

Well, Mr. Speaker, it is not a contract on America. In fact, it is a Contract With America. And not only that, but we are actually fulfilling the broken promises of Mr. Clinton from 2 years ago.

We are giving a middle-class tax cut. We are lifting the senior citizens earnings limit. We are restoring the \$25 billion in cuts that he made to Social Security benefits. We have enacted the line-item veto, and we are balancing the budget.

I will yield to the gentleman.

Mr. KINGSTON. Well if the gentleman will yield, there is another key element, and that is the welfare reform. The President did say he would end welfare as we know it, yet never submitted a welfare bill. And so that would mean 5 planks in the 10-plank Republican Contract With America the President actually ran on as candidate Clinton in 1992.

Mr. HOKE. The gentleman is completely correct. As I was sitting here making my notes, I was trying to remember what was the fifth item, and that is exactly right.

Mr. KINGSTON. If the gentleman will yield further, I think that, essentially, when you consider what happened to the balanced budget amendment in the other body, three Democrat Senators voted against the balanced budget amendment. If the President did not fight the balanced budget amendment I think it is very possible, given the fact that he is a great salesman, that he could twist some arms and pick up the one, two, three or four votes that are needed to get the thing over the top.

Mr. HOKE. As the gentleman well knows, not only did the President not fight to twist some arms to get the balanced budget amendment passed but, in fact, he worked day and night tirelessly, as hard as he possibly could, to make sure the balanced budget amendment failed.

Mr. KINGSTON. What is also ironic, while he is out saying the Republican welfare reform is mean or inadequate or whatever, not only has he not offered an alternative but then he goes on to talk about our program and how good it is. But he did not use the word Republican. He says, this is what we need: work programs and programs that will end the cycle and get the dad into the picture and identified and so forth.

I think it is disappointing, but you were talking about senior citizens and to increase the Social Security tax as your first year in office and then to fight trying to repeal that tax increase does have a degree of hypocrisy to it.

Mr. HOKE. What we are going to do tomorrow on the floor, we are going to repeal that device that the President passed just a year ago. And I see my time is expired, but we are going to repeal those cuts, and we are going to restore those cuts so that senior citizens get their due.

## RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There being no further requests for morning business, pursuant to clause 12, rule 1, the House will stand in recess until 11 a.m.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 7 minutes a.m.) the House stood in recess until 11 a.m.

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## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 11 a.m.

## PRAYER

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

Teach us, O God, to use our words as vehicles of communication and messengers of understanding so our conversations are truly heard by one another and there is an honest awareness of what is being said. Keep us from the easy platitudes that have the ring of truth, but do not communicate the realities that need to be discussed. And may the words we say with our lips, be believed in our own hearts, and all that we believe in our hearts, may we practice in our daily lives. 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.

Mr. EWING. 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 noes appeared to have it.

Mr. EWING. 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 369, nays 36, answered "present" 1, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 282]

YEAS—369

Ackerman  
Allard  
Andrews  
Archer  
Armey  
Bachus  
Baesler  
Baker (CA)  
Baker (LA)  
Baldacci

Ballenger  
Barcia  
Barr  
Barrett (NE)  
Barrett (WI)  
Bartlett  
Barton  
Bass  
Bateman  
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Bentsen  
Bereuter  
Bevill  
Bilbray  
Bilirakis  
Bishop  
Bliley  
Blute  
Boehlert  
Bonilla

Bono  
Borski  
Boucher  
Brewster  
Brown (OH)  
Brownback  
Bryant (TN)  
Bryant (TX)  
Bunn  
Bunning  
Burr  
Burton  
Buyer  
Callahan  
Calvert  
Camp  
Cardin  
Castle  
Chabot  
Chambliss  
Christensen  
Chrysler  
Clayton  
Clement  
Clinger  
Coble  
Coburn  
Coleman  
Collins (GA)  
Collins (IL)  
Combest  
Condit  
Cooley  
Costello  
Cox  
Coyne  
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Cubin  
Cunningham  
Danner  
Davis  
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Dellums  
Deutsch  
Diaz-Balart  
Dickey  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Dixon  
Doggett  
Dooley  
Doolittle  
Dornan  
Doyle  
Dreier  
Duncan  
Dunn  
Durbin  
Edwards  
Ehlers  
Ehrlich  
Emerson  
English  
Ensign  
Eshoo  
Evans  
Everett  
Ewing  
Farr  
Fawell  
Fields (LA)  
Fields (TX)  
Flake  
Flanagan  
Foglietta  
Foley  
Forbes  
Fowler  
Fox  
Frank (MA)  
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Franks (NJ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Frisa  
Frost  
Funderburk  
Furse  
Gallegly  
Ganske  
Gekas  
Geren  
Gilchrest  
Gilman  
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Goodlatte  
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Greenwood  
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Hall (TX)  
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Hayes  
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Heineman  
Herger  
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Hobson  
Hoekstra  
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Holden  
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Hostettler  
Houghton  
Hoyer  
Hunter  
Hutchinson  
Hyde  
Istook  
Jackson-Lee  
Jefferson  
Johnson (CT)  
Johnson, E.B.  
Johnson, Sam  
Johnson (SD)  
Johnston  
Jones  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Kasich  
Kelly  
Kennedy (RI)  
Kennelly  
Kildee  
Kim  
King  
Kingston  
Klecicka  
Klink  
Klug  
Knollenberg  
Kolbe  
LaFalce  
LaHood  
Lantos  
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Latham  
LaTourette  
Laughlin  
Lazio  
Leach  
Levin  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Lightfoot  
Lincoln  
Linder  
Lipinski  
Livingston  
LoBiondo  
Lofgren  
Longley  
Lowey  
Lucas  
Luther  
Manzullo  
Markey  
Martinez  
Martini  
Mascara  
Matsui  
McCarthy  
McCrery  
McHale  
McHugh  
McInnis  
McIntosh  
McKeon  
McNulty  
Meehan  
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Meyers  
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Miller (CA)  
Miller (FL)  
Mink  
Moakley  
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Mollohan  
Montgomery  
Moorhead  
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Morella  
Murtha  
Myers  
Myrick  
Nadler  
Neal  
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Ney  
Norwood  
Nussle  
Obey  
Olver  
Ortiz  
Orton  
Oxley  
Packard  
Pallone  
Parker  
Pastor  
Paxon  
Payne (NJ)  
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Peterson (FL)  
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Portman  
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Radanovich  
Rahall  
Ramstad  
Rangel  
Reed  
Regula  
Richardson  
Riggs  
Rivers  
Rogers  
Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Rose  
Roth  
Roukema  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Salmon  
Sanford  
Sawyer  
Saxton  
Scarborough  
Schaefer  
Schiff  
Schumer  
Scott  
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Shadegg  
Shaw  
Shays  
Shuster  
Sisisky  
Skaggs  
Skeen  
Skelton  
Slaughter  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smith (WA)  
Solomon  
Souder  
Spence  
Spratt  
Stark  
Stearns  
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Stokes  
Studds  
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Stupak  
Talent  
Tanner  
Tate

Tauzin	Upton	Weldon (PA)
Taylor (NC)	Velázquez	Weller
Tejeda	Vento	White
Thomas	Vucanovich	Wicker
Thornberry	Waldholtz	Wilson
Thornnton	Walker	Wise
Thurman	Walsh	Woolsey
Tiahrt	Wamp	Wyden
Torkildsen	Ward	Wynn
Torres	Waters	Yates
Torricelli	Watt (NC)	Young (AK)
Towns	Watts (OK)	Young (FL)
Traficant	Waxman	Zeliff
Tucker	Weldon (FL)	Zimmer

## NAYS—36

Abercrombie	Hastings (FL)	Pelosi
Brown (CA)	Hefley	Pickett
Brown (FL)	Hilliard	Roberts
Chapman	Jacobs	Roemer
Clay	Kennedy (MA)	Sabo
Clyburn	Lewis (GA)	Schroeder
Collins (MI)	Maloney	Stockman
Crane	McKinney	Taylor (MS)
Engel	Menendez	Thompson
Fazio	Mineta	Visclosky
Filner	Oberstar	Volkmer
Gillmor	Owens	Wolfe

## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Harman

## NOT VOTING—28

Becerra	Ford (TN)	Minge
Berman	Gejdenson	Pombo
Boehner	Gephardt	Reynolds
Bonior	Gibbons	Rush
Browder	Inglis	Sanders
Canady	Manton	Smith (MI)
Chenoweth	McCollum	Whitfield
Conyers	McDade	Williams
Cramer	McDermott	
Fattah	Mfume	

□ 1120

Ms. DELAURO changed her vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MINGE. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 282 on the Journal I was at the George Washington University Hospital with my wife who was in surgery. Had I been present I would have voted "aye." I ask unanimous consent that my statement appear in the RECORD immediately following rollcall vote No. 282.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky). The gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. MONTGOMERY] will come forward and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MONTGOMERY 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. 34. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus Anniversary Commemoration.

# PERMISSION FOR CERTAIN COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT TODAY DURING THE 5-MINUTE RULE

Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit today while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole House under the 5-minute rule: Committee on Agriculture; Committee on Banking and Financial Services; Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities; Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; Committee on International Relations; Committee on National Security; Committee on Small Business; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and Select Committee on Intelligence.

It is my understanding that the minority has been consulted and that there is no objection to these requests.

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

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, the minority has been consulted in each of those cases and has no objection, and therefore, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

## THE CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

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

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America states the following: On the first day of Congress, the Republican House will require Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else, cut committee staffs by a third, and cut the congressional budget. We have kept our promise.

In the first 100 days, we will vote on the following items: Balanced budget amendment, unfunded-mandates legislation, line-item veto, new crime package, National Security Restoration Act, government regulatory reform, commonsense legal reform, welfare reform to encourage work, congressional term limits.

We kept our promise on every one of those, passed every one except congressional term limits, which 82 percent Democrats voted against, 83 percent Republicans voted for.

Today we are going to vote on a tax package for family reinforcement, tax cuts for the middle class, and Senior Citizens Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without Government penalty.

Mr. Speaker, today we are going to restore the \$24.8 billion in Social Security cuts that were passed by Democrats in the last Congress.

# A SPECIAL BREAK FOR RUPERT MURDOCH

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, on the first day of Congress I joined the call for openness in this Congress, and frankly, we have not made very much progress.

During closed-door Senate-House negotiations last week, Republican legislators bestowed a multi-million-dollar tax break on Rupert Murdoch, yes, Rupert Murdoch. You have heard of him before. He is the same foreign plutocrat who came here to the Capitol to meet with Speaker GINGRICH just after the election. Yes, Rupert Murdoch, he is the one with the \$4.5 million book deal.

And in this supposedly open House from this podium or any other, did we hear one word about Rupert Murdoch being the only beneficiary of this piece of legislation that was just announced as enrolled this morning? Not a word was uttered.

There were 19 business deals affected by this piece of special legislation worked out in secret. Eighteen of them failed to make the mark. But 18 of them were not owned by Rupert Murdoch. His was the only measure in the entire country to get this special break, and it did not happen without the blessing of his good buddy, NEWT GINGRICH.

## TAX CUTS AND LOWER DEFICITS

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

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, in response to the last speaker, I think we should give credit where credit is due, and that is to Senator CAROL MOSELEY-BRAUN of Illinois.

Mr. Speaker, tax cuts and lower deficits go hand in hand. Tax cuts of 1981 resulted in huge increases in Federal revenue. The problem was that Government spending rose at an even higher rate.

Here are the facts: In 1980 our tax revenues were \$517 billion, while Government spending was \$591 billion. In 1994, tax revenues were \$1.2 trillion, but Federal spending was \$1.4 trillion.

In other words, people were not taxed too little, but Washington would not stop spending too much.

Mr. Speaker, if we let people keep more of the money they earn, that creates jobs and stimulates investments. That means higher tax revenues without a tax increase.

I support the Tax Fairness Act of 1995.

## CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

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