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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. HASTERT].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 28, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable DENNIS J. HASTERT 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 wherever we are or whatever we do, Your benediction will accompany us and Your

blessing shall ever be with us. We are specially appreciative this day of those who have served in this place and who have sought to use their abilities to do the works of justice for all people and have been diligent in service to the people in their communities. With gratitude we remember those women and men who have been faithful in their commitment to the ideals of this Nation and for their concern for the traditions of this institution. Bless them and each of us so that in all things, justice will flow down as waters and righteousness like an everflowing stream. 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. WALKER. 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. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the grounds that a quorum is not present and make a point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, further proceedings on this vote will be postponed and the vote will be taken later today.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would request that the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. MONTGOMERY], who led the House for the first time in the pledge of allegiance on September 13, 1988, lead the House in the pledge of allegiance at the end of the 104th Congress.

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. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed, without amendment, bills and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 657. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of three hydroelectric projects in the State of Arkansas;

H.R. 680. An act to extend the time for construction of certain FERC licensed hydro projects;

H.R. 1011. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Ohio;

H.R. 1014. An act to authorize extension of time limitation for a FERC-issued hydroelectric license;

H.R. 1290. An act to reinstate the permit for, and extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of, a hydroelectric project in Oregon, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1335. An act to provide for the extension of a hydroelectric project located in the State of West Virginia;

H.R. 1366. An act to authorize the extension of time limitation for the FERC-issued hydroelectric license for the Mt. Hope Waterpower Project;

H.R. 1791. An act to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to make certain technical corrections relating to physicians' services;

H.R. 2501. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in Kentucky, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2630. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois;

H.R. 2695. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of certain hydroelectric projects in the State of Pennsylvania;

H.R. 2773. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of 2 hydroelectric projects in North Carolina, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2816. An act to reinstate the license for, and extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of, a hydroelectric project in Ohio, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2869. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Kentucky;

H.R. 2988. An act to amend the Clean Air Act to provide that traffic signal synchronization projects are exempt from certain requirements of Environmental Protection Agency Rules;

H.R. 3074. An act to amend the United States-Israel Free Trade Area Implementa-

tion Act of 1985 to provide the President with additional proclamation authority with respect to articles of the West Bank or Gaza Strip or a qualifying industrial zone;

H.R. 3877. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 351 West Washington Street in Camden, Arkansas, as the "David H. Pryor Post Office Building";

H.R. 4167. An act to provide for the safety of journeymen boxers, and for other purposes; and

H. Con. Res. 216. Concurrent resolution providing for relocation of the Portrait Monument.

The message also 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. 2700. An act to designate the building located at 8302 FM 327, Elmendorf, Texas, which houses operations of the United States Postal Service, as the "Amos F. Longoria Post Office Building."

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3166) "An act to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the crime of false statement in a Government matter."

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 737. An act to extend the deadlines applicable to certain hydroelectric projects, and for other purposes; and

S. 2153. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located in Brewer, Maine, as the "Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Post Office Building," and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 640) "An act to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 811) "An act to authorize research into the desalinization and reclamation of water and authorize a program for States, cities or qualifying agencies desiring to own and operate a water desalinization or reclamation facility to develop such facilities, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 919) "An act to modify and reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 99-498, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, appoints Dr. Robert C. Khayat, of Mississippi, to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for a 3-year term effective October 1, 1996.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minutes on each side.

NO ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 104TH CONGRESS

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I listened to my Republican colleagues outside the Capitol yesterday saying how they are going to go home and tout their commonsense accomplishments. I would say that nothing could be further from the truth. Looking at the Congress and the Republican leadership, they shut down the Government twice for nearly an entire month, wasting \$1.4 billion of taxpayers' money. They abandoned a balanced budget by essentially proposing extreme proposals for tax breaks that would primarily benefit wealthy Americans.

They voted for the largest education cuts in history, essentially abandoning our Nation's children. They undermined crime fighting efforts by voting to kill the COPS initiatives by the President that would put 100,000 new policemen on the streets, and they voted to roll back 25 years of bipartisan progress on environmental protection.

These are the accomplishments of the 104th Congress, and as far as I am concerned, the sooner the Gingrich Congress is put to rest, the better.

SORRY RECORD OF REPUBLICAN CONGRESS

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, yesterday House Republicans held a campaign rally on the steps of the Capitol to celebrate their 2 years of running Congress with balloons and a brass band.

But as someone once said, you can put wings on a pig but that doesn't make it an eagle.

What's really going on here, and the reason why we are meeting in a highly unusual Saturday session is that Republicans are in a desperate hurry to get out of town and start putting some distance between themselves and the sorry record of failure they have accumulated.

Don't just take my word for it. Listen to what the Los Angeles Times said earlier this week:

The 104th Congress, which began almost 2 years ago with Republicans storming the barricades of the Washington establishment is ending with a mad dash for the exits—their forced march toward adjournment looks more like a hasty retreat.