting taxpayer's money stonewalling and invoking executive privilege.

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