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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. LARGENT].

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 30, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable STEVE LARGENT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend John Williams, Immaculate Conception Church, Clinton, NC, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, grant unto the Members of the Congress the desires of their hearts for the precious gift of wisdom, and as You deliver it, help them to love it and act upon it in all their deliberations.

May the Lord our guardian preserve you from all evil today and keep you safe and in peace and in health of spirit and body for the carrying out of your duties.

In I Timothy, Paul urged that prayer, supplications, and intercessions be raised up for sovereigns and for those in positions of responsibility. May these prayers and those of pastors and congregations all over the country be acceptable on behalf of the honorable men and women of Congress, the servants of a free people.

And now unto Him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless into the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Father, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, now and forever. 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. The gentleman from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

S. 219. An act to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions, and for other purposes.

WELCOME TO THE REVEREND JOHN WILLIAMS

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

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, it is a great pleasure this morning to join in welcoming my cousin, the pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Clinton, NC, who gave us our invocation today.

I am also joined by his former parishioner, the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. JONES], and we are both very

pleased and proud that Father John Williams could be with us today.

Mr. Speaker, I now yield to my colleague, the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. JONES] for any remarks he may have to add.

Mr. JONES. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege and a pleasure for me to also welcome Father John today, a man that I have great respect for, a man who loves his people, loves his country, and loves his Lord.

TAX CUTS FOR THE RICH

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

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. Speaker, it is bad enough that the Gingrich Republicans are proposing a tax cut for the wealthiest people in America. We expect the Gingrich Republicans to continue to slather the fattest cats with tax cuts and without so much as the slightest regrets, these same Republicans cut children's programs like school lunches to pay for them.

But today the Gingrich Republicans take this extremism to a new low. Late Tuesday night, a handful of lobbyists met secretly with Republican congressional leaders and killed a provision that would have closed a tax loophole for billionaires who renounce their American citizenship, that is right, billionaires who made their fortunes in America using our country's freedoms and opportunities, our economy, our infrastructure, our national defense, renounce their citizenship to escape taxes, and the Republicans want to protect these economic traitors. And our Treasury loses \$3.6 billion because of this.

These super-rich traitors and their well-paid lobbyists are the big winners. The Republicans have once again rolled

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out the red carpet for them. If this latest Republican outrage does not steam the dumplings of every American who ever pledged allegiance to our flag, nothing will.

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 in the process of restoring integrity to our system of self-governance, because we keep our promises.

We are different now the way we are conducting business here in Washington. On the first day of Congress, as promised, we required Congress to live under the same laws as the rest of the country. We cut committee staffs by a third. We cut the congressional budget. Then we have continued over the first 100 days to process a balanced budget amendment to the floor and out. Unfunded mandates were passed. The line item veto was passed. A new crime package to stop violent criminals was passed. National security restoration to protect our freedom was passed. Government regulatory reform was passed. Commonsense legal reform was passed. Welfare reform was passed. Congressional term limits came up last night on the floor. Eighty-three percent of the Republicans voted for term limits with the American people. Eighty-two percent of the Democrats voted against term limits against the American people.

We are proceeding next week with the Family Reinforcement Act, the tax cut for middle-income families, and the Senior Citizens' Equity Act.

Mr. Speaker, we are keeping our promises. This is our Contract With America.

CUTS IN STUDENT AID

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

Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the cuts in student aid prescribed by the Republican Contract With America will cost students and their families an additional \$20 billion over the next 5 years, resulting in the largest increase in college costs in American history. Stafford loans, work-study programs, supplemental education opportunity grants and Perkins loans are all on the chopping block in the interests of tax relief for the wealthy.

Where is our moral outrage? School lunches, prenatal care, child care, and now education. This contract, which literally takes food from the mouths of children, threatens to take it from their minds as well.

Attacking student financial aid is not only callous, but extremely shortsighted. A person with a bachelor's degree will average 50 to 55 percent more

in life earnings than one with only a high school diploma. Cutting today's financial aid will not only lower the living standard of our citizens, but will reduce future revenues for our government. It is time that Congress end its obsession with the first 100 days and focus on the next 100 years.

OSHA DID NOT INHALE

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, remember when Bill Clinton was asked if he had ever used drugs, he repeatedly told us that he had never violated the laws of the United States.

Finally, he admitted he had smoked marijuana, but "only" in Britain and he did not "inhale." In other words, Bill Clinton's earlier responses were legally accurate, but they did not contain much truth.

This same technique is now being used by the Labor Department to defend OSHA. You have recently been told that OSHA does not prohibit roofers from chewing gum, cite employers for failing to have Material Data Safety Sheets for dishwashing detergent, nor prohibit dentists from giving children back their baby teeth.

Technically speaking, the Labor officials are correct; OSHA does not do any of these things—any more. It has, it did, and absent the criticism heaped on OSHA by industry and Congress, it probably still would.

The next time an OSHA official tells you that OSHA does not cite employers for Joy dishwashing detergent, ask them when they stopped. These stories are not fiction—they are real. The fiction is OSHA's denial that its regulations are out of control.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind Members not to make personal references to the President.

READ THE TEA LEAVES, CONGRESS

(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, nobody is reading the tea leaves around here at all.

In a listing of the world's top 50 banks, the top 9 banks, the biggest 9 banks, were Japanese banks. The biggest American bank could only rank No. 29.

Wake up, Congress. In the 1980's we gave tax breaks for the purchase of Japanese computers and Japanese machinery, and every year Congress allows Japan to rip off over \$60 billion from our economy.

The truth is Japanese banks did not get strong because of the Japanese yen. Japanese banks got fat with the American dollar, and the truth is those dollars come out of the incomes of unemployed American workers.

Where is the trade program? The truth is we have a paper economy, and the paper is ending up in some fat Japanese bank.

Read the tea leaves, Congress, and get a trade program before we do not have any jobs left.

CUT TAXES

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am shocked at the arrogance of some Members, who stand before this body and continually belly-ache—that when the Republican tax relief passes, the Federal Government will lose revenue. I cannot believe that we have to stand up and remind Members—the money we spend is not ours, the Government did not work one day to earn that money. And yet Members continue to gripe.

Lower taxes put money back into the pockets of the people who get up every morning, send their kids off to school and put in 8 hours earning a decent living. By standing up and saying the Government will lose money is saying to Americans, work hard, but remember, at the end of the day send all your money to Washington because we want to spend it, because we know better than you how to do that.

Wake up, Congress, it is not our money, let us remember why we were elected. Give the American taxpayers a needed break. Cut taxes.

TAX CUTS FOR THE WEALTHY

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

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, and to those out there listening, I say stay tuned, America. The Gingrich Republicans are at it again.

Today we are going to take up the health care provision deductibility for the self-employed. They are going to get a 30-percent deduction, not a 100-percent deduction, those middle-income farmers and business people, not 100 percent. You are going to get a 30-percent deduction.

And that bill though does take care of the wealthy, the billionaires and the millionaires, by saying that we are not going to require them to pay taxes when they no longer retain their citizenship, when they renounce their citizenship, and so they are going to be able to save those billions of dollars in taxes, but we are not going to help the middle-income.

Next week we are going to take care of tax cuts for the wealthy, and we are