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The House met at 9:15 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. HASTINGS of Washington].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 16, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable RICHARD "DOC" HASTINGS 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 we have come and to whom we belong, we place before You in this our prayer, our ambitions and our hopes, our dreams and our desires, asking that You bless that which is good and faithful and correct and amend what is selfish or unkind. We have so many plans for our lives and ideas for what ought to be and yet many of our wishes are not accomplished and we feel discouraged. May Your good spirit, O God, that gives life to each new day, refresh us and inspire us to go forward knowing that Your power will bless us and make us whole. In Your name, we pray. 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 Texas [Mr. DOGGETT] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DOGGETT 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to request the House to return to the Senate the bill (H.R. 2202) "An Act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States, and for other purposes", including the Senate amendment thereto.

The message also announced that in accordance with sections 1928a-1928d of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. BROWN and Mr. AKAKA as members of the Senate delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly during the 2d session of the 104th Congress, to be held in Vouliagmeni, Athens, Greece, May 16-20, 1996.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 102-246, the Chair, on behalf of the majority leader, in consultation with the Democratic leader, appoints Julie Finley, of Washington, DC, as a member of the Library

of Congress Trust Fund Board, effective June 30, 1996, vice Edwin L. Cox.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 94-201, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, appoints James F. Hoy, of Kansas, and Charles E. Trimble, of Nebraska, as members of the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minutes on each side.

A POP QUIZ

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, it is the end of the week, and in that great American school yard tradition it is time for a pop quiz. This might be hard for those suffering from left-wing brain deficiency disorder, but let us give it a go anyhow. Which sum is greater, \$190 or \$304 billion? On the Republican side, \$304 is greater than \$190 billion.

Now, if Mr. KASICH's budget increased Medicare spending from \$190 to \$304 billion, would he be doing, A, cutting Medicare; B, increasing Medicare; C, I am sorry, what was the question?

The answer is, of course, Mr. KASICH's budget increases Medicare from \$190 to \$304 billion. It is an increase. Excellent job. A little quiet over here on this side.

Student loans are increasing, Medicaid is increasing, Medicare is increasing under the Kasich budget. Yet we are going to hear over and over again cut, cut, cut. The only thing I would like for y'all to cut out today is the line. Let us be honest; both budgets increase the spending. Let us have a good dialog on this.

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