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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 21, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable CONSTANCE A. MORELLA 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 have heard it said of old that there abides faith and hope and love and the greatest of these is love. And now we pray that in all the moments of our lives the reality and dynamic of this greatest of all Your gifts, will be meaningful in our daily lives and have a profound effect on our attitudes toward others. We know too, O God, that the reality of love is greater than our ability to imagine or comprehend, so may our hearts and minds be alert to all the opportunities to experience this gift and to embrace it with joy and thanksgiving. This is our earnest prayer. 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. Will the gentleman from Texas, Mr. GENE GREEN, come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas 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. The Chair will entertain 10 1-minute speeches on each side.

SET-ASIDE PROGRAMS SHOULD BE ELIMINATED

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

Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I have been assured by you and the House Republican leadership that I will be able to offer an amendment that would eliminate race- and gender-based set-aside programs for the awarding of Federal contracts, and I intend to do so. We have agreed to utilize the DOD appropriations bill as our means.

I say this to give Members due notice. Prior to the vote, I intend to hold hearing-like meetings on my amendment. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week, I will hold these sessions for Republicans and Democrats to discuss this proposal. Notices will be going to every Member's office denoting the time and the location.

Communication, openness, and input from all interested Members prior to the vote is desired, because we all would like to offer every American an

equal opportunity to succeed in this great country.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD T. GREENE

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

Mr. FLAKE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a patriarch of American banking and finance. In New York City and across the Nation, his name and his professional legacy command respect and admiration. Richard T. Greene, the chairman of the board of directors of Carver Federal Savings Bank, the Nation's largest African-American financial institution, has maintained a life-long commitment to the success of America's financial services industry and the well-being of his community. Today, we join a host of other organizations and institutions that have already recognized his enduring contribution to mankind.

Richard Greene has been with Carver for 35 years and has served as its president and CEO for 25 of those years. Carver, founded in 1949, has more than \$368 million in total assets and eight offices in New York City and Long Island. His leadership has been recognized by numerous newspapers, journals, and periodicals. Fortune, the Daily News, American Banker, Black Enterprise, and Newsday have featured the growth and success experienced by Carver under Greene's stewardship.

Carver continues to fulfill its founding philosophy of operating in the best interests of the people in the communities it serves. Since 1986, the bank has awarded 401 scholarships totaling \$312,970 to children of its customers through its Scholarship Awards Program.

Greene served two terms as a member of the board of directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, second district, which services thrift

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institutions in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. He also serves as board member of the Thrift Associations Services Corp., Harlem Urban Development Corp., New York City Housing Partnership, American Savings and Loan League, and the Apollo Theater Foundation.

Born and raised in Charleston, SC, and a graduate of Hampton University in Virginia, Greene studied business administration at New York University and the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Banking and Finance. During Greene's service in the Army, he received the Army Commendation Medal for exceptional service. He was discharged with the rank of captain and is now a major in the Army Reserves. He received an honorary doctor of commercial science degree from St. John's University, Jamaica, NY, on May 24, 1992.

Greene is an active member of the communities in which he lives and works—as an elder in the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Jamaica, NY; as a member of the New York Hampton University Alumni Association, the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, One Hundred Black Men, Inc., and of the President's Council of the Museum of the city of New York. He has received numerous honors and awards from fraternity, religious, social, service, business, and educational groups.

In addition to his stellar professional experience, Greene takes tremendous pride in his family. He is married to the lovely M. Virginia Lea. This dynamic couple is blessed with two children, Cheryll and Richard, Jr., and three grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Richard Greene is an exceptional man and worthy of this body's recognition.

REPUBLICANS ARE NOT CUTTING MEDICARE

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

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Madam Speaker, I was a teacher for 24 years. These is a prescription for success in teaching. It is summarized, "Repetition is the soul of learning," and it works even better if you say the same thing in different ways. It works wonders in our schools. Perhaps it will work here. Listen up on the other side of the aisle.

Republicans are not cutting Medicare. The average recipient receives \$4,800 now. In 2002 they will receive \$6,700. Where is the cut?

Republicans are not cutting Medicare—\$6,700 is greater than \$4,800; \$4,800 is smaller than \$6,700. Pay to the average recipient of Medicare will grow from \$4,800 to \$6,700—\$6,700 is larger than \$4,800. Republicans are not cutting Medicare.

This repetition works wonders in our schools. I hope it will work here. Republicans are not cutting Medicare. It

will grow from \$4,800 to \$6,700—\$6,700 is larger than \$4,800.

STILL NO REPUBLICAN MEDICARE REFORM PLAN

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Madam Speaker, if the gentleman is not cutting Medicare, why could he not get his plan out here? I learned yesterday that it will be at least another 2 months, until September 22, before we get the details of the Republican plan. They can put charts up. They had wavy graphs yesterday to try to confuse the American people. But the bottom line is that they are going to reach in the pockets of American seniors and they are going to pull out \$1 for every \$4 that would be paid under existing law with reference to Medicare.

That means that the Republicans think our seniors are not having to pay enough for their health care at the present time, because the second part of their plan, as revealed not by them but by the newspapers this week, is that they think seniors should be discouraged from getting Medigap insurance; that they are not having to pay enough; that they do not have enough incentive to not make use of health care under existing law.

Yes, they are MediScared. They are MediScared to tell the American people the truth about their changes, and that is why we are not getting the plan today. That is why we have to wait 2 months, because they are MediScared to tell the American seniors that it is their pocket that is going to be picked.

TOUGH DECISIONS NEEDED TO STRENGTHEN MEDICARE

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

Mr. HAYWORTH. Madam Speaker, my good friend from Texas can be answered with another question: Where is your plan? Have the courage to come forward and accept what the trustees of the Medicare trust fund have told us, what three Cabinet-level officials in President Clinton's own Cabinet have told us, that Medicare goes broke in 7 years if we fail to do anything.

Friends, we are not out to scare the American people, unlike my friend from Texas. We are here to make tough decisions, to strengthen and save Medicare.

So, yes, we do have to work out the details. We invite our friends to join us. But, once again, instead of joining us and stepping up to the plate and helping us govern, they would rather whine and complain and try to scare the American people.

That old formula no longer works. It is time for bold new leadership to save

Medicare, and this majority is committed to finding the answer.

TAKING EXCEPTION TO PLAN TO SAVE MEDICARE

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

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today, and I am glad my colleague from Arizona talked about it, to take exception with the Republican plan to save Medicare. Only in Washington can they say that they are going to save Medicare and cut \$270 billion, and then give a \$245 billion tax cut. They are telling the American people they are saving the system.

Well, that does not play in Houston, TX. Maybe it plays in Arizona. We are smarter than that. I have a letter from a senior citizen in my district. She had an ear infection and went to an HMO, which is what they want to force senior citizens to go to. She had to wait 2 months before she could see a doctor for an ear infection. That is a long time to have your ear hurt.

I think the Republicans are moving too fast when they talk about even waiting until September to change senior citizen health care to managed care. Still they want to give that \$245 billion tax cut and cut \$270 billion in growth in Medicare.

Only in Washington can somebody get away with saying we are saving the system, but we are cutting \$270 billion.

PORKER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Madam Speaker, I would like to tell you about the National Institutes of Health and its multimillion-dollar grant to the University of Colorado. This multimillion-dollar grant is not for cancer research, as one might expect, or for AIDS research, or aid to children in developing countries, or for juvenile diabetes, or any of the things you might think this kind of money would go for. But what it is for is to study why people get fat.

Now, it does not take this kind of money, it does not take any money, to figure out what will result from too many trips to the refrigerator. In fact, you could spend a fortune just buying the magazines and books that contain the already countless studies on this subject. Thousands of them have been done.

Sure, it does appear that there is a certain medical explanation for some obesity, but most of the studies seem to indicate that the way you eat and the way you exercise explains most of the problem.

It is ironic that this study is being done in Colorado, which has the lowest percentage of overweight people in the Nation.