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The House met at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

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

We pray, O God, that in the business of every day, we will use our time wisely so we will gain healthy and holy lives. Remind us that our value comes not only in action in the cluttered hours of work, but also in reflection and meditation and prayer and an awareness of Your abiding spirit in our lives. As we take some time for those precious moments of quiet deliberation and circumspection, may we grow in the assurance that Your power and Your peace are sufficient for our needs. 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. MARTINI] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MARTINI 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. Hallen, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without

amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 20. Concurrent resolution permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for ceremonies as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 2761 of title 22, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Republican leader, appoints Mr. STEVENS as chairman of the Senate delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group during the 104th Congress.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 201(a)(2) of Public Law 93-344, the Chair announces, on behalf of the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the appointment of Ms. June Ellenoff O'Neill as Director of the Congressional Budget Office for the term of office beginning on January 3, 1995, effective March 1, 1995.

The message also announced that pursuant to sections 276d-276g of title 22, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. MURKOWSKI as chairman of the Senate delegation to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group during the 104th Congress.

The message also announced that pursuant to sections 276h-276k of title 22, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. KYL as chairman of the Senate delegation to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group during the 104th Congress.

The message also announced that pursuant to sections 276h-276k of title 22, United States Code, as amended the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. DODD as vice chairman of the Senate delegation to the Mexico-

United States Interparliamentary Group during the 104th Congress.

The message also announced that pursuant to sections 276a of title 22, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. BURNS as chairman of the Senate delegation to the Interparliamentary Union during the 104th Congress.

The message also announced that pursuant to sections 1928a-1928d of title 22, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. ROTH as chairman of the Senate delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly during the 104th Congress.

The message also announced that pursuant to sections 1928a-1928d of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. HEFLIN as vice chairman of the Senate delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly during the 104th Congress.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, is there a number of 1-minutes per side set for today?

The SPEAKER. The Chair believes the leaderships have agreed that there will be 10 on each side today.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, may I plead with the Chair, since it is in the Speaker's power, and point out that we have a number of Members in excess of that who wish to speak. I will make a commitment to the Speaker and a promise to the Speaker that I will not call for any votes today, and that I will be a very nice person today if the Speaker would go to 15 on each side.

The SPEAKER. Let the Chair say to the gentleman from Missouri that we will try to accommodate him in the

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next few minutes. I am told this was worked out last night in terms of some Judiciary Committee policy that also involved doing a favor for the gentleman's side. I do not want to stand up here and make this decision. I realize this is not the most momentous decision we will make this year, but if the gentleman will just wait for a minute or two on his potential opportunity, which the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. WALKER] and I used to cherish deeply, I suspect we will accommodate the gentleman. But I do not want to do that without checking with Mr. ARMEY. The majority leader has that prerogative, and I want to make sure he is happy with me.

Mr. VOLKMER. I thank the Speaker.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF THE FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL COMMISSION

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 84-372, the Chair appoints as a member of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Commission the following Member of the House: Mr. LEWIS of California.

REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

(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, we are on track in keeping the Contract With America. It is good policy, it is good government, and I am excited to be a part of it.

On the first day of Congress we required Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else in America. We also cut committee staffs by a third, and we cut the congressional budget. It is a promise that we kept.

During these 100 days we are now in, we have already passed the balanced budget amendment, unfunded mandates, line-item veto, a new crime package, the National Security Restoration Act, and Government regulatory reform. We are keeping our promises. We are working hard to keep our promise to the American people.

In the future we are going to be working on welfare reform, on family reinforcement to crack down on deadbeat dads, a tax cut for middle American families, the Senior Citizens Equity Act to allow our senior citizens to work without Government penalty, commonsense legal reform, and term limits.

Mr. Speaker, we are going to keep our promises to America. This is our contract, it is good government, it is good policy, and it is about time.

THE REPUBLICAN WAR AGAINST SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, why have the Republicans declared war on Social Security?

In the Senate today, the balanced budget amendment is likely to fail because Republicans refuse to take Social Security off the chopping block.

In January, we offered a bill in the House to protect Social Security. Every Republican but six voted against it.

Last month, NEWT GINGRICH's think tank ran this editorial in their newsletter.

The headline reads, "For Freedom's Sake, Eliminate Social Security."

The article says, and I quote,

As we bury the rest of the welfare state in preparation for the 21st century * * * it is time to slay the largest "entitlement" program of all—Social Security.

And let us not forget—the Speaker himself once offered a bill to eliminate the Social Security system as we know it.

Mr. Speaker, Franklin Roosevelt once called Social Security a sacred trust that must never be taken away.

But after just 55 days of Republican rule, Social Security is facing its greatest threat in six decades.

Republicans keep talking about a revolution.

But nobody ever told us that the real revolution would be a war on older Americans.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. QUINN). The Chair wishes to announce that agreement has been reached this morning that there will be 13 1-minutes on each side. That is a total of 13 on each side.

CHILDREN SUFFER HUNGER UNDER FAILED WELFARE SYSTEM

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

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that there was an accommodation made on 1-minutes, and I hope that the gentleman from Missouri will abide by his word and not interrupt the good business of the House during the day.

Mr. Speaker, do you remember the incident in Chicago last year when authorities found 19 children living in squalor in a single apartment on the west side. Some of the children were eating food from the same bowl used by the family dog.

Kim King of the Cook County Public Guardian's Office had this to say in the aftermath of the incident:

The welfare system is a humongous failure. There's no question about that. The welfare system condones having children and not being responsible for those children.

This, Mr. Speaker, is what liberalism's failed welfare system has wrought.

To those liberals who come down here to defend this system, I say you

have a lot of explaining to do. And when they talk about taking the food out of babies' mouths, I have news for my liberal colleagues—it is already happening on a far grander scale than imaginable.

Yet you all have the nerve to take the well to call for more of the same.

PENTAGON MAKES PEACE WITH MORGAN COUNTY, WV; MILITARY FLIGHTS RESUMED

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

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, today I am happy to announce that as of 10 a.m. this morning the skies over Morgan County, WV, are now open to Federal flights. Members may remember that after helping in the cleanup 2 years ago of a tragic military crash, the Morgan County Commission asked the Pentagon to reimburse it by almost \$11,000.

After 2 years of being turned down, this small rural county passed a resolution banning military overflights. But peace is here. As I speak, in a ceremony in Martinsburg, Gen. Joseph Skaff is presenting a check for full payment. Following that, he will board a C-130 to resume regular flights over Morgan County.

Mr. Speaker, many worked hard for this day—General Skaff, Colonel Lloyd, the 167th in Martinsburg, and Lt. Col. Marcia Bachman. They all deserve special credit for breaking the impasse. Morgan County officials have shown consistent firmness and respect, and I appreciate the efforts of Members of Congress like the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. MURTHA], who assisted me.

Rest assured, Mr. Speaker, when Members board a plane to head home this weekend, as they bank over Berkeley Springs and Paw Paw, they will once again fly the friendly skies of Morgan County.

ANTI-IMMIGRANT SENTIMENT GAINING IN AMERICA

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, as a person who came to this country at the young age of 7 as a refugee fleeing the Communist dictatorship of Fidel Castro in Cuba, I know first hand the generosity and opportunities this great country has offered immigrants from around the world.

Unfortunately, I am afraid that today, an anti-immigrant sentiment is growing from an unreal perception that immigrants only come to the United States to take advantage of our generous society and become a burden on the state while never integrating nor becoming productive citizens.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Immigrants have contributed