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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. DAVIS].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 20, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable THOMAS M. DAVIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on Friday, February 23, 1996.

CONSTANCE A. MORELLA,
Speaker pro tempore of the
House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray using two verses from Psalm 27:

*The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold
of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?*

*I believe that I shall see the goodness of
the Lord in the land of the living!*

*Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let
your heart take courage; yea, wait for the
Lord! 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 Mississippi [Mr. MONTGOMERY] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MONTGOMERY 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 20, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on Tuesday, February 20 at 11:15 a.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he transmits the Annual Report of the National Endowment for Democracy for fiscal year 1996.

With warm regards,
ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk, House of Representatives.

ANNUAL REPORT OF NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR DEMOCRACY, FISCAL YEAR 1995—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the provisions of section 504(h) of Public Law 98-164, as amended (22 U.S.C. 4413(i)), I transmit herewith the 12th Annual Report of the National

Endowment for Democracy, which covers fiscal year 1995.

As the report demonstrates, the National Endowment for Democracy remains at the forefront of our efforts to expand and consolidate democratic gains around the globe. The strong bipartisan support the Endowment continues to receive reflects our Nation's steadfast commitment to the promotion of democracy.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON,
THE WHITE HOUSE, February 20, 1996.

PERMISSION TO INSERT PROGRAM AND REMARKS OF MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE HOUSE AT GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY CEREMONIES

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the program and the remarks of the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. UPTON] and the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. MORAN], the two Members representing the House of Representatives at the wreath-laying ceremony at the Washington Monument for the observance of George Washington's birthday on Thursday, February 22, 1996, be inserted in today's CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON—264TH
BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE

PROGRAM

Opening: Arnold Goldstein, Superintendent, National Capital Parks—Central.

Presentation of Colors: Joint Armed Services Color Guard.

To the Colors: Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps.

Pledge of Allegiance: Cub Scout Pack 461, Bethesda, MD.

Welcome: Superintendent Goldstein.

Remarks:

Russell Train, First Vice President, Washington National Monument Society.

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