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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 5, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable JIM BUNNING 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 to You, O God, for justice, but we also accept our responsibility to do the works of justice; we pray to You, O God, for the vision of righteousness, but we know You expect us to walk the road of righteousness; we pray to You, O God, for the blessing of peace, but we accept our obligation to walk the paths of peace. Remind us, gracious God, not to forfeit our accountability or cover our omissions, but let us use the abilities that You have given us in ways that support the common good and strengthen the bonds which bind us together. O gracious God, we thank You for the visions of justice, righteousness, and peace, even as we pray for strength to do our duty to You and to our country. 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TRAFICANT 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.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky] at 11 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will recognize ten 1-minutes from each side.

HAZEL O'LEARY'S TRAVEL EXPERTISE

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I think now we can see why Mrs. Clinton apparently wanted to get rid of the White House travel agency; they have a travel expert in the Secretary of Energy,

Ms. O'Leary. Listen to these great winter fares: India, \$729,000; Pakistan, for a mere half million dollars; China, \$845,000; and the new low winter discount, South Africa for \$560,000. No wonder the White House does not need a travel agency. These are great rates.

I understand, Mr. Speaker and Members of Congress, if you like to travel with your family, your friends, your staff, your associates, the persons you stand next to in the grocery store line, anybody you happen to see on the street, bring them all. They have a fleet of airplanes that used to belong to Madonna or somebody like that, and they can let you fly in comfort with an airplane with stand-up bars, beds, piped-in Barbra Streisand music and everything else in the world. It is a wonderful thing to be doing while the Federal employees are shut out of work because we pay \$20 billion each month on interest on the national debt.

Mr. Speaker, this is a national scandal. I would say it is time to do the right thing. Resign, Ms. O'Leary; let the taxpayers have a break.

INTO THE REALM OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I continue to be amazed by what I hear from the Republican side. I think truly they have gone over to become a bunch of kooks this morning. I heard that they are finally going to bring up a continuing resolution to send the Government workers back to work and to pay them, but I understand they are not going to be able to do their work. They are not going to be spending money or appropriating money so they can actually do their job.

They will be on the job. They will be paid, but they will not be able to perform their job. Then I heard another

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kooky thing this morning. They are suggesting that the Secretary of the Treasury be impeached because he is trying to avoid a Government default. Truly now, I realize that the Republican side, the Republican leadership has really gone over into the realm of the unbelievable. They are acting like a bunch of crazies who want to impeach the Secretary of the Treasury because he wants to avoid a default, who want to send the Government workers back to work and get paid but they are not allowed to perform their jobs.

HAZEL O'LEARY'S JUNKETS

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

Mr. ZIMMER. Mr. Speaker, the recent General Accounting Office revelations on Hazel O'Leary's junkets show that her performance is even worse than we had imagined. There are hundreds of thousands of dollars that are completely unaccounted for of the expenditures that she made in her trips overseas.

She spent more days out of the country than in the country, including a trip to South Africa for \$663,000 with 63 staffers using Madonna's airplane; India for \$730,000 with 37 staffers; Pakistan, \$500,000; China, \$845,000; Vienna, three times to beautiful Vienna, one time with an entourage so large that a diplomat from the United States wired back to the State Department that the size of her entourage exceeded critical thermonuclear mass.

Moscow, four times, London, Brussels, Florence, Hong Kong, Prague, Costa Rica, the Ivory Coast. Mr. Speaker, it is time for Hazel O'Leary to go. She must resign or be fired.

TOP 10 REASONS FOR REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, from the home office in Bronx, NY, the top 10 reasons why House Republicans shut the Government down: No. 10, they are not essential. No. 9, they never liked the Washington Monument anyway. No. 8, if Medicare can wither on the vine, why should not Federal workers? No. 7, furloughed employees will have more time to read Time magazine's Man of the Year story. No. 6, it does not matter whether people work or not; Republicans have been gutting worker protection laws all year long. No. 5, the CR to reopen the Government will contain a clause allowing the Speaker to leave the President's plane by the front door. No. 4, Republicans say furloughed workers will not dare to bitch when we give a tax break to the rich. No. 3, the EPA will not be able to monitor the hot air coming from the

freshman House Republican caucus. No. 2, Republicans are writing a new poem entitled, "If Government Can Be Shut, Then Medicare Can Be Cut."

And the No. 1 reason why House Republicans have shut the Government down: To give more time for furloughed workers to return those unwanted Christmas gifts.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, what is the truth about the Government shutdown? The truth is this. The radical liberal left of the House of Representatives have been obstructionists for many, many years and they are continuing it this year, and in this coming year.

Mr. Clinton, in his second so-called budget, wanted to slow the rate of growth in Medicare, bring about tax relief. That was greeted with, my goodness, this is terrible, this is awful, from our friends across the aisle.

I wonder when the President talked about extreme Republican freshmen if he should not have looked at himself when he was talking about the tail wagging the dog. Is he afraid he might lose his base if he presents a balanced budget and puts the Government back to work?

JAPAN HAS A NEW PRIME MINISTER

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, while the American Government is shut down, Japan has a new Prime Minister. The new Prime Minister was their Trade Minister, Mr. Hashimoto. The new Trade Minister is the Prime Minister for one major reason: Mr. Hashimoto beat back American demands to open up Japanese markets. The Japanese people say Mr. Hashimoto fights for Japanese workers. Mr. Hashimoto takes care of Japan. Mr. Hashimoto will not cave in to America.

My colleagues, Mr. Hashimoto's rise to power says it all. In Japan, elected leaders are expected and rewarded for taking care of Japan. Maybe in America we should follow suit. Think about it.

WHAT IS TRULY HAPPENING

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

Mr. COOLEY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Democratic Party could have put back to work 133,000 public employees in what is called the Interior appropriations bill. We are trying on this

side of the aisle to remedy some of the problems that this country faces and putting the Government back to work and providing services for the American people.

We were not able to do that, and yet we are being criticized as the obstructionists in this process. We are not the only obstructionists. We are trying everything possible to put this Government back to work within the balanced budget that we have presented to the President. But instead we are being criticized for doing our work by the other side, who will not even come across and help us put these people back to work.

I think that it is about time we look at the issue. Stop listening to the big lies and start realizing what is truly happening here.

PUT THE GOVERNMENT BACK IN OPERATION

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

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, lunacy still prevails in the House of Representatives under Speaker NEWT GINGRICH. Since December 15, we have had Federal employees locked out, cannot go to work. We have Federal employees that are working but are not going to get paid.

Now the Republican lunatics are now going to propose that we let the Federal workers go to work, that is fine, get paid, that is fine, but they cannot do anything because they are not going to fund the functions that they are to perform. Lunacy still prevails.

Now, it is interesting to me that just last night the Speaker said, "As a former Army brat, I believe it is morally wrong and indefensible to have Federal workers in the crossfire." Yet he has refused to permit a clean resolution to continue the operation of the Federal Government to come forward.

We, on this side, have repeatedly, since December 15, asked to take up a clean resolution. Let us put the Government back in operation.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would caution those who are giving 1-minutes not to use words that might be taken down. "Lunacy" and "lunatics," in addressing any Members on the floor of the House, are not permissible words.

THE HARD NUMBERS

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

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, \$5 trillion of debt, \$200 billion deficits, \$187,000 in interest debt for a child born