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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. SHAW].

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
June 11, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable E. CLAY SHAW, Jr., to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### MORNING BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of May 12, 1995, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties with each party limited to 25 minutes, and each Member other than the majority and the minority leader limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 9:50 a.m.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona [Mr. HAYWORTH] for 5 minutes.

### THE CREDIBILITY CANYON

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning first to bring greetings to you and those who look in from the Grand Canyon State of Arizona. As proud as Arizonans and indeed all Americans are of the Grand Canyon, rhetorically and in terms of actions within this city of Washington, DC, there is, indeed, a credibility canyon, not a gap but a canyon, an everwidening chasm between the rhetoric of our President and the reality of his actions and inactions.

The headlines in this morning's Washington Times indicate how this credibility canyon continues to widen. Lists of files may be incomplete. White House stories face Hill questions. But, Mr. Speaker, there are more than questions which will emanate from this Chamber and in committee. There are questions that the American people have about the stewardship of the Presidency, about the veracity of claims made by this President and, again, the disparity between the rhetoric and the reality.

How unfortunate it is, Mr. Speaker, that this administration and, in particular, this President are not defined by the innocent question, what can he do or what can we do together to solve America's problems. Indeed, Mr. Speaker, the question that we hear from coast to coast and, indeed, in the Sixth District of Arizona, is this one: How can the President explain it away this time? What verbal gyrations, gymnastics, contortions will be brought to bear to put the best face on obtaining hundreds of FBI files on members of the Republican Party? Our President would have us believe plaintively that it was, "an honest snafu."

Well, he is partially right. Snafu is an accurate term. But as for the first word mentioned, the American people have serious questions.

It is a tragedy that those in the executive branch fail to understand the missive of Mark Twain, who wrote that history does not repeat itself but it rhymes. Mr. Speaker, I read with interest the comments of Daniel Schorr, the liberal media commentator who to his credit in the wake of what transpired 25 years ago during a Republican administration now says of this administration, what makes these people believe that the FBI is their private domain to do their private bidding in terms of political investigations. Indeed, the challenge exists for journalists in this town. Indeed, one wonders

where the next team of Woodward and Bernstein might be found, and one also wonders what the results of an investigation would bring or, given the prevailing advocacy of journalists in this town, would the book written be titled, maybe "One or Two of the President's Low-Level Functionaries" instead of the title "All the President's Men."

It is very interesting, Mr. Speaker, to come here from elsewhere, to come here from the heartland of America and to see this dichotomy between rhetoric and reality. Mr. Speaker, this Congress will move to close the credibility canyon.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COLORADO AVALANCHE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER] is recognized during morning business for 5 minutes.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I hope everybody knows what this is because if they do not, they are going to by the end of the day. In Colorado, this is gold. This is the wonderful jersey of the Avalanche who last night won all of our hearts by winning the Stanley Cup in four straight games—four straight games. And this was their very first season in Colorado.

Now, my district is normally a mile high, but today I think it is 2 miles high. I cannot tell you the excitement. And I know I should apologize to all of you who are here who were awakened last night at about 1:04 in the morning when the winning goal was made, but we are not going to apologize because we think it is great that you were awakened by people from Colorado cheering everywhere.

In fact, we are even talking this morning about renaming the Rocky Mountains to the Hockey Mountains. I

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