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The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HEFLEY).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 20, 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.

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 21, 1997, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will

alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. CHRISTENSEN) for 5 minutes.

DISAPPOINTMENT OVER OMNIBUS SPENDING PACKAGE

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to express my disappointment in the bill that we are going to be voting on. The omnibus bill that will be brought up on the floor later today has over 4,000 pages in it and over 2,500 pages of actual budgets that are going to be hopefully debated a little bit today.

But, you know, it is now 12:30 p.m. Washington, DC, time. We will be taking up this debate sometime around 4

or 5 o'clock and probably make the vote around 6:30 or 7 o'clock Eastern Standard Time, and this Member of Congress has not seen the report yet. I have called a number of my other colleagues and they have not seen the report yet. The report is not out.

We are going to vote on a \$500 billion omnibus spending package, something that we have worked a year on, some have worked longer than that, and we have not even seen the work product yet.

The Republican cloakroom has put out the spin and the Republican Conference has put out our spin on why this is a great win for the American people. Well, I do not think it is too hard to figure out that when the Democrats, the President, the Vice President, the party, is gloating about their great win, and then we come and say that we won also, something just does not figure.

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JOHN W. WARNER, *Chairman.*

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