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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. CAMP].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 5, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable DAVE CAMP to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

We pray, gracious God, that the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts will be acceptable in Your sight and that from our words and meditations will flow deeds that serve people with justice and truth. Give us the insight and the wisdom to think clearly and to act diligently so that we are faithful custodians of the resources of the land. May Your blessing, O God, that is new every morning give every person strength and peace according to their need. In Your name, we pray. 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.

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

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

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

Mr. TIAHRT. 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 pro tempore. 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 384, nays 27, answered “present” 2, not voting 21, as follows:

[Roll No. 288]

YEAS—384

Ackerman
Allard
Andrews
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baesler
Baker (CA)
Baker (LA)
Baldacci
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Bateman
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Bilirakis
Bishop
Bliley
Blute
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bonior
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
Chapman
Christensen
Chrysler
Clayton
Clement
Clinger
Clyburn
Coble
Coburn
Coleman
Collins (GA)
Collins (IL)
Combest
Condit
Conyers
Cooley
Costello
Cox
Coyne
Cramer

Crane
Crapo
Creameans
Cubin
Cunningham
Danner
Davis
de la Garza
Deal
DeFazio
DeLauro
DeLay
Dellums
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)
Flake
Flanagan
Foley
Forbes
Fowler
Fox
Frank (MA)
Franks (CT)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frisa
Frost
Funderburk
Gallegly
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gephardt
Geren
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goodlatte
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Green
Greenwood
Gunderson
Gutierrez
Gutknecht
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Hancock
Hansen
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefner
Heineman
Herger
Hilleary
Hobson
Hoekstra
Hoke
Holden
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jackson-Lee
Jefferson
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (SD)

Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Johnston
Jones
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
Kim
King
Kingston
Klecicka
Klink
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaFalce
LaHood
Lantos
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Laughlin
Lazio
Leach
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Lightfoot
Lincoln
Linder
Lipinski
Livingston
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Longley
Lowey
Lucas
Luther
Maloney
Manton
Manzullo
Markey
Martinez
Martini
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy
McCormack
McCrery
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McDermott
McHale
McHugh
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McKeon
McNulty
Meehan
Meek

Metcalf
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Miller (CA)
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Moakley
Molinari
Montgomery
Moorhead
Moran
Morella
Murtha
Myers
Myrick
Nadler
Neal
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Norwood
Nussle
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Orton
Oxley
Packard
Pallone
Parker
Pastor
Paxon
Payne (NJ)
Payne (VA)
Pelosi
Peterson (FL)
Peterson (MN)
Petri
Pomeroy
Porter
Portman
Poshard
Pryce
Quillen
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Reed
Regula
Richardson
Riggs
Rivers
Roemer
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rose
Roth
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Royce

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Scarborough	Stump	Watt (NC)
Schaefer	Stupak	Waxman
Schroeder	Talent	Weldon (FL)
Schumer	Tanner	Weldon (PA)
Seastrand	Tate	Weller
Sensenbrenner	Tauzin	White
Serrano	Taylor (NC)	Whitfield
Shadegg	Tejeda	Wicker
Shaw	Thomas	Williams
Shays	Thornberry	Wilson
Shuster	Thornton	Wise
Skaggs	Thurman	Wolf
Skeen	Tiahrt	Woolsey
Skelton	Torkildsen	Wyden
Slaughter	Towns	Wynn
Smith (MI)	Traficant	Yates
Smith (NJ)	Tucker	Young (AK)
Smith (WA)	Upton	Young (FL)
Solomon	Velazquez	Zeliff
Souder	Visclosky	Zimmer

NAYS—27

Abercrombie	Foglietta	Menendez
Brown (CA)	Furse	Oberstar
Chenoweth	Gillmor	Owens
Clay	Hastings (FL)	Pickett
Deutsch	Hefley	Pombo
Engel	Hinchey	Sabo
Fattah	Jacobs	Taylor (MS)
Fazio	Lewis (GA)	Vento
Filner	McKinney	Volkmer

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

Harman	Stockman
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NOT VOTING—21

Ballenger	Mollohan	Smith (TX)
Collins (MI)	Rangel	Stokes
Fields (TX)	Reynolds	Thompson
Ford	Roberts	Torres
Goodling	Schiff	Torricelli
Hilliard	Scott	Waldholtz
Mfume	Sisisky	Watts (OK)

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Mr. RUSH changed his 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. CAMP). Will the gentlewoman from Maryland [Mrs. MORELLA] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MORELLA 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. As the Chair is about to receive a message from the Senate, the Chair would note that for many years messages from the Senate have been delivered by Mr. Brian Hallen. Mr. Hallen is retiring, and this is the last message he will deliver to the House.

The Chair on behalf of the House thanks him for his many courtesies and wishes him well in the future.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Hallen, one of its clerks, announced that pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. ABRAHAM to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 93-29, as amended by Public Laws 98-459 and 102-375, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, reappoints Robert L. Goldman of Oklahoma to the Federal Council on the Aging.

REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

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

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. 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 kept our promise; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits—we kept our promise; welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence—we kept our promise; congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature—we kept our promise; family reinforcement, tax cuts for middle-income families, and the senior Citizens' Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without government penalty—we will do these today.

This is our Contract With America.

CONGRATULATIONS UCLA

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

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, as an undergraduate and law school graduate of UCLA, and as the Representative of the congressional district that includes the UCLA campus, I rise to congratulate the Bruins on a great victory on Monday night.

Coach John Wooden once said this to his players: "Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." The 1995 Bruins lived that advice in the championship game. They did not let

the injury to Tyus Edney, who had played so brilliantly throughout the tournament, keep them from their goal. Instead, they focused on what they could do, and the O'Bannon brothers, Cameron Dollars Toby Bailey, and the other Bruins raised their game. I congratulate them and Coach Jim Harrick for their inspirational play.

I also want to take a moment to express appreciation to Coach Nolan Richardson and his Arkansas players. They are great champions and displayed tremendous determination and skill to reach the final game. I hope Corliss Williamson and Scotty Thurman will return for their senior years so that the Nation can be treated to a championship rematch next year.

THE BASIC MESSAGE

(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, today as we consider the tax relief bill, I urge my colleagues and the American people to keep in mind what this debate is really about. Republicans want to cut taxes. The big-government party wants to raise taxes.

From now on, only a few will remember the details in this legislation, and fewer will care about the specifics. But everyone will remember this basic fact: The Republicans want to cut taxes. The liberal big-government party wants to raise taxes.

The vote today is simple. If this bill passes, more Americans will keep more of their own money. If this bill fails, those who oppose reform, the defenders of the status quo, the liberals who love big government, will have won a big victory while the American people will have lost.

Mr. Speaker, last November the people voted out the past and voted in the future. I hope my colleagues remember this basic message sent by the voters. They voted in people who promised to give America tax relief, and they voted out people that they knew would raise taxes.

THE TAX BILL AND THE ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX

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

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, lately I have been on the floor talking about what I call the Republican version of AFDC, not aid to families with dependent children, but aid for dependent corporations.

This tax bill is another example of AFDC, welfare for corporations. The Republican tax bill repeals the corporate alternative minimum tax, AMT, a provision of the 1986 Tax Code which ensures that profitable corporations pay their fair share of income taxes.