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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
December 13, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable CHARLES H. TAYLOR 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:

In our best moments, O God, we are aware that Your Word points the way to the purposes of life—those standards of peace and justice and fairness and freedom that should be the heritage of all. Yet we know too that we are expected to use the abilities that we have received to conceive and design programs that bring righteousness to people and to extend the gifts of living to our communities and to our world. As You have entrusted to us this responsibility, O God, so give us the wisdom and the grace to be good messengers of Your Word and discerning stewards of all Your gifts. 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.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 1-minutes per each side.

### SOME FRIENDLY ADVICE FOR THE DEMOCRATS

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

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, last week the contest for California's 15th Congressional District was a national test of whether Americans had grown weary of this Congress' effort to balance the budget, reform welfare, and save Medicare from bankruptcy. One Democrat political consultant said, "This is a test run, the sample for the campaigns of next year."

This morning you would need a magnifying glass to find the results of what was only days ago a special election of national significance. Maybe it is because the Democrats ended up losing a seat they held for decades after waging one of the most negative campaigns in recent memory.

I have some friendly advice for my colleagues on the other side of the aisle. Stop the character assassination. Stop basing your campaigns on fear and fiction. Stop the boiler room operations that call senior citizens at night to scare them into voting Democrat.

Instead, tell people what you stand for. If my colleagues believe a bigger Federal Government is the key to prosperity, make their case.

If you think the proper role of government is to redistribute income through the tax system, make your case. I know that most Americans may not agree with that point of view in this day and age, but at least it makes for a honest public debate.

Tom Campbell told the voters of California what he stood for. He told them he wanted to come here to help balance the budget for the first time in 30 years and to save Medicare for the next generation. In the end, the people rejected the hatred and the negative attacks, and voted for a positive vision of the future. Do your party and the Nation a favor, and learn from his success.

### PRESIDENT CLINTON, STAND STRONG ON MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR THOSE WHO ARE ENTITLED TO IT

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, Democrats favor a balanced budget, but they also want to make sure the priorities such as Medicare, Medicaid, the environment, and education are protected during these budget negotiations. The President drew the line last week when he vetoed the Republican budget bill and unveiled a new plan of his own, but one of the things that President Clinton stressed is that we must have a Federal guarantee of Medicaid coverage for those low-income Americans, pregnant women, children, the disabled, who right now do have health care coverage under Medicaid.

Mr. Speaker, during these budget negotiations one of the most important things that must happen is that we

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