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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. QUINN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 6, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable JACK QUINN 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:

Hold us, O gracious God, when we falter; lift us, O God, when we fall; strengthen us when we are weak and keep us ever in Your grace. With gratefulness we pray for guidance along life's way and with humility we pray for reconciliation in all that divides and separates us from each other and from Your will for us. Show us Your bountiful gifts that justice will be our focus and mercy Your everlasting blessing. This is our earnest prayer. Amen.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a Joint Resolution of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S.J. Res. 5. Joint resolution waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of the United States Trade Representative.

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. TIAHRT. 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. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. MILLER of California moves that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER].

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

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

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 75, nays 293, not voting 64, as follows:

[Roll No. 32]

YEAS—75

Abercrombie	Gephardt	Nussle
Allen	Harman	Oliver
Andrews	Hastings (FL)	Owens
Barrett (WI)	Hefner	Pallone
Becerra	Hinojosa	Payne
Berman	Hookey	Pelosi
Blagojevich	Hoyer	Price (NC)
Brown (CA)	Jefferson	Reyes
Brown (OH)	John	Rothman
Clyburn	Johnson (WI)	Sandlin
DeGette	Kaptur	Slaughter
DeLauro	Kennedy (MA)	Smith, Adam
Dellums	Kennedy (RI)	Stark
Deutsch	Kennelly	Tauscher
Dicks	Lantos	Taylor (MS)
Doggett	Lipinski	Thompson
Eshoo	Maloney (CT)	Tierney
Evans	Martinez	Torres
Farr	Matsui	Towns
Fazio	McDermott	Waters
Filner	Meehan	Watt (NC)
Ford	Millender	Wexler
Frank (MA)	McDonald	Weygand
Frost	Miller (CA)	Yates
Gejdenson	Mink	
Gekas	Neal	

NAYS—293

Aderholt	Buyer	Cummings
Armey	Callahan	Cunningham
Bachus	Calvert	Danner
Baker	Campbell	Davis (FL)
Baldacci	Cannon	Davis (IL)
Ballenger	Capps	Davis (VA)
Barr	Cardin	Deal
Barrett (NE)	Carson	DeLay
Bartlett	Castle	Diaz-Balart
Barton	Chabot	Dickey
Bateman	Chambliss	Dixon
Bereuter	Chenoweth	Dooley
Berry	Christensen	Doolittle
Bilbray	Clay	Doyle
Bilirakis	Clayton	Duncan
Bishop	Clement	Edwards
Bliley	Coble	Ehlers
Blumenauer	Coburn	Ehrlich
Boehlert	Collins	Emerson
Boehner	Combest	English
Bonilla	Condit	Ensign
Bonior	Cook	Etheridge
Bono	Cooksey	Everett
Borski	Costello	Ewing
Boswell	Cox	Fattah
Boyd	Coyne	Fawell
Brown (FL)	Cramer	Foley
Bryant	Crane	Forbes
Bunning	Crapo	Fowler
Burton	Cubin	Fox

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Franks (NJ)	Lowey	Roukema
Frelinghuysen	Lucas	Royce
Gibbons	Luther	Rush
Gilchrest	Manton	Ryun
Gillmor	Manzullo	Sabo
Gilman	Markey	Salmon
Goode	Mascara	Sanford
Goodlatte	McCarthy (NY)	Sawyer
Goodling	McCollum	Saxton
Gordon	McDade	Scarborough
Goss	McHale	Schaefer, Dan
Graham	McHugh	Schaffer, Bob
Granger	McInnis	Scott
Green	McIntosh	Sensenbrenner
Greenwood	McIntyre	Sessions
Gutierrez	McKeon	Shadegg
Gutknecht	McKinney	Shaw
Hall (TX)	Meek	Shays
Hamilton	Menendez	Sherman
Hansen	Metcalfe	Shimkus
Hastert	Mica	Sisisky
Hayworth	Miller (FL)	Skaggs
Hefley	Minge	Skeen
Hill	Moakley	Skelton
Hilleary	Mollohan	Smith (MI)
Hilliard	Moran (KS)	Smith (NJ)
Hobson	Moran (VA)	Smith (OR)
Holden	Morella	Smith (TX)
Horn	Murtha	Smith, Linda
Hostettler	Myrick	Snowbarger
Hulshof	Nethercutt	Snyder
Hunter	Neumann	Solomon
Hyde	Ney	Souder
Inglis	Northup	Spence
Istook	Norwood	Spratt
Jackson (IL)	Oberstar	Stearns
Jackson-Lee	Obey	Stenholm
(TX)	Ortiz	Stokes
Jenkins	Oxley	Stump
Johnson, E. B.	Packard	Sununu
Johnson, Sam	Pappas	Talent
Jones	Parker	Tanner
Kanjorski	Pascarell	Taylor (NC)
Kasich	Pastor	Thomas
Kelly	Paul	Thornberry
Kildee	Pease	Thune
Kim	Peterson (MN)	Thurman
Kind (WI)	Peterson (PA)	Tiahrt
King (NY)	Petri	Traficant
Kingston	Pickering	Turner
Klink	Pickett	Upton
Klug	Pitts	Velazquez
Knollenberg	Pombo	Vento
Kolbe	Porter	Visclosky
Kucinich	Portman	Walsh
LaFalce	Poshard	Wamp
LaHood	Pryce (OH)	Watkins
Lampson	Quinn	Watts (OK)
Largent	Radanovich	Waxman
Latham	Rahall	Weldon (FL)
Lazio	Ramstad	Weldon (PA)
Leach	Regula	Weller
Lewis (CA)	Riley	White
Lewis (GA)	Rivers	Whitfield
Lewis (KY)	Roemer	Wicker
Linder	Rogan	Wolf
Livingston	Rogers	Woolsey
LoBiondo	Ros-Lehtinen	Wynn

NOT VOTING—64

Ackerman	Gallegly	Nadler
Archer	Ganske	Paxon
Baesler	Gonzalez	Pomeroy
Barcia	Hall (OH)	Rangel
Bass	Hastings (WA)	Riggs
Bentsen	Herger	Rohrabacher
Blunt	Hinchey	Roybal-Allard
Boucher	Hoekstra	Sanchez
Brady	Houghton	Sanders
Burr	Hutchinson	Schiff
Camp	Johnson (CT)	Schumer
Canady	Kilpatrick	Serrano
Conyers	Kleczka	Shuster
DeFazio	LaTourette	Stabenow
Delahunt	Levin	Strickland
Dingell	Lofgren	Stupak
Dreier	Maloney (NY)	Tauzin
Dunn	McCarthy (MO)	Wise
Engel	McCrery	Young (AK)
Flake	McGovern	Young (FL)
Foglietta	McNulty	
Furse	Molinari	

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Mrs. MYRICK and Messrs. OXLEY, SHIMKUS, FOX of Pennsylvania, JACKSON of Illinois, THOMAS,

LAMPSON, BOYD, and DIXON changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. OWENS and Mr. JOHN changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I would like the RECORD to reflect that had I been present for rollcall vote No. 32, I would have voted "nay."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. QUINN). 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.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 811

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 811.

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

There was no objection.

CLOSING THE BOOKS ON AMERICORPS WILL START THE BALANCED BUDGET PROCESS

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, the Senate has defeated the balanced budget. We have heard repeatedly from the party of big government, the opponents of the balanced budget, that we do not need to amend the Constitution to balance the budget. We can do it right now.

I say it is time to put our money where our mouths are. Let us get started. Today I am introducing legislation to eliminate the President's AmeriCorps program, the largest Government service program since the 1930's. AmeriCorps spends \$400 million a year to pay volunteers, which is a paradox in terms and, in many cases, for them just to serve as low-level Federal bureaucrats.

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The GAO has reported the average AmeriCorps paid volunteer receives \$26,000 a year in compensation. This program makes politicians feel good and lets us talk about our high-minded ideals.

I pose this simple question: Is this program so important that we want to

borrow the money against our children's future to pay for the program?

We have heard much talk about balancing the budget and the President has even said in this Chamber that the era of big government is over. Let us help him to fulfill his proclamation. Talk will not balance the budget, but spending less will. Let us start by closing the books on AmeriCorps.

IN TRIBUTE TO SAMOAN HEAVYWEIGHT BOXER DAVID TUA

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

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a very special member of our Samoan community here in these United States of America, heavyweight boxer David Tua, who was recently honored in Honolulu as the Samoan professional athlete of the year.

Mr. Speaker, David Tua, now only 23 years old, became heavyweight champion of New Zealand at a very young age and subsequently represented New Zealand at the Barcelona Olympics, where he was awarded a bronze medal.

This young athlete has a most impressive record as a professional boxer. David Tua is the first Polynesian and the first Samoan to be ranked 8th in the world in the heavyweight division. He has won every single one of his 26 professional fights, 22 by knockouts, and 11 of those were knockouts in the first round.

The great fighter, Mr. Mike Tyson, currently holds the record, Mr. Speaker, with 15 knockouts in the first round.

David Tua is an inspiration and a champion role model for the Samoan community, working with and encouraging our youth to maintain strong ties with their families and to study hard in school.

Keep an eye on David Tua.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

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

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, one of the central points of the democratic Families First program has been a commitment to improving children's health care.

Last summer in Houston we hosted an immunization day to offer inner city children free immunization as a step toward providing them with critical preventative health care. And we will do it again this year. But that is not enough.

The Democratic Members of Congress know children's health is an issue that deserves our attention. In millions of American households with one or two working parents, children are excluded from their health care coverage. Ninety percent of the 10 million American