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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 19, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable DAVID DREIER 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, from whom comes every good gift, we give our thanks for all Your graces and all Your blessings. We specially offer our gratitude for the gift of Your creation which binds all people together in the spirit of unity. May our lives express that unity and may our work together serve people as to their need. Whatever our background, whatever our ideas or patterns, whatever our experience or culture, You have created each of us, O God, in Your image and we earnestly pray that by Your grace we will reflect that image as we do justice, love, mercy, and ever walk humbly with You. 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.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I

demand a vote on agreeing to the Chair'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. FRANK of Massachusetts. 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 218, nays 187, not voting 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 20]

YEAS—218

Allard
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baker (CA)
Baker (LA)
Ballenger
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Bereuter
Berman
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bliley
Blute
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Boucher
Brownback
Bryant (TN)
Bunn
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Canady
Castle

Chabot
Chambliss
Christensen
Clement
Clinger
Coburn
Collins (GA)
Combest
Cooley
Cox
Crapo
Cubin
Cunningham
Deal
DeLay
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Doolittle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
English
Ensign
Everett
Ewing
Fawell
Fazio
Fields (TX)
Flanagan
Foley
Forbes
Ford

Fowler
Fox
Franks (CT)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frisa
Funderburk
Gallegly
Ganske
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Goodlatte
Goodling
Goss
Graham
Greenwood
Gundersen
Gutknecht
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Hancock
Hansen
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Heineman
Herger
Hillery
Hobson
Hoekstra
Hoke
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hutchinson

Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Johnson (CT)
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Kasich
Kelly
Kim
King
Kingston
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaHood
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Laughlin
Lazio
Leach
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Lightfoot
Linder
Livingston
LoBiondo
Longley
Lucas
Manzullo
Martinez
Martini
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Andrews
Baesler
Baldacci
Barcia
Barrett (WI)
Becerra
Beilenson
Bentsen
Bevill
Bishop
Bonior
Borski
Brewster
Browder
Brown (CA)
Brown (OH)
Bryant (TX)
Cardin
Chenoweth
Clay
Clayton
Clyburn

McKeon
Metcalf
Meyers
Mica
Miller (FL)
Molinari
Moorhead
Morella
Myers
Myrick
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Norwood
Nussle
Oxley
Packard
Parker
Paxon
Petri
Portman
Pryce
Quillen
Quinn
Radanovich
Ramstad
Regula
Riggs
Roberts
Rogers
Rose
Roth
Royce
Salmon
Sanford
Saxton
Schiff
Seastrand

NAYS—187

Coble
Coleman
Collins (IL)
Condit
Costello
Coyne
Cramer
Crane
Danner
de la Garza
DeFazio
DeLauro
Dellums
Deutsch
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doyle
Durbin
Edwards
Engel
Eshoo

Sensenbrenner
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Shuster
Skeen
Skelton
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Solomon
Stearns
Stockman
Talent
Tate
Thomas
Thornberry
Thornton
Tiahrt
Torkildsen
Upton
Vucanovich
Waldholtz
Walker
Walsh
Wamp
Watts (OK)
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
White
Whitfield
Wicker
Young (FL)
Zeliff
Zimmer

Evans
Farr
Fattah
Fields (LA)
Filner
Foglietta
Frank (MA)
Frost
Furse
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gephardt
Geren
Gonzalez
Gordon
Green
Gutierrez
Hall (OH)
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hefley
Hilliard
Hinchev
Holden

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



Hoyer	Moakley	Serrano
Hunter	Mollohan	Sisisky
Jackson-Lee	Montgomery	Skaggs
Jacobs	Moran	Spence
Jefferson	Murtha	Spratt
Johnson (SD)	Nadler	Stark
Johnson, E.B.	Neal	Stenholm
Johnston	Oberstar	Studds
Kanjorski	Obey	Stump
Kennedy (MA)	Olver	Stupak
Kennedy (RI)	Ortiz	Tanner
Kennelly	Owens	Tauzin
Kildee	Pallone	Taylor (MS)
Klecza	Pastor	Taylor (NC)
Klink	Payne (NJ)	Tejeda
LaFalce	Payne (VA)	Thompson
Lantos	Pelosi	Thurman
Levin	Peterson (FL)	Torres
Lewis (GA)	Peterson (MN)	Torricelli
Lipinski	Pickett	Towns
Lowe	Pombo	Trafiacant
Luther	Pomeroy	Tucker
Maloney	Poshard	Velazquez
Manton	Rahall	Vento
Markey	Rangel	Visclosky
Mascara	Reed	Volkmer
Matsui	Richardson	Ward
McCarthy	Rivers	Waters
McDermott	Roemer	Watt (NC)
McHale	Rohrabacher	Waxman
McKinney	Roukema	Williams
McNulty	Royal-Allard	Wilson
Meek	Rush	Wise
Menendez	Sabo	Wolf
Mfume	Sanders	Woolsey
Miller (CA)	Sawyer	Wyden
Mineta	Schroeder	Wynn
Minge	Schumer	
Mink	Scott	

NOT VOTING—29

Bono	Gibbons	Reynolds
Brown (FL)	Hayes	Ros-Lehtinen
Chapman	Hayworth	Scarborough
Chrysler	Hefner	Schaefer
Collins (MI)	Kaptur	Slaughter
Conyers	Lincoln	Souder
Creameans	Lofgren	Stokes
Davis	Meehan	Yates
Dornan	Orton	Young (AK)
Flake	Porter	

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Messrs. DINGELL, MORAN, McHALE, MONTGOMERY, BALDACCI, and PALLONE changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mrs. MYRICK and Messrs. QUINN, McHUGH and SOLOMON changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

Mr. WILSON changed his vote from "present" to "nay."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DREIER). Would the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. WHITFIELD] please come forward to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WHITFIELD 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.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I make a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts is recognized.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, at the beginning of this ses-

sion, the House adopted a new rule which says the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD shall be a substantially verbatim account of remarks made during the proceedings of the House, subject only to technical, grammatical, and typographical corrections authorized by the Member making the remarks involved.

In the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that we received this morning, reflecting yesterday's proceedings, at page H301 in the transcript of the remarks of the Speaker pro tempore, the gentleman from Florida, there are two changes that were made between what he, in fact, said and what is in the RECORD.

The first change is as follows:

He said yesterday with regard to the statements of the gentlewoman from Florida about the book of the Speaker, "It is the Speaker's opinion that innuendo and personal references to the Speaker's conduct are not in order."

That has been altered and that does not appear verbatim in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Instead, it says, "It is the Speaker's opinion that innuendo and critical references to the Speaker's personal conduct are not in order."

Additionally, later on in response to a parliamentary inquiry from the gentleman from Missouri, the Speaker pro tempore said, as I recollect it, "it has been the Chair's ruling, and the precedents of the House support this, a higher level of respect is due to the Speaker."

In the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that has been changed to "a proper level of respect."

Now, I do not believe that changing "personal" to "critical" and "proper" to "higher" is either technical, grammatical, or typographical. Both make quite substantive changes. Indeed, Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that by the standard that the Speaker yesterday uttered, the gentlewoman from Florida was judged, but if you take today's standard of revised, illegitimately revised version that is in the RECORD, there would be no objection to what the gentlewoman from Florida said.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair might respond to the gentleman.

The Chair would recite from the manual that in accordance with existing accepted practices, the Speaker may make such technical or parliamentary insertions, or corrections in transcript as may be necessary to conform to rule, custom, or precedent. The Chair does not believe that any revision changed the meaning of the ruling.

The Chair would under the circumstances inform the House on behalf of the Parliamentarian that the new rule is as it might apply to the role of the Chair will be examined.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I am puzzled, and I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts is recognized.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. The Speaker cited previous references to the House rules and manual. That pre-dates the rules change adopted this year. This is not simply a case of making a technical change in a ruling. We are talking also about substantive changes in the debate in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has made it very clear, the Chair would say to the gentleman.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. No, the Chair has not.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has made it clear that the Parliamentarian plans to examine this issue.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I have a further parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts is recognized.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. In the first instance, I thought the Speaker was the responsible ruler in this situation, while the Parliamentarian advised him.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Second, I want to know, are you telling me that this new change in which you say that it has to be verbatim, in fact, does not mean that, because two very important changes were made in the transcript from yesterday to today?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has informed the gentleman that this issue is going to be examined in consultation with the Parliamentarian.

Mr. DINGELL. A parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Michigan is recognized.

Mr. DINGELL. Can you inform this Member and the House of what the meaning of the reexamination is?

You are informing the House that the issue is going to be reexamined. Yesterday the Speaker then presiding made a ruling which now appears in the precedents of the House. It interpreted the precedents of the House. It related to the rights, the behaviors, the dignities of the Members, and it dictated the future course of conduct of Members of this body.

Is the Chair informing us that the rulings of the Chair yesterday stand, that the rulings of the Chair yesterday have been changed without approval by the House?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. If the Chair might respond to the gentleman.

Mr. DINGELL. I would like to persist in my parliamentary inquiry. Or that the rulings of the Chair of yesterday are going to be reexamined?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair must reiterate that the principles of decorum in debate relied on by the Chair yesterday with respect to words taken down are not new to the 104th Congress.

First, clause 1 of rule XIV establishes an absolute rule against engaging in personality in debate where the subject