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## House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We pray, O gracious God, that the opportunities of this day will inspire each of us to see more clearly the ways in which we can do the works of justice and mercy. While the tasks of righteousness seem so great, may Your good spirit enlighten, encourage, and sustain us that we will not grow weary in well-doing, but eagerly accept our responsibilities as good stewards of the resources of the Lord. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. SKELTON] please come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SKELTON 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.

### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of Public Law 94-304, as amended by section 1 of Public Law 99-7, the Chair appoints to the

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe the following Member of the House: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, chairman.

### ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 31) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 31

*Resolved*, That the following named Members be and they are hereby elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

#### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM AND OVERSIGHT

Mrs. Collins of Illinois, ranking minority member.

Mr. Waxman.  
Mr. Lantos.  
Mr. Wise.  
Mr. Owens.  
Mr. Towns.  
Mr. Spratt.  
Ms. Slaughter.  
Mr. Kanjorski.  
Mr. Condit.  
Mr. Peterson of Minnesota.  
Mr. Sanders.  
Mrs. Thurman.  
Mrs. Maloney.  
Mr. Barrett of Wisconsin.  
Mr. Taylor of Mississippi.  
Miss Collins of Michigan.  
Ms. Norton.  
Mr. Moran.  
Mr. Green.  
Mrs. Meek.  
Mr. Mascara.  
Mr. Fattah.

#### COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES

Mr. Miller of California, ranking minority member.

Mr. Rahall.  
Mr. Vento.  
Mr. Kildee.  
Mr. Williams.  
Mr. Gejdenson.  
Mr. Richardson.

Mr. DeFazio.  
Mr. Faleomavaega.  
Mr. Johnson of South Dakota.  
Mr. Abercrombie.  
Mr. Studds.  
Mr. Tauzin.  
Mr. Ortiz.  
Mr. Dooley.  
Mr. Romero-Barceló.  
Mr. Deal.  
Mr. Hinchey.  
Mr. Underwood.  
Mr. Farr.

The resolution was agreed to.  
A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### A READING OF THE CONTRACT

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

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America says that on the first day of Congress a Republican House will force Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else; second, that we would cut one-third of the committee staff; and third, that we would cut the congressional budget. We did all of that on the opening day last week.

In the next 94 days we will vote on the following 10 items:

A balanced budget amendment and line item veto; a new crime bill to stop violent criminals; welfare reform that encourages work and not dependence; family reinforcement to crack down on deadbeat dads and protect our children; tax cuts for families; national security restoration to protect our freedoms; the Senior Citizens Equity Act to allow older Americans to return to work without Government penalty; Government regulation and unfunded mandate reforms; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits; and congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature once again.

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