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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 11, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable JOEL HEFLEY 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:

Bless this day and bless this land,
Keep us safe with Your strong hand.
May Your spirit, O God, forgive,
All our lives so we might live.

May Your benediction, O gracious God, that is new every morning and with us until the last light of day, surround us and keep us in Your peace, now and forevermore. 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 Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to make an announcement.

After consultation with the majority and minority leaders, and with their consent and approval, the Chair announces that during the joint meeting to hear an address by His Excellency John Bruton, only the doors immediately opposite the Speaker and those on his right and left will be open.

No one will be allowed on the floor of the House who does not have the privilege of the floor of the House.

Due to the large attendance which is anticipated, the Chair feels that the rule regarding the privilege of the floor must be strictly adhered to.

Children of Members will not be permitted on the floor, and the cooperation of all Members is requested.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, September 5, 1996, the House will stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

During the recess, beginning at about 10 a.m., the following proceedings were had:

□ 0955

JOINT MEETING OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE TO HEAR AN ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY, JOHN BRUTON, PRIME MINISTER OF IRELAND

The Speaker of the House presided.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms, Donald T. Kellaher, announced the President pro tempore and Members of the U.S. Senate, who entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, the President pro tempore taking the chair at the right of the Speaker, and the Members of the Senate the seats reserved for them.

The SPEAKER. On the part of the House, the Chair appoints as members of the committee to escort the Prime Minister of Ireland into the Chamber: the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY]; the gentleman from Texas [Mr. DELAY]; the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BOEHNER]; the gentleman from California [Mr. COX]; the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN]; the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. BLUTE]; the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. FRANKS]; the gentleman from New York [Mr. KING]; the gentleman from New York [Mr. LAZIO]; the gentleman from New York [Mr. QUINN]; the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. ENGLISH]; the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. FLANAGAN]; the gentlewoman from New York [Mrs. KELLY]; the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. MARTINI]; the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BONIOR]; the gentlewoman from Connecticut [Mrs. KENNELLY]; the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER]; the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. MONTGOMERY]; the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY]; the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. KILDEE]; the gentleman from Montana [Mr. WILLIAMS]; the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. BORSKI]; the gentleman from New York [Mr. MANTON]; the gentleman from Washington [Mr. MCDERMOTT]; the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. NEAL]; the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. MORAN]; the gentlewoman from New York [Mrs. MALONEY]; and the gentleman from Rhode Island [Mr. KENNEDY].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The President pro tempore of the Senate, at

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

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