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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 1996, at 12 noon.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1996

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 8, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable GEORGE R. NETHERCUTT, Jr., 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:

With thanksgiving for the bounteous gifts that touch our lives and for the grace and peace with which You enhance our very beings, we pause in their brief moment to laud Your name and offer gratitude for Your benevolence. May Your abiding spirit, O God, be with us and every person in the good times and bad, in our laughter and in our tears, in our joy and in our sorrows, in our public ambitions and in our private petitions, so that we will be Your people and be known as good stewards of the gift of life. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NETHERCUTT). 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.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1561, FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 1996 AND 1997

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 1561) to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997, and for other purposes:

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 104-478)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1561), to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appro-

priations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) *SHORT TITLE.*—This Act may be cited as the "Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1996 and 1997".

(b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

DIVISION A—CONSOLIDATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AGENCIES

TITLE I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 101. Short title.

Sec. 102. Congressional findings.

Sec. 103. Purposes.

Sec. 104. Definitions.

TITLE II—UNITED STATES ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY

CHAPTER 1—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 201. Effective date.

CHAPTER 2—ABOLITION OF UNITED STATES ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Sec. 211. Abolition of United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

Sec. 212. Transfer of functions to Secretary of State.

Sec. 213. Coordinator for Arms Control and Disarmament.

CHAPTER 3—CONFORMING AMENDMENTS

Sec. 221. References.

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