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The House met at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Your hand of mercy, O God, is strong enough to give us hope in the depths of our hearts; Your voice of comfort, O God, is sure enough to give us Your peace and assurance; Your mind, O God, is wise and perceptive and counsels us in the ways of life and Your mighty acts of compassion and grace, O God, give us confidence and promise in our daily lives. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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.

The VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 344, nays 61, answered “present” 1, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 158]

YEAS—344

Allard
Andrews
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baesler
Baker (LA)
Baldacci
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Beilenson
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berman
Bevill
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Billey
Boehlert
Bonilla
Bono
Borski
Boucher
Brewster
Browder
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Brownback
Bryant (TN)
Bryant (TX)
Bunn
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Canady
Cardin
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Christensen
Chrysler
Clayton
Clement
Clinger
Coble
Coburn
Collins (GA)
Collins (IL)
Combest
Condit
Conyers

Cooley
Costello
Cox
Cramer
Crapo
Creameans
Cubin
Cunningham
Danner
Davis
Deal
DeFazio
DeLay
Dellums
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doolittle
Dornan
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Durbin
Edwards
Ehrlich
Emerson
Engel
English
Ensign
Eshoo
Everett
Ewing
Farr
Fawell
Fields (LA)
Fields (TX)
Flake
Flanagan
Foley
Forbes
Ford
Fowler
Fox
Franks (CT)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frisa
Funderburk
Gallegly
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Geren
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman

Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Green
Greenwood
Gunderson
Gutierrez
Gutknecht
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Hancock
Hansen
Harman
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefner
Heineman
Herger
Hilleary
Hobson
Hoekstra
Hoke
Holden
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jackson-Lee
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (SD)
Johnson, E.B.
Johnson, Sam
Johnston
Jones
Kaptur
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
Kim
King
Kingston
Klecza
Klink
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaHood
Latham
LaTourette

Laughlin
Lazio
Leach
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Lightfoot
Lincoln
Linder
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Longley
Lucas
Luther
Maloney
Manzullo
Markey
Martinez
Martini
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McDermott
McHale
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McKeon
Meehan
Metcalf
Meyers
Mica
Miller (CA)
Miller (FL)
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Molinari
Mollohan
Montgomery
Moorhead
Moran
Myers
Myrick
Nadler
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Norwood
Nussle

Obey
Oliver
Orton
Oxley
Packard
Parker
Paxon
Payne (VA)
Peterson (FL)
Peterson (MN)
Petri
Porter
Portman
Poshard
Pryce
Quillen
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Reed
Regula
Reynolds
Rivers
Roberts
Roemer
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rose
Roth
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Rush
Salmon
Sanders
Sanford
Sawyer
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaefer
Schiff
Schumer
Scott
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Shuster
Sisisky
Skeen

Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Spratt
Stearns
Stenholm
Stokes
Studds
Stump
Stupak
Talent
Tanner
Tate
Tauzin
Taylor (NC)
Tejeda
Thomas
Thornberry
Thornton
Thurman
Tiahrt
Torkildsen
Torres
Torricelli
Towns
Traffant
Upton
Vucanovich
Waldholtz
Walker
Walsh
Wamp
Ward
Waters
Watts (OK)
Waxman
Weldon (FL)
Weller
White
Whitfield
Wicker
Williams
Wilson
Woolsey
Wynn
Young (FL)
Zeliff

NAYS—61

Ackerman
Barrett (WI)
Becerra
Bishop
Bonior
Brown (CA)
Chenoweth
Clay

Clyburn
Coleman
Coyne
Crane
DeLauro
Deutsch
Evans
Fazio

Filner
Foglietta
Frank (MA)
Furse
Gephardt
Gibbons
Hastings (FL)
Hefley

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Hinchey	Oberstar	Skaggs
Jacobs	Ortiz	Stark
Jefferson	Owens	Taylor (MS)
Kanjorski	Pallone	Vento
LaFalce	Pastor	Visclosky
Lantos	Payne (NJ)	Volkmer
Lewis (GA)	Pelosi	Watt (NC)
Lowey	Pickett	Wolf
Manton	Pombo	Wyden
McKinney	Pomeroy	Yates
Menendez	Richardson	
Mineta	Sabo	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Stockman

NOT VOTING—28

Abercrombie	Gonzalez	Seastrand
Baker (CA)	Klug	Thompson
Blute	Largent	Tucker
Boehner	Livingston	Velazquez
Chapman	McNulty	Weldon (PA)
Collins (MI)	Meek	Wise
de la Garza	Mfume	Young (AK)
Ehlers	Morella	Zimmer
Fattah	Murtha	
Frost	Riggs	

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Mr. ALLARD, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Ms. HARMAN 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. EWING). Will the gentleman from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SANDERS 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.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 607

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of the bill, H.R. 607.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 10 requests for 1-minutes per side. Further 1-minutes will take place after regular business today.

REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

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

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America states the following:

On the first day of Congress, a Republican House will require Congress to

live under the same laws as everyone else; cut committee staffs by one-third; and cut the congressional budget.

We kept our promise.

It continues that in the first 100 days, we will vote on the following items: A balanced budget amendment—we kept our promise; unfunded mandates legislation—we kept our promise; line-item veto—we kept our promise; a new crime package to stop violent criminals—we kept our promise; national security restoration to protect our freedoms—we kept our promise; Government regulatory reform—we are doing this now; welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence; family reinforcement to crack down on deadbeat dads and protect our children; tax cuts for middle-income families; Senior Citizens' Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without government penalty; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits; and congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature.

This is our Contract With America.

THE SPEAKER'S COLLEGE CLASS, SUBSIDIZED BY AMERICAN TAXPAYERS, SAID TO BE EXTREMELY PARTISAN

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, just how nonpartisan is NEWT GINGRICH's college class?

The Speaker claims it is nonpartisan. He sold it to the Ethics Committee as a nonpartisan class.

The sole reason that donors get tax exemptions is because it is supposedly nonpartisan.

Yet, in the past 2 days, we have received new evidence that this class was as partisan as partisan gets.

The dean of the college who once helped teach the class now says that political and academic resources were commingled.

A Ph.D. student who helped set up the class said on Sunday: "the class was intended to be partisan and very political."

Mr. Speaker, this class, which promotes an intensely partisan, political agenda of the Speaker, is being subsidized by the American taxpayers.

And its fund were commingled with the Speaker's own political action committee, GOPAC.

It is time for the Speaker to come clean with the American people.

It is time for him to release the list of past GOPAC donors.

And it is time that we appoint a professional, nonpartisan, outside counsel to investigate this whole mess.

PRESIDENT CLINTON USING SCARE TACTICS

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I do not think the President really understands what happened last November. I think he is trapped in a 1960's time warp. He seems hopelessly married to big-government ideas of the past, and he is using scare tactics to save big-government's agenda.

Yesterday Mr. Clinton was accusing Republicans of wanting to kill the school lunch program. This is absolutely not true. Mr. Clinton's problem is that he thinks he knows more about the needs of students than the 50 State Governors. He thinks that the bureaucrats here in Washington can do a better job of setting standards than the local school districts. I say to my colleagues, "Let me tell you I trust Governor Bill Graves and the local school districts of Kansas a lot more than I do any Beltway bureaucracy."

Mr. Speaker, if the President wants to continue to engage in this type of blatant political propaganda and demean his office in the process, he is free to do so.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. TIAHRT. But while he is busy resurrecting the sixties, we will be working hard for the people by getting America ready for the next century.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I demand that the gentleman's words be taken down.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The words will be taken down.

The Clerk will report the words.

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Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my demand that the words be taken down.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). The gentleman from Missouri withdraws his demand that the words be taken down. The time of the gentleman from Kansas has expired.

THE TRUTH ABOUT SCHOOL LUNCHES

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

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, it amazes me the length Democrats will go to try to save Federal bureaucrats their jobs. Yesterday, the Democrat leadership and President Clinton launched a mean-spirited attack on Republican attempts to provide school lunches through block grants. But once again, just like a broken record, they did not tell the whole story.

The Republican approach will actually increase spending for school lunches by decreasing administrative costs, which translates into cutting the Federal bureaucrats. But Democrats shy away from anything new because they just cannot seem to get over their love affair with a bigger bureaucracy and a failed welfare system. However, sinking to scaring needy children—