

Hall (OH)	McKinney	Sabo
Harman	Menendez	Schroeder
Hastings (FL)	Mfume	Skaggs
Hefley	Miller (CA)	Stark
Hefner	Mineta	Taylor (MS)
Hilliard	Neal	Taylor (NC)
Hinchey	Ortiz	Tejeda
Jacobs	Owens	Thompson
Jefferson	Pallone	Towns
Kaptur	Payne (NJ)	Trafficant
Kennedy (MA)	Pelosi	Vento
Klink	Pickett	Visclosky
LaFalce	Pombo	Volkmer
Lantos	Pomeroy	Waters
Lewis (GA)	Roemer	Wolf
Lipinski	Rush	Yates

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Goodling

NOT VOTING—18

Andrews	Furse	Quinn
Collins (MI)	Houghton	Reynolds
Cubin	Kasich	Smith (NJ)
Durbin	Kennedy (RI)	Stockman
Emerson	Minge	Stupak
Frost	Orton	Torricelli

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Mr. HILLIARD changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. LoBIONDO, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Messrs. BARCIA, WISE, and SERRANO changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAZIO of New York). Will the gentleman from Washington [Mr. WHITE] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WHITE 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 10 1-minutes on each side. Further 1-minutes will be entertained after the end of the legislative business tonight.

#### REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

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

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America states the following: That on the first day of Congress a Republican House will force Congress to live under the laws as everyone else, that we will cut committee staff by one-third and cut the congressional budget. And we have done this, and much, much more.

It goes on to state that in the first 100 days we will vote on the following items: A balanced budget amendment, and we have done this; unfunded mandates legislation, and we have done

this; line-item veto legislation, and we have also done this; a new crime package to stop violent criminals that we are in the process of now; welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence; family reinforcement to crack down on deadbeat dads and protect our children; tax cuts for families to lift Government's burden from middle-income Americans; national security restoration to protect our freedoms; Senior Citizens Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without Government penalty; Government regulatory reform; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits; and congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature once again.

My colleagues, this is our Contract With America.

#### BASEBALL IS NOT JUST A GAME

(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, baseball is not just a game of Mantle and Ruth and DiMaggio.

Baseball is a game of that working mother who sells peanuts outside Camden Yards.

It is a game of that father who ushers people to their seats at Tiger Stadium.

Baseball is a game of tens of thousands of working men and women like them who clean the seats and drive the buses and work in the restaurants and hotels outside the stadium, often for very little pay.

And today, as we watch millionaires fight with billionaires to come to an agreement, it is those average Joes who are being hurt most by this strike.

Mr. Speaker, baseball is not a small industry.

It is part of the rhythm of America. It brings balance to a time of chaos and change.

Today, America is not turning its lonely eyes to Joe DiMaggio.

It is turning its eyes to us.

And it is time we join the President, step up to the plate, and help put an end to this baseball strike.

#### AFTER THE CONTRACT

(Mrs. SMITH of Washington asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, this has been a dynamic month as a freshman. It is just a little over a month ago that we came with a lot of promises to the American people. We promised a balanced budget amendment, line-item veto, and we are marching on.

I was just interviewed by a newspaper and asked, "What do you think?"

I said, "Well, I said I would never run because this Congress will never do anything, and just 6 months ago I was a write-in candidate, and I was recruited, and I said, 'O.K., I'll go for 2 years.'"

I have to stand before my colleagues today and say, "This Congress has done more than I have seen any Congress do in 2 years."

After the contract, Mr. Speaker, we are going to do more, and we are going to take up some of the tough issues.

Today we have introduced a bill, a group of freshmen, that will eliminate gifts and trips. This will be a tough one to take on, but both our leadership, the committee chairs, and all of us believe that it is time that we take on this issue. It will be heard right after the contract. It is something very, very important that we do.

This Congress is not only good, but we also have a high integrity, and we are going to make sure that the American people understand that.

#### MR. ARMEY'S WARDROBE AND THE MINIMUM WAGE

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

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I do not mean to harangue the distinguished major leader. However, I heard Mr. ARMEY say that he would fight an increase in the minimum wage with "every fiber in his body."

Well, I want him also to consider the fibers on his body: the fibers that make up his shirt, his suit, his socks, his tie.

If his clothes were made here in USA, then I would bet that some of those fibers were sewn together—by workers earning the minimum wage.

As public servants, we should be willing to give our constituents the shirts off our back.

Instead, in Mr. ARMEY's world, we take the shirts that they make for us, put them on our backs, and then tell them that they are not even worth the \$4.25 an hour that they got making that shirt. Mr. ARMEY may be the majority leader in this House, but he does not speak for the majority of Americans, most of whom want us to honor our workers with a decent, liable wage.

We have all heard the story of the "Emperor who had no clothes." Well, if it were not for minimum wage employees, we would hear the story—the true story—of the majority leader who had no clothes.

Let us keep that in mind as we debate the minimum wage.

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#### INTRODUCTION OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM LEGISLATION TO BE FORTHCOMING

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

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Speaker, we in Congress need to give additional attention to the American travel and tourism industry. Do Members know that travel

and tourism creates a \$63 billion business, and that it is the Nation's second largest employer?

Last year in Wisconsin, for example, tourism brought in some \$6 billion. That is more than \$17 million a day, and it creates jobs for some 128,000 workers. In my district, people vacationing or traveling for business spent \$700 million and created 18,000 new jobs. And that is true of just about every single congressional district in America.

Restaurants, hotels, service stations, gift shops, rental services, and taverns all rely on the tourism dollar. We in Congress need to recognize this industry for the jobs and prosperity it creates.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the Members to call my office to sign on as original co-sponsors on far-reaching travel and tourism legislation that I will be introducing.

#### U.S. TRADE POLICY SEES NO CHANGE, AMERICAN JOBS STILL THREATENED

(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, everybody was cheering because the Trade Representative finally stood up to those Chinese dictators. Not for long. At this moment they are negotiating a \$8 billion energy deal with China. Beam me up. John Wayne is rolling over in his grave.

When will we learn, Congress, that from Nixon to Clinton this policy of engagement is nothing more than a policy of surrender that is killing the American workers. I say enough is enough. No more wimp-outs, no more deals, no more promises. Congress should strip China of its most-favored-nation trade status or Congress has no anatomy at all.

Mr. Speaker, the last I heard, it was still Uncle Sam. Let us not treat him like Uncle Sucker anymore.

#### THE ONGOING RECORD OF THE 104TH CONGRESS

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, I hope the American people listening note the contrast between what the Democrats are talking—trivial, mean-spirited nonsense—and what we are talking about—the important issues facing America. It is a pity that they have nothing worthwhile to say.

If there is one thing the American people appreciate is hard work. After all, we are a nation built on hard work.

Well, Mr. Speaker, I am proud to report that the statistics are in, and this January was the most productive since before 1981. Let's compare some average numbers for the first January in

each Congress from 1981 to 1993 with the January just ended.

Number of hours in session—1981-93: 28. This Congress: 115.

Number of votes—1981-93: 9.3. This Congress: 79.

Number of committee/subcommittee sessions—1981-93: 25.4. This Congress: 155.

Number of measures reported out of committee—1981-93: 1.6. This Congress: 14.

Mr. Speaker, the numbers speak for themselves. This has been the most productive Congress in recent history.

#### SUPPORT URGED FOR RAISING THE MINIMUM HOURLY WAGE

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

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the President on recommending a minimum wage increase for the hard-working people of this country.

There are people who wake up every single morning in this country, go to work every day, and at the end of the day they are still poor, not because they are lazy but because we need to raise the minimum wage.

It is an absolute shame, Mr. Speaker, that there are people who walk into this Chamber making \$550 a day and tell people who are making a mere \$680 a month that they are not entitled to a cost-of-living adjustment. I find that to be absolutely outrageous at best.

Mr. Speaker, we have not raised the minimum wage since April 1991; according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are an estimated 11 million workers who earn the minimum wage, two-thirds of which are adults.

Sixty percent are women, many are heads of the households.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, what better way to get people off of the welfare rolls, than by giving them a chance to be on a payroll that pays a decent wage.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to stand up for the working people in the country and vote "yes" to a minimum wage increase, so that people can get paid for the hard work that they do every single day of their life.

#### THE HOUSE SETS A NEW RECORD FOR PRODUCTIVITY

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

Mr. MARTINI. Mr. Speaker, correct me if I am wrong, but was it not Casey Stengel who often said, "You could look it up"?

Well, you could look it up, Mr. Speaker. When we have our 100th vote sometime today, we will have set a new record for productivity. Not only have we had 100 votes earlier than any other

Congress in the last 15 years, but we have also had more votes.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, it has been hard work. But look at what we have to show: A balanced budget amendment, a line-item veto, an unfunded mandates bill, and maybe most important, a reformed Congress that is restoring the faith of the American people in their Government. After 40 years of one-party rule, this is no small achievement. It comes from working hard and keeping promises.

Today we will keep another promise when we continue work on the crime package. So far we have provided restitution for victims of crime. By the close of business today, we will have put an end to technical loopholes and established an effective death penalty.

Mr. Speaker, it is all part of the real change America wants.

#### MANDATORY BINDING ARBITRATION RECOMMENDED TO SETTLE THE BASEBALL STRIKE

(Mr. WILLIAMS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, big league ball players, managers, league owners, play ball.

In the last Congress, last September, I introduced a mandatory binding arbitration bill to try to save this year's season for the national pastime. I re-introduced that bill in this Congress last month.

I have been working with the President and the Secretary of Labor, and the President is writing and will send up this week his preference for binding arbitration, and I will be introducing that. Let us hope that the leadership of this House will play ball with the President. Let us save the 1995 baseball season.

#### SUPPORT URGED FOR BILL TO LIMIT FEDERAL APPEALS FOR CONVICTED FELONS

(Mr. WHITE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WHITE. Mr. Speaker, in 1982, in my district, a man named Charles Campbell slit the throat of an 8-year-old girl, her mother, and a next-door neighbor. He was convicted by a county jury, and under elaborate procedures designed to give him every benefit of the doubt, he was sentenced to the death penalty by a separate jury. Yet last April, 12 years after his sentence, the sentence had still not been carried out.

Why? He had spent his time in five separate appeals, three Federal appeals, trying to evade his sentence. None of the appeals had any merit, and he was finally executed last May.

Mr. Speaker, none of us is happy when a criminal has to be executed, but the present system makes a mockery not only of the death penalty but