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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. WALKER].

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
October 2, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable ROBERT S. WALKER 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:

Let us pray using the words of the 67th Psalm:

"May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

"Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

"Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

"Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the nations upon earth.

"Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

"The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

"May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him."

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 gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SOLOMON 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 Mrs. McDevitt, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a joint resolution of the House of the following title:

H.J. Res. 198. Joint Resolution appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress and the

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day for the counting in Congress of the electoral votes for President and Vice President cast in December 1996.

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

S. 2183. An act to make technical corrections to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996; and

S. Res. 309. Resolution that the House of Representatives be notified of the election of Gary Lee Sisco of Tennessee as Secretary of the Senate.

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 Senate to the bill (H.R. 3005), "An Act to amend the Federal securities laws in order to promote efficiency and capital formation in the financial markets, and to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to promote more efficient management of mutual funds, protect investors, and provide more effective and less burdensome regulation."

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WALKER) signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution on Tuesday, October 1, 1996: H.R. 543, to reauthorize the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 1734, to reauthorize the National Film Preservation Board, and for other purposes; and H.J. Res. 198, appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress and the day for the counting in Congress of the electoral votes for President and Vice President cast in December 1996.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON TODAY

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with today.

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

There was no objection.

#### HOURLY MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following commu-

nication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, October 1, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
*The Speaker,*  
*House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on October 1, 1996 at 2:25 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President wherein he transmits the Second Report to the Congress on the Operation of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,  
*Clerk, House of Representatives.*

#### REPORT ON OPERATION OF CARIBBEAN BASIN ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means:

#### *To the Congress of the United States:*

I hereby submit the Second Report to the Congress on the Operation of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act. This report is prepared pursuant to the requirements of section 214 of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Expansion Act of 1990 (19 U.S.C. 2702(f)).

WILLIAM J. CLINTON,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, October 1, 1996.

#### 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.

#### CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER TO THE PRESIDENT FOR SPENDING BILL, CONVENING MIDEAST SUMMIT, AND INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Mexico [Mr. RICHARDSON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I think in the rush to adjourn, the role of President Clinton in ensuring that we have a budget, a budget that reflects his priorities, has been overlooked.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the majority for their bipartisanship in reaching this historic bipartisan spending bill agreement. But I think President Clinton deserves enormous credit for avoiding another Government shut-

down but also, because of his persistence, the bill that was passed contains \$6.5 billion more primarily for education, for fighting drugs, and antiterrorism measures. His dedicated chief of staff, Leon Panetta, worked for 3 grueling days and nights negotiating with congressional leaders to ensure that the bill would be good for this country by moving toward a balanced budget while not violating our values.

The President worked to increase funding for education which included \$4 billion for Head Start, \$491 million for the Goals 2000 program and \$7.7 billion for compensatory schooling for disadvantaged children. He ensured adequate funding for the National Institutes for Health, disease prevention, substance abuse control, and violence against women initiatives.

The President also fought to ensure there was adequate funding for firefighting in the western States and for the victims of Hurricane Fran.

Furthermore, thanks to the President, illegal immigration legislation was approved without the harmful attack on legal immigrants.

The President took out some of the language that denied education to those who are not to blame for illegal immigration and, that is, the children.

At this very time, Mr. Speaker, the President deserves credit for convening a Mideast summit of Arab and Israeli leaders which will hopefully bring about peaceful Middle East negotiations. The President is to be commended for bringing Arafat and Netanyahu into the White House to try to hammer out some personal understandings first, and then to see if there is any way there is a basis for negotiations to start and to get the peace process back on track. It was a courageous move that deserves bipartisan credit and it is critically important in the ensuing days that this bipartisanship that over the years has characterized our foreign policy continue. Sniping and partisan attacks at this time would be very harmful to the national security.

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, today I am also introducing a House resolution which expresses the sense of the House that universal telecommunications service can only be met if the needs of Native Americans or our Native Americans and Indians are addressed and policies are implemented with the cooperation of tribal governments.

As the joint Federal-State Board on Universal Service prepares to issue its recommendations, the implementation process of the Telecommunication Act reaches a critical stage. I think it is very important to make it perfectly clear that the intent of Congress can only be fulfilled if the universal service policies or procedures established to implement the act address the telecommunications needs of low income Native Americans, including Alaskan natives. Cost-effective solutions are best developed with the cooperation of tribal governments.