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The House met at 12 noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. COBLE].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 9, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable HOWARD COBLE 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 are thankful, O gracious God, for all the gifts that brighten our days, that encourage our spirits, and are the marks of Your blessings in our daily lives. For friends whose loyalty supports us and encourages us, for colleagues who help point the way, for family whose love and concern accepts us when we walk the road of success or know the valley of grief or pain, and above all for Your Word that directs us in the way of truth and righteousness and peace. May the gratefulness we feel in our hearts, O God, cause us to be specially aware of the needs of others so that we will share with them the blessings of our hearts and the gifts of Your creation. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. SCHROEDER 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 Ms. McDevitt, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3666. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendments to the bill (H.R. 3666) "An act making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. BOND, Mr. BURNS, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. HATFIELD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KERREY, and Mr. BYRD, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills and a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1972. An act to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to improve the provisions relating to Indians, and for other purposes;

S. 1970. An act to amend the National Museum of the American Indian Act to make improvements in the Act, and for other purposes; and

S. Con. Res. 14. Concurrent resolution urging the President to negotiate a new base rights agreement with the Government of Panama to permit United States Armed Forces to remain in Panama beyond December 31, 1999.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 47 (104th Congress), the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators to the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: The Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT]; the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER]; and the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. FORD].

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE DOLE NEEDS TO LEARN A FEW NEW TRICKS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today because this weekend reminded me of several things. First of all, there is an old saying about you cannot teach an old dog new tricks. Having a very old dog named Woofie myself, I know that is true. But this weekend we found a new saying that also fits. That is, you cannot teach an old Dole new tricks. We saw Presidential candidate Dole go out

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and slamdunk family leave. He made all sorts of statements about how family leave was antibusiness, and he was opposed to it.

I would like to set the record straight. As one of the authors of family leave and one who worked 9 years to get that brought into law, I want to point out that his criticisms did not come to pass. When that bill passed in 1993, there was a lot of dissent, and there were many people very concerned about it. It obviously had taken 9 years to get it signed into law. It had been vetoed, all sorts of things had happened.

So when President Clinton signed it, there was a commission appointed, a bipartisan commission of Republicans and Democrats, that studied the application of the act and came forward with this very weighty document on what family medical leave really did in this country.

I certainly hope that Presidential candidate Dole gets a copy of it. It was immediately sent to his colleague, Senator KASSEBAUM, and it was distributed all over to Senators and Congressmen when it came out. It was a report to the Congress on family and medical leave, and it came out showing 90 percent of America's businesses now support family leave. Why?

Do Members know what they found out? They found out that when people know they can have job-protected leave if there is an immediate medical crisis in their family, or upon the birth or adoption of a child, they are a whole lot more focused at work. They are not constantly worried at work about what am I going to do, where I am going to turn? They are more focused at work. They are much better employees.

Now that we have 12 million American families that this applies to, I think they are going to be very troubled by these weekend statements, because everyone else is talking about—because it has worked so well, because we had these hearings this report talked about, because we went all over the United States, and our doors were opened to anybody who wanted to talk about family leave and its application, and did it hurt or did it not hurt, we want to move forward, not roll it back, as Dole wants to do.

It is so easy to talk family values, but when you get all done, nobody really wants to help young families. When you have the most pressure on young families is in the families where both members had have, have to be in the workplace, or a single-parent family, where clearly they have to be in the workplace. When you have these crises appearing, you clearly need this job-protected leave.

Even with this bill, we are way behind what every other Western country has done. Now the President would like to expand the bill a bit by allowing people 24 hours off a year to participate in their child's school, or different community things. Again, this is unpaid job-protected leave, but it allows

families to invest in their community, invest in their children, and so forth.

Mr. Speaker, I do not know what to say except that it shows the very bright line that is continuing to be drawn in this presidential race. Today I understand presidential candidate Dole is going to be in St. Petersburg, FL, talking about these issues.

Eight years ago I went to St. Petersburg, FL, with Dr. Barry Brazelton, the pediatrician from Harvard, with Gary David Goldberg, the producer of "Family Ties," with his wife, Diana Meehan. We were traveling around with the Great American Family tour. St. Petersburg was one of the places we listened to the American people, where they told us how desperately they wanted a bill like the family leave bill that happened.

So it is going to be very interesting to see what candidate Dole hears in St. Petersburg today, and whether the people who came to his listening events are real people, or they are all preselected, prescribed, and it is all kind of an act.

But I do think that Americans are very tired of rhetoric about family policies, and want real protections for their family. We know we cannot roll back progress, we cannot change it. We are going to have to live in this global economy. Let us hope family leave is here to stay, Mr. Dole. I am going to send him another copy of the book, and I hope he finds time to read it, so this old Dole can get some new tricks.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. SCHROEDER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. SCHROEDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes each day, on September 10, 11, 12, and 13.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. SCHROEDER) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. GUTIERREZ.

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey.

Mr. TOWNS.

Mr. SERRANO.

Mr. MENENDEZ in two instances.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART.

Mrs. CHENOWETH.

Mr. GOODLING.

SENATE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

Bills and a concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following titles were

taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1970. An act to amend the National Museum of the American Indian Act to make improvements in the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 1972. An act to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to improve the provisions relating to Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities; and

S. Con. Res. 14. Concurrent resolution urging the President to negotiate a new base rights agreement with the Government of Panama to permit United States Armed Forces to remain in Panama beyond December 31, 1999; to the Committee on International Relations.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following titles:

On September 5, 1996:

H.R. 3754. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

On September 6, 1996:

H.R. 740. An act to confer jurisdiction on the United States Court of Federal Claims with respect to land claims of Pueblo of Isleta Indian Tribe;

H.R. 3269. An act to amend the Impact Aid program to provide for a hold-harmless with respect to amounts of payments relating to the Federal acquisition of real property, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3517. An act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 3845. An act making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, September 10, 1996, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour debates.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2275. A bill to reauthorize and amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973; with an amendment