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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 16, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable BOB INGLIS 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:

O gracious God, as You have blessed each person with the miracles of life and given us opportunities for compassion for others, we pray that by Your spirit, our motives would be purified and our intentions made exemplary. As Your word has commanded us to seek justice and love mercy, remind us to be authentic in our aspirations and faithful in Your service that Your message of respect and understanding will be seen in our lives and be the symbol of our humanity. Bless us this day and every day, 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 Minnesota [Mr.

GUTKNECHT] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance?

Mr. GUTKNECHT 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain fifteen 1-minute speeches on each side.

SUPPORT AMERICA BY SUPPORTING THE BALANCED BUDGET ACT

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the President must have inhaled, because last night he asked the American taxpayers to give him an additional \$874 billion of their money for more Government, more taxes, and more spending.

This proves that once again the President has no intention of balancing the Federal budget. He would rather add billions of dollars to our debt.

What the President is doing is reckless. He has replaced leadership, responsibility, and the wishes of the American people with big Government and political games.

If the President is truly for a balanced budget, then he will sign the continuing resolution and join Republicans by embracing a 7-year balanced budget bill that will ensure a strong and secure future for our country. Americans, once again tell the President to support America by supporting the Balanced Budget Act.

TEMPER TANTRUM NO BASIS FOR GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I had a traumatic experience on an airplane Monday. I asked for an aisle seat and they gave me a window. The pilot never came back to say hello, and when we landed, I, a Member of Congress, had to walk out with all of the rest of the passengers. So I drafted a bill to shut down Government until the airline apologizes to me. Unfortunately, as a Democrat, I was ignored.

But there is hope, Mr. Speaker. A Republican is fighting for Congressmen whose feelings are hurt on airplanes. NEWT GINGRICH feels bad. He says he was mistreated on the trip to Israel. I quote, "Every President we had ever flown with had us up front. Having to exit through the rear of the plane is part of why you ended up with us sending you down a tougher continuing resolution."

Because our President thought that respecting Yitzhak Rabin's death was more important than stroking NEWT's ego, we must threaten the services of our seniors, our veterans, and our students.

NEWT, have some decency. The future of our Nation is more important than where you sit on an airplane. The next time you throw a temper tantrum, leave the American public out of it.

THE PICTURE IS COMING INTO FOCUS

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

Ms. DUNN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, the Democratic process was never meant to be a smooth process; that is

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